



West Grinstead Parish Council

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

Partridge Green Village Hall

Wednesday 8th December 2010

at 7.30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: - Councillors: Mr. A. Childs (Chairman), Mr. R. Hill (Vice Chairman), Mrs. C. Watts, Mr. C. Neal, Mr. N. Berry.

Clerk: Mrs. H. Dayneswood.

OS_086/10 Apologies: Cllrs: Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. D. Green, Mrs G. Nash, Mr. A. Russ, Mrs H. Bullingham.

OS_087/10 Declarations of Interest: none

OS_088/10 Chairman's Announcements: none

OS_089/10 Minutes:

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Watts, seconded Cllr. Hill) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2010 be approved as a true record. [There was no Open Spaces meeting in November, as there was not a quorum.]

OS_090/10 Matters Arising: none

OS_091/10 Correspondence:

- a) HDC: Request for further information from WGPC, in response to their submission to the Scrutiny & Overview Committee (via the HDCP), concerning the need to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime in the District. *The Clerk to highlight the problems in KGV playing fields over the past year.*

OS_092/10 SALC (& NALC) Membership for 2011/2012

Members were very unhappy about the forecasted 8.8% increase in the WGPC subscription for SALC for 2011/2012. (NB WGPC cannot belong to HALC unless it belongs to SALC & NALC.) It was agreed that *the Clerk should write to SALC* explaining that as WGPC had decided to keep the precept at the same level as last year, they would only be able to stay in membership with SALC if there was no increase in the SALC subscription.

OS_093/10 SALC (& NALC) Items for Action arising from the Transport Working Group Minutes of 18th November 2010

- a) Extract from TWG Minutes:

"Pavement parking is still an issue and RE discussed with Jeremy Pretty the matter of parking in the area outside Pretty's garage and the adjacent two bungalows, where pedestrians may be forced into the road to avoid the vehicles. According to Jeremy Pretty, this area was surfaced and the curb dropped some years ago to allow parking outside the premises adjacent to the garage, at that time a shop and the area is thus a parking zone and not a pavement. One possibility, now that the shop no longer exists, would be for the area to be reinstated as a pavement, with a grassed area, as exists outside the other premises in Church Road and we request that WGPC investigate the matter."

The Clerk to check the status with Mr Boxall (WSCC Highways Supervisor.)

- b) It had been reported that the unmanned SID (Speed Indicator Device) had been taken out of service. The Clerk to ask for a pro-rata rebate on the WGPC £100 contribution to costs, as SID has also been undergoing repairs for some time prior to this. [Since the Open Spaces meeting, it has emerged that SID is actually still in service. PCSO Tom Guiney will be co-ordinating it's deployment.]

OS_094/10 Review of the Recent Bad Weather Arrangements plus Status of Parish Emergency Plan

- a) Members were disappointed in the slow response from WSCC and HDC in getting the salt/grit deliveries out to the parishes. There had been a bad weather warning in good time, so why didn't they act in good time?
- b) The message needs to be circulated to local residents that the salt/grit deliveries are for the public to use on pavements and minor roads in icy or snowy conditions. [The salt/grit is not for use on private land.] ***The Clerk to publicise advice via the normal channels.***
- c) ***The Emergency Planning Working Group to review the pre-arranged drop locations for the hippo bags of salt/grit.***
- d) ***The Clerk to respond to the email from Tony Skelding (HDC) re: the recent bad weather incident, especially about the slow response on salt/grit deliveries.***

OS_095/10 Dial Post Issues: none

OS_096/10 Allotments Update

- a) The double hedging has gone in.
- b) A response from Southern Water is awaited re: the mains water connection.

OS_097/10 Christmas Lights 2010

- a) A very big thank you to everyone (and there were many people involved), who (in the face of very difficult weather conditions) made the Christmas Lights event such a success. All your efforts were much appreciated.
- b) It was suggested that replacement Christmas lights for the two oak trees in Partridge Green should be purchased in the New Year (while prices were cheaper). ***The Clerk to ask Mr Saunders to investigate products.*** These could then be installed in the summer months, when it would be easier to access these very large trees (diary note by Clerk).

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Next Open Spaces meeting: **Wed 12th January** 2011, 7.30 p.m., Partridge Green Village Hall.

Signed as a true copy.....Date.....