



West Grinstead Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Partridge Green Village Hall

Wednesday 20th April 2011

at 7.30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: - Councillors: Mr. D. Green (Chairman), Mr. A. Childs (Vice Chairman), Mrs G. Nash, Mr. R. Hill, Mrs C. Watts, Mr. N. Berry, Mr. P. Kanabus, Mrs O. Izzard, Mr. D. Pearless.

County Councillor: Mr. L. Barnard.

District Councillor: Mr J. Chowen

Visitor: Mr C. Burton (WSSC Youth Service)

Seven members of the public.

Clerk: Mrs H. Dayneswood

PC_054/11 Apologies: Cllrs: Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. M. Staples, Mrs H. Bullingham, Mr. A. Russ.

PC_055/11 Declarations of Interest: None

PC_056/11 Chairman's Announcements: A private matter re: an employment issue was discussed.

PC_057/11 Minutes of the last meeting:

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Kanabus, seconded Cllr. Nash) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2011 be approved as a true record.

PC_058/11 Matters Arising: None

PC_059/11 Partridge Green Youth Club:

Mr Carl Burton (WSSC Youth Service) explained that the County Council would not be able to fund the WSSC youth leader from September 2011 onwards. He outlined two options for continued funding:

- a) Option 1. The Parish Council makes a request to WSSC to retain the youth worker but the Parish Council would have to pay the costs of the youth worker. WSSC have two caveats i) that WSSC would be able to release the worker if it became necessary ii) that the worker wants to stay working at the PG youth club. Cost to PC of this option £1300 to £1900 per annum. WSSC would invoice the PC monthly.
- b) Option 2. The Parish Council employs the youth worker directly. WSSC could still operate the payroll system, for a very small fee to the PC. The PC could agree the remuneration directly with the youth worker.

The cost per child for attending the youth club is £1 per week. The parents present volunteered that many parents would be happy to contribute more in order to help keep the club going.

Mr Burton said that the reduced rates for using WSSC vehicles for youth club trips would not longer be available.

WSSC training support for youth club workers would still be available as well as core advice on recruitment, as it has to be provided for volunteers anyway.

Mr Burton asked the PC to provide a formal response to WSSC as soon as possible. The matter to be discussed at the Parish Council or Open Spaces meeting in May. **Action – Clerk.**

Cllr Green thanked Mr Burton for attending the meeting. Cllr Green said that the Parish Council would do everything possible to help the youth club to continue.

PC_060/11 Police Report: Report from PCSO Tom Guiney had been circulated.

PC_061/11 District Council Report: Cllr Chowen reported that the Scout Hut application had been approved.

PC_062/11 West Sussex County Council Report:

Cllr Barnard reported the following items. a) At WSCC 30% of all back office staff would be going. 203 employees left last month. b) A new waste plan is being drawn up. c) Night closures of parts of the A24 are due to take place soon – further information on the PC notice board and the newsletter web site.

PC_063/11 Correspondence: The Clerk mentioned a few items for background information.

PC_064/11 Committee Reports:

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

OPEN SPACES & FINANCE: No meetings in April.

PC_065/11 Working/Advisory Group Reports: No reports.

PC_066/11 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies:

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

Partridge Green Village Hall (PGVH): Nothing new to report.

County Local Committee (CLC): None.

Youth Work: Already covered above.

PC_067/11 Adoption of the Revised Code of Conduct for Handling Complaints

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Childs, seconded Cllr. Kanabus) that the revised 'Code of Conduct for Handling Complaints' be adopted by the Parish Council. *The Clerk to get the new code published on the web site.*

PC_068/11 Training Sessions for New Councillors

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Watts, seconded Cllr. Izzard) that the Parish Council would cover the £90 fee for the new councillor Mr J. De Little to attend a training course for new councillors. *The Clerk to make the booking.*

PC_069/11 Any KGV Playing Fields Trust issues linked to the Parish Council:

Cllr Childs gave an update on the KGV pond and surrounding area re: drainage issues. This will be reported in the April KGV playing fields minutes.

The problem of fires and barbecues in the KGV playing fields was raised. There is a notice at the main gates that states 'No fires or barbecues allowed in KGV playing fields'.

If a fire is actually burning, the correct procedure is to dial 999 and request the Fire Brigade to attend. If necessary, the Fire Brigade will request the police to attend. It was agreed that this advice should be circulated again via the newsletter and web site. *The Clerk to action.*

PC_070/11 Public Open Forum: No items

PC_071/11 WGPC Accounts for April 2011:

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

PC_072/11 Approval of Quotations (urgent): none

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed as a true record.....Date.....

Chairman West Grinstead Parish Council