



# West Grinstead Parish Council

## OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

Partridge Green Village Hall

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 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, Mr. A. Russ, Mrs H. Bullingham, Mrs O. Izzard, Mr D. Pearless.  
Clerk: Mrs. H. Dayneswood.

**OS\_022/11 Apologies:** Cllrs: Mr. G. Taylor, Mrs G. Nash, Mr J. De Little.

**OS\_023/11 Election of Chairman of Open Spaces Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Bullingham, seconded Cllr Berry) that Cllr Childs should be appointed Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee for 2011/2012.

**OS\_024/11 Election of Vice Chairman of Open Spaces Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Childs, seconded Cllr Russ) that Cllr Hill should be appointed Vice Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee for 2011/2012.

**OS\_025/11 Declarations of Interest:** none

**OS\_026/11 Chairman's Announcements:** none

**OS\_027/11 Minutes:**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Berry, seconded Cllr. Watts) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 be approved as a true record.

**OS\_028/11 Matters Arising:**

The Clerk reported that the paper bin in Partridge Green Village Hall car park had been removed. The glass bins and the Variety Club shoe bin would shortly be removed. It was hoped the Salvation Army clothing and shoe bank would remain, although it may be relocated within the car park.

**OS\_029/11 Correspondence:**

- a) WSCC: Street Lighting PFI. Programme for old (over 15 years) street lamps replacement. West Grinstead programmed for October 2014. (Information)
- b) TELSA-IMC. Notification of geophysical survey in Horsham, Billingshurst and Pulborough area. Effect on traffic explained. Due to start imminently. Estimated duration – 6 to 8 weeks. (Information)

**OS\_030/11 Re-siting of Partridge Green Village Sign in Littleworth Lane**

It has been agreed that the village sign will be located on the eastern side of Littleworth Lane next to the speed limit sign. This will help to create a gateway effect into the village.

**OS\_031/11 Consultation on Changes to Subsidised Bus Services.**

Deadline has been extended until 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011. To be considered at the June Parish Council meeting.

**OS\_032/11 Vegetation and Sight Lines at the Junction of Staples Hill and Church Road – safety issue.**

The sight line (looking left) for motorists turning right out of Staples Hill has been hampered by the vegetation growth on the verge in Church Lane. WSCC has agreed to cut it back but pointed out that the problem is really a speeding issue, i.e., vehicles speeding along Church Lane. *Members to monitor the situation.*

**OS\_033/11 Dial Post Issues:**

The Animal Circus has returned to Thistleworth Farm. HDC has been advised.

**OS\_034/11 Christmas Lights 2011**

- a) In January, Mr Saunders was unable to track down some reasonably-priced replacement lights for the two oak trees in PG High Street. *Further options to be considered.*
- b) Cllr Childs & Mr Saunders to check the cable protector used across the ground outside the butcher's shop.

*The Clerk to email Cllr Childs and Mr Saunders about these items.*

**OS\_035/11 Other Items to Report (information only)**

- a) The Motorcross bikes event that took place recently in Shermanbury was mentioned in relation to the level of noise. However, this is an event that takes place infrequently.
- b) On Littleworth Lane, on the eastern side, just after you pass the speed limit signs leaving Partridge Green village, the tree branches are coming over the road a great deal. There are also some overhead cables. *Clerk to report to WSCC.*

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

Note: Matters relating to Jolesfield Common will now be dealt with under the Parish Council section and not KGV.

**OS\_036/11 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Hill and Russ declared personal interests in relation to membership of the Sports & Social Club.

**OS\_037/11 Minutes of the last separate KGV Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Watts, seconded Cllr. Bullingham) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011 be approved as a true record.

**OS\_038/11 Matters Arising**

Cllr Russ reported that the suggested date for the meeting of the KGV User Groups and the PC was 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**OS\_039/11 Correspondence: none**

**OS\_040/11 Progressing the ‘Friends of KGV’ Group**

Cllr. Izzard offered to get the ‘Friends of KGV’ group off the ground, starting with the volunteers she had already identified. She would try to arrange a first meeting with them before the next Open Spaces meeting. Members thought this was a good approach.

**OS\_041/11 KGV Maintenance**

- a) Update on the pond and surrounding drainage. Still awaiting Report from Ace Drainage.
- b) Consider using a graffiti artist to work with the youth to develop more tasteful graffiti on the skateramp. Recommended artist who has worked on many WSCC projects – Mr Duncan Weston. *Clerk to find out costs.*

**OS\_042/11 Other KGV Business**

- a) The nine volunteers from Southern Gas would be helping with fete preparation on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. They would also have time to take on some other tasks, e.g., clearing vegetation along footpaths. The Parish Council would need to provide equipment.
- b) Some councillors reported that the extent of the grass cutting in KGV is gradually coming further and further inwards (like ever decreasing circles). *The Clerk to ask Mr Flynn* to make sure that whoever is carrying out the grass cutting goes as close as possible to the borders of the field as they can.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Next Open Spaces meeting: **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July** 2011, 7.30 p.m., **Dial Post** Village Hall.

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