



# West Grinstead Parish Council

## OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

**Dial Post Village Hall**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011**  
**at 7.30 p.m.**

### MINUTES

**Present:** - Councillors: Mr. A. Childs (Chairman), Mr. R. Hill (Vice Chairman), Mr. D. Green, Mrs. C. Watts, Mr. N. Berry, Mrs H. Bullingham, Mrs O. Izzard, Mr D. Pearless, Mr J. De Little.  
Clerk: Mrs. H. Dayneswood.

**OS\_043/11 Apologies:** Cllrs: Mr. G. Taylor, Mrs G. Nash and Mr. A. Russ.

**OS\_044/11 Declarations of Interest:** none

**OS\_045/11 Chairman's Announcements:** none

**OS\_046/11 Minutes:**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Kanabus, seconded Cllr. Green) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 be approved as a true record.

**OS\_047/11 Matters Arising:**

- a) Change of responsibility for WSCC Highways Supervisor Mt T. Boxall. New supervisor for West Grinstead parish – WGPC to be advised soon.
- b) Most of the recycling facilities in Partridge Green Village Hall car park have been removed. The Salvation Army clothing and shoe bank will remain but it will be moved to the 'dog-leg' half-way down the car park.
- c) The Clerk updated members on Section 106 monies currently available to the parish.
- d) The WSCC youth worker (Ms Irving) to be invited to the 10<sup>th</sup> August Open Spaces meeting to discuss arrangements and a management committee for the youth club from September onwards. A contract for the new arrangements between WSCC and the parish council to be requested from WSCC. *The Clerk to action.*
- e) There had been some disturbance of items on the top of graves in the parish burial ground next to St. Michael's church. The police had been informed and Mr Woolgar asked to restart the locking of the church car park at night. The Clerk to report back to the resident who reported the problem.
- f) The wooden notice boards at the end of Village Hall Lane, by the fire station and by the Salmon shop had been re-varnished. Mr Baker did not re-varnish the wooden notice board by the school because it has now reached the stage of needing to be replaced. *The Clerk to research a lockable notice board in metal/plastic.*

**OS\_048/11 Correspondence:** none

**OS\_049/11 Anti-social Behaviour Incidents in PGVH Car Park**

There had been a lot of anti-social behaviour by youths in the PGVH car park lately – most of it associated with young people racing their cars in and out of the car park, doing handbrake turns, making a lot of noise etc. Residents are reminded to use 'Operation Crackdown' to report the number plates of vehicles being used in an anti-social or dangerous way. If enough people report incidents, the police have the grounds to take more significant action, e.g., confiscation of a vehicle. It was also suggested that a leaflet be distributed to local residents to advise them about using Operation Crackdown. *The Clerk to Action.*

[Clerk's Note: Since the Open Spaces meeting, the Clerk has received the following advice about reporting incidents to the police. Where possible, give car registration numbers for incidents involving vehicles:

- Use **101** to telephone the Lewes Police Contact Centre to report incidents (this is the same as using 0845 60 70 999 but should be easier to remember.)
- You can report incidents anonymously by using Crimestoppers – **0800 555 111**
- Ring the parish PCSO Tom Guiney about incidents, via the Lewes Police Contact Centre and Extension **28240**. This can be done anonymously if preferred.
- Email the Lewes Police Contact Centre on [contactcentre@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:contactcentre@sussex.pnn.police.uk)
- Email/write to the West Grinstead Parish Office to report problems.  
Email: [westgrinsteadpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:westgrinsteadpc@tiscali.co.uk)

The Clerk suggests that this further information is added to the leaflet.]

#### **OS\_050/11 Open Gardens Event**

There had been a suggestion from a resident to arrange an open gardens event over a week-end, to raise money for a local need. It could include arts, crafts and music as well. Henfield and Shipley both organise these types of events, so advice could be sought from them. It was suggested that an item be put in the parish newsletter to seek people who could help organise an event. *The Clerk to action.*

#### **OS\_051/11 Vegetation at War Memorial**

- a) Cllr Kanabus offered to cut down the dead tree at the war memorial, if it was not too tall.
- b) It was agreed to ask Mr Priston to do a hard cut back of the overgrown vegetation at the war memorial. *The Clerk to action.*

