



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 12th January 2005 in the Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

Attendance: Councillors: B. Mear (Chairman), K. Bashford, Mrs. J. Burns, Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke, Mrs. M. Sherriff, J. Wales and D. Yates.

- 01/05 **Apologies.** There were no apologies.
- 02/05 **Policing Matters.** Clerk to establish if the second PCSO for the Sompting is now in post.
- 03/05 **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 04/05 **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 05/05 **Items Not on the Agenda.** There were no items to consider.
- 06/05 **Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station.** Council considered the letter and report from WSCC dated 20th December (previously circulated) setting out the programme and timetable for resolving future use and restoration of the site. Council agreed that it would like assurance that there would be adequate security when part, or all, of the site becomes vacant. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply stating that the Council had adopted as its preferred option, the proposal submitted by local residents for a visitor centre, built from recycled building materials and run mainly from renewable energy (Jen's Plan). The Council would also wish to see within the visitor centre, one or two rooms which could be used for community meetings.
- 07/05 **The Doug Sherriff Shield For Outstanding Contribution to the Community.** Council agreed that a Press Release should be issued immediately giving details of the award and requesting nominations by the end of March. Council will consider the submissions in April and the award is be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May.
- 08/05 **Appointment of Internal Auditor.** Three quotations were considered and Council agreed to appoint RBS Auditing Solutions.
- 09/05 **Casual Vacancies.** Clerk to advertise the two vacancies on the Parish Noticeboards and Cllr. Mrs. Turner agreed to mention these in her column for the Parish Pump in The Worthing Herald.

10/05 **Sompting Community Association.** Cllr. Mrs Sherriff informed Council that a complete new set of plans for the proposed extension to the Community Centre is to be submitted and will take into account recommendations made at the joint meeting of all interested parties held on 13th December 2004.

11/05 **Report of Planning Sub-Committee.**

S103/04 Rooms in Roof (with rear dormers) – 1 New Gardens, West Street, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
Council has concern that potential parking provision needs to be adequate for the size of the building.

S1/05 Side Conservatory – 31 Ullswater Road, Sompting **NO OBJECTION**
Council notes that this conservatory goes up to the boundary which it believes is contrary to Adur District planning regulations.

S2/05 Two-storey extension at side/rear – 26 Meadowview Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
Council notes that this conservatory goes up to the boundary which it believes is contrary to Adur District planning regulations.

12/05 **Report of the Clerk**

- a. **Members' Register of Interests.** Members noted information.
- b. **Accounts.** Council noted the account balance at 31st December 2004 was £35,777.29 including receipt of bank interest of £95.47. The following accounts were submitted for payment:
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| K. Rhodes. Clerk's pay and allowances to 31.01.0 (tax amendment) (Chq. 599) | £458.34 |
| Reimbursement of postage and copying (VAT 69p) | £ 17.58 |
| Sompting Community Association (Minute 182/04) | |
| Boomerang Club staff training (Chq. 600) | £750.00 |

Clerk reported that Mazars, the external auditor had signed and returned the audited accounts for 2003/2004 and that there were no recommendations. The accounts will be displayed on the Parish noticeboards.

- c. **Highways and Footpaths.** Footpath Silverdale Drive/Cokeham Lane. Clerk reported on advice from SALC and Council agreed that a site meeting should be arranged with the contractor and a representative from the Public Rights of Way Department.
- d. **Clean Neighbourhoods Bill.** Council noted the newspaper article.
- e. **Public Liability Insurance.** Clerk reported that the additional premium to increase the public liability insurance to £10,000,000 would be an extra £74.80 per annum. Council agreed that the premium should be increased.
- f. **Other Correspondence.**
Lodge Hill Friends membership to be deferred to April meeting.

WSCC draft letter and plan for parking build-out at West Street.
Clerk to query understanding that build-outs were to be installed at all parking bays.

Sussex Playing Fields Association request for contribution to be deferred until the February meeting.

It was agreed to invite Steve Hill, Community Services Office, Adur DC to the February meeting to talk to Council on the proposed Environmental Festival for Sompting in May 2005.

Other correspondence was noted.

13/05 **Reports of District and County Councillors.** There were no reports.

14/05 **Reports of Representatives to other bodies.** Cllr Mrs Turner reported on the recent Adur in Partnership meeting. The next meeting is to be held on 26th January 2005.

15/05 **Other Matters.** There were no other matters.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th February 2005.