



West Grinstead Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Partridge Green Village Hall
Wednesday 16th February 2011
at 7.30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: - Councillors: Mr. A. Childs (Vice Chairman), Mrs G. Nash, Mr. R. Hill, Mrs C. Watts, Mr. N. Berry, Mrs H. Bullingham, Mr. A. Russ.

County Councillor: Mr. L. Barnard.

One member of the public.

Clerk: Mrs H. Dayneswood

PC_019/11 Apologies: Cllrs: Mr. D. Green (Chairman), Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. M. Staples, Mr. P. Kanabus. District Cllrs: Mr J. Chowen, Mr I. Shepherd.

PC_020/11 Declarations of Interest: None

PC_021/11 Chairman's Announcements: None

PC_022/11 Minutes of the last meeting:

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Nash, seconded Cllr. Russ) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2011 be approved as a true record.

PC_023/11 Matters Arising:

- a) Cllr Russ agreed to take over from Cllr Staples the submission of the Parish Council Report to the Parish Newsletter each quarter. Thanks to Cllr Staples for all the reports he has written and submitted.
- b) Ms. Catchpole (Carers Support Service) has confirmed she will attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd March to speak about the service. ***The Clerk to ask her to speak for about 15 minutes and then take any questions. The Clerk to invite PCSO Tom Guiney, community groups/clubs, CC Lionel Barnard and DCs Jonathan Chowen and Ian Shepherd to speak as well.***
- c) Cllr Barnard offered to follow up some issues to do with the KGV footpath by the pond and the culvert plus chamber next to the Shermanbury Road.

PC_024/11 Police Report: None

PC_025/11 District Council Report: None

PC_026/11 West Sussex County Council Report:

Cllr Barnard reported on the following items:

- a) WSCC recognises that there are still some safety issues with parts of the A24. They are not being complacent and are still looking at the problems. However, there is little money available to fund further schemes at present.
- b) The WSCC budget for 2011/2012 has been approved. The budget provides for a saving of £80 million over three years.
- c) There will need to be some cuts to bus services but it has not yet been decided on which routes. WSCC is also looking at maybe setting a later start for use of senior citizen bus passes plus possibly raising the eligible age to use a senior citizen bus pass.
- d) In connection with the new Localism Bill, the future of Henfield Library is uncertain. It may possibly have to be handed over to volunteers to run.
- e) Changes will need to be made to the WSCC Youth Service but the details have not been agreed yet. This will have an impact on youth clubs and it seems likely that more volunteers will be needed to help run them.
- f) Cllr Barnard offered to follow up the problem of flooding in Honeybridge Lane, Dial Post.

PC_027/11 Correspondence:

- a) SALC: Request to help promote awareness of the Census on 27th March 2011. ***Clerk to display posters.***
- b) HDC: 2011 Elections timetable (*circulated*).
- c) SALC: Invitation to the West Sussex Rural Forum Decentralisation & Localism Bill meeting – 22nd March 10am.

- d) SALC: Dates for new councillor training sessions.
- e) WSCC: Highways & Transport proposed forward programme. Deadline for comments **4th March** (*circulated*).
- f) HALC: Minutes of the 17/01/11 Extraordinary Meeting (*circulated*).
- g) SLCC: The Localism Bill – SLCC Summary (*circulated*).
- h) SALC: Invitation to complete an online survey about Sussex Police on www.police.uk
- i) SAXON WEALD: Response to query about status of Peacocks, Hunters Mead (*circulated*). Plus a letter from a member of the public. ***The Clerk to reply to Saxon Weald emphasising the PC's concern about the treatment of the residents (copy in HDC Housing Department & Cllr Chowen).***
- j) LOCAL RESIDENT: Correspondence with Knepp Castle Estate re: Bentons Lane repairs. (*circulated*). ***Report to resident concerned that is has been brought to the attention of the PC.***
- k) THE RESIDENT NEWSPAPER: Asking for PC's views on a) possible cut in bus subsidies b) new facility to search for crime figures in an area by entering a post code or place name. *No action.*
- l) WSCC: Update on the West Sussex Public Rights of Way service (*circulated*). *Noted.*

PC_028/11 Committee Reports:

PLANNING: Cllr Nash reported on the last meeting. (For the full report, please refer to the minutes of the Planning Committee.)

OPEN SPACES: Cllr Childs reported on the last meeting. (For the full report, please refer to the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee.) A suggestion was made about planting a permanent Christmas tree outside the PG Fire Station. ***Cllr Childs to make some enquiries.***

FINANCE: Cllr Berry reported on the last meeting. (For the full report, please refer to the minutes of the Finance Committee.)

PC_029/11 Working/Advisory Group Reports:

Allotments Project: Cllr Russ reported that the mains water connection by Southern Water had been completed. Soon there would be a delivery of some top soil.

Transport Working Group (TWG): nothing to report.

PC_030/11 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies:

Sports & Social Club (SSC): Nothing new to report.

Partridge Green Village Hall (PGVH): The inside of the hall is to be re-painted.

County Local Committee (CLC): None.

HALC: HALC minutes have been circulated.

Youth Work: Nothing new to report.

PC_031/11 Any KGV Playing Fields Trust issues linked to the Parish Council: None

PC_032/11 Public Open Forum:

Query about what is happening about a solution to the parking problem at the green in Oakwood. The Transport Working Group has just been tasked with progressing the item.

PC_033/11 WGPC Accounts for February 2011:

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Watts, seconded Cllr. Bullingham) to approve all the listed bills for payment.

PC_034/11 Approval of Quotations (urgent): none

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed as a true copy.....Date.....
 Chairman West Grinstead Parish Council