#### **OS\_052/11 Dial Post Issues:**

- a) Dial Post playground – Annual Inspection ROSPA Report. *No action needed.*
- b) Flooding in Honeybridge Lane area. Wyevale at Old Barn Nurseries has submitted another significant application for expansion of the site. WGPC is objecting to any further expansion until and unless Wyevale addresses the existing problems of drainage, traffic movement and Section 106 breaches. Another element of the flooding problem should be solved when WSCC replaces two pipes in Honeybridge Lane.
- c) The telephone network in Dial Post is at capacity, causing many problems. The cabling is very bad and the internet connection poor. It was suggested that i) the problem be pursued with Nick Herbert, as there was recently a summit on improving broadband access ii) BT be contacted about the problems. *The Clerk to action.*

#### **OS\_053/11 Christmas Lights 2012**

- a) Mr Saunders had suggested the most cost-effective solution for replacement lights for the two oak trees in PG High Street would be to use rope lights. Using 9 metre lengths, one rope light could be wrapped round each main bough. Eight lengths per tree would be sufficient, so 16 lengths would cater for the two trees. The total cost would be £216 plus VAT. *Colours need to be agreed.*
- b) The cable protector used across the ground outside the butcher's shop needs extending – cost £50.67 + VAT. The items to be passed to the Finance Committee for approval.

#### **OS\_054/11 Jolesfield Common**

- a) Email from Mr S. Brown (PGYFC) re: PGYFC finances and PC support. The Parish Council regrets that, given the financial constraints in keeping the precept constant for the last two years, there is no spare money to help the Partridge Green Youth Football Club with the costs of a mower. The Parish Council suggests they investigate the many funding opportunities available and undertake some fund-raising themselves. *The Clerk to reply.*
- b) Latest verbal report from Mr T. Boxall (WSCC Highways supervisor) re: flooding on road next to Jolesfield pond. It was suggested that DC Andrew Dunlop be asked to attend a meeting with the Parish Council and WSCC in order to resolve the problems. *The Clerk to contact Cllr. Dunlop.*

#### **OS\_055/11 Other Items to Report (information only)**

- a) Cllr Berry is obtaining more precise information on the location of the broken stile on the footpath leading from the B2135 to the Downs Link.
- b) Transport Working Group: Cllr Bullingham handed over a quotation from a local contractor that illustrates the level of funding required to implement the proposal for providing more parking bays around the green in Oakwood. *To be considered at the next Open Spaces meeting.*
- c) There had been several reports on the amount of ragwort growing this year. In the past, WSCC had dealt with a lot of the ragwort removal. It was suggested that it is quite possible that WSCC no longer undertake ragwort removal.

### **MEETING OF KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEES**

#### **OS\_056/11 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Hill declared a personal interest in relation to membership of the Sports & Social Club.

#### **OS\_057/11 Matters Arising:**

The Clerk reminded members how the HDC 'green sack for litter collection' service operated. Only the HDC-provided green sacks would be collected by the special lorry and the sacks must be left in the designated collection points. At the park, the collection point was by the Shermanbury Road sign and not by the main gates. If sacks were left at the main gates, HDC would not collect them.

**OS\_058/11 Correspondence:** none

**OS\_059/11 Progressing the 'Friends of KGV' Group**

Cllr. Izzard reported that this was progressing well – she has had several people offering to get involved.

**OS\_060/11 KGV Maintenance**

- a) KGV playground & skateramp – Annual Inspection ROSPA Report. Apart from the urgent repairs to the wooden parts of the slide, it was agreed to hold on any other repairs until discussion had taken place about how to spend money raised at the recent fete for playground improvements. *Item re: the KGV playground to be put on the next Open Spaces agenda.*
- b) The Clerk reported on the verbal update from Mr T. Boxall (WSCC Highways) on drainage in area of the KGV pond. *Awaiting his written report.*
- c) Repair of the joint in the middle of the outlet pipe in the KGV pond. *Has been completed.*
- d) Feedback from Clerk from conversation with WSCC-recommended graffiti artist Mr Duncan Weston re: organising a workshop for local youth to be involved in developing more tasteful graffiti on the skateramp. It was agreed that the next step was to talk to some of the local youngsters, to see if they would be interested in getting involved. *Cllrs Bullingham, Watts and Izzard to progress.*

**OS\_061/11 Other KGV Business:** none

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Next Open Spaces meeting: **Wed 10<sup>th</sup> August** 2011, 7.30 p.m., Partridge Green Village Hall.

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