



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 9th February 2005 in the Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

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

- 16/05 **Apologies:** Councillors: Mrs. J. Burns, Mrs. J. Turner and J. Wales
- 17/05 **Environmental Festival – Sompting 2005.** The Chairman welcomed Steve Hill, Community Services Officer at Adur D.C. who outlined plans for the ‘Sompting Green’ festival to be held at Sompting Recreation Ground on Wednesday 1st June and Thursday 2nd June 2005, during schools’ half-term. The event, coordinated by the Adur Community Development and Recycling teams, will focus on recycling and environmental issues and is to include displays, activities and stalls with the emphasis on fun and learning.
- 18/05 **Policing Matters.** The Chairman welcomed P.S. Verity Lockhart the new sergeant for the Sompting area, based at Shoreham. Sgt. Lockhart updated the Council on members of her team. Two new PCSO’s for Sompting will shortly be in post. Policing matters were discussed and Sgt. Lockhart urged Members to report all known incidents arising in the area.
- 19/05 **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 20/05 **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 21/05 **Items Not on the Agenda.** There were no items.
- 22/05 **Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station.** Cllr. Yates reported on the Liaison Group Meeting held on 17th January 2005. The consultation process is taking the form of three stages. Stage 1. Responses from the initial seven consultees by the end of January. Stage 2. Report from a wider consultation to be presented to W.S.C.C. by the end of March. Stage 3. By the end of May, WSCC will take the final decision on the proposed future use and restoration of the site, which will form the basis of a planning application.
- 23/05 **Casual Vacancies.** There had been no response to the advertisements.

24/05. **The Doug Sherriff Shield.** The Clerk updated Members on the number of nominations received to date.

25/05 **Report of the Planning Sub-Committee.**

Cllr. D. Yates declared a prejudicial interest as a neighbour and consultee in application S5/05 and left the room.

S3/05 Single Storey Rear Extension and Conservatory - 75 Berriedale Drive, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**

S4/05 Rooms in Roof (with side gable and front and rear dormers) – 11 Mountview Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
Council would prefer to see half-hipped rather than gable end.

S5/05 Part 2-storey/Part First Floor Extension to Side and Rear – Wheelwrights Cottage, West Street, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
Council has no objection providing the materials used are in keeping with the original building.

S6/05 Single-Storey Front Extension – 11 Kendal Drive, Sompting **NO OBJECTION**

S7/05 Works to Chestnut Tree – Rectory House, West Street, Sompting **NO OBJECTION**

S8/05 Rooms in Roof (with front and rear dormers) Single Storey Rear Extension and Single-Storey Side Extension/Conservatory – 3 Ullswater Road, Sompting. **OBJECTION**
Council considers that despite the large plot, the property is located close to the road. The proposed extensions would be out of scale with neighbouring properties and would be detrimental to the area as a whole. The proposed front dormers are not in keeping with others in the locality and there is insufficient off-road parking for what is potentially a six-bedroom property.

S9/05 Single-Storey Rear Extension – 42 Alandale Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**

S10/05 Front Dormer – 20 Meadowview Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**

S11/05 Gabled East Side Extension with Front Dormer and Enlarged Rear Dormer – 9 Osborne Drive, Sompting. **OBJECTION**
Council objects to this proposal for the same reasons given in the previous application. There would be insufficient off-road parking, loss of garage and the extension would be in close proximity to the boundary of the property.

26/05 **Budget 2005/6.** Council noted the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 25th January 2005. Arising from the Minutes, Council agreed to set a precept of £20,480 for the financial year 2005/06. It was agreed that the Sompting in Bloom budget head should be changed to Pride of Sompting.

Following discussion it was agreed that:

- i.) a donation of £1,750 be made to the Sompington Green festival in June 2005; £250 towards the security of the marquee; £500 towards infrastructure costs and £1,000 to the junk drumming sessions. The monies to be met from Youth Facilities (£500), Community Facilities (£750) and Environmental Enhancement (£500). Members agreed that before proceeding further they would require assurance that any performance and/or exhibitions of work arising from the event would be incorporated into the Adur Festival and that the event would be open to members of the community on at least one evening.
- ii) enquiries be made with the view to the possibility of assisting, as community projects, the funding of any future planned upgrading of the public toilets on the recreation ground and sports pavilion changing rooms and/or a pedestrian crossing near the junction of Bowness Avenue and Western Road.

27/05 Report of the Clerk.

- a. Members' Register of Interests. Members noted information.
- b. Accounts. Council noted the account balance at 31st January 2005 was £35,366.28 including receipt of bank interest of £64.91. The following accounts were submitted for payment:
- K. Rhodes:
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| Clerk's pay and allowances to 28.02.05 (tax amend't) plus | £450.83 |
| reimbursement of postage/copying/cartridge (inc.VAT)(Ch.605) | £ 42.08 |
| Arun DC-printing & paper,Oct.2004 (inc.VAT 0.80p) (Ch.602) | £ 20.11 |
| Allianz Cornhill-increase in premium for public liability(Ch.603) | £ 27.25 |
| Mazars-external audit for 2003/4 (Inc.VAT £21.00)(Ch.601) | £141.00 |
| Adur DC-printing Dec.04 (inc.VAT £3.53)(Ch.604) | £ 23.68 |
- c. **Highways and Footpaths.** Footpath Silverdale Drive/Cokeham Lane. Clerk reported that she had arranged to meet the contractor on site on 19th February.
- d. **Public Liability Insurance.** Clerk advised that the limit had now been increased.
- e. **Correspondence.** Worthing B.C. Brooklands Lake Consultation. Members agreed that any changes to the Management Plan of 2000 should not adversely affect the flood relief/prevention function of the lake.
- f. **Other correspondence** was noted.

28/05 Reports of District Councillors. Cllr. Bashford reported that budgets would be set at the next full meeting of Adur Council.

29/05 Reports of Representatives to Other Bodies. Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff reported that the upgrading of the kitchen in the Community Centre was taking place. Youth Club numbers are growing and the club is doing well.

The Chairman reported that, due to other commitments, Cllr. Mrs. Jean Turner was no longer able to serve as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee and Community Association.

30/05 **Other Matters.** The Chairman reported on problems encountered by users of mobility scooters on the sloping surface on sections of the pavement on the western side of the railway bridge. Clerk to report.

The meeting closed as 10.04 p.m.

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