



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 11th May 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

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

60/05 **Apologies:** There no apologies.

61/05 **Election of Chairman.** Cllr Mear was proposed and seconded and there being no further nominations, was declared duly elected. Cllr Mear signed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman and continued in the Chair.

62/05 **Election of Vice Chairman.** Cllr Bashford was proposed and seconded and there being no further nominations, was declared duly elected.

63/05 **Election of General Purposes Committee and Representatives to Other Bodies.** Cllrs Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke and D. Yates were elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee with the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. It was noted that Members of the General Purposes Committee would also serve on the Planning Sub-Committee and that the Chairmen of the General Purposes Committee and the Planning Sub-Committee would continue in post until elections in the Committees.

b. Election of representatives for each of the following bodies for the ensuing year.

1. Village Hall Management Committee: vacant
2. Penfold Memorial Trust: representative Mr. J Underwood
3. Lancing and Sompting Citizens Advice Bureau: Cllr K. Bashford
4. Sompting Community Association: Cllr Mrs. M. Sherriff as Chairman of the Association, will report.
5. Sussex Association of Local Councils: Decision deferred
6. Lancing Youth Centre Management Committee: Cllr D. Yates
7. Adur Stakeholder Planning Forum: Cllr. T. Clarke
8. Adur in Partnership Board: Cllr Mrs. J. Turner
9. Adur District Standards Committee: Cllr. D. Yates
10. Adur District Conservation Advisory Group: vacant
11. Shoreham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. J. Wales
12. Adur Community Safety Partnership Youth Issues Group: Decision deferred
13. Adur Community Safety Partnership National Priority Crime Working Group: Decision deferred
14. Area Highway and Transport Partnership Panel: Cllr T. Clarke
15. Adur Young People in Partnership: Mrs. T. Clarke

- c. **School Governors** – White Styles Middle School- Cllr T. Clarke (appointed until end of four-year term in September 2006).

- 64/05 **Policing Matters.** PCSOs Tomas Gilmartin and Elaine Tullett were present and updated Members on matters within the parish. They reported that there had been an increase in detecting crime and a reduction in burglary, vandalism and unsocial behaviour. Incidents of mini motor cycles being driven on pavements should be reported immediately in order that police can send a unit to the area to apprehend.
- 65/05 **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting of 13th April were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment: Minute 46/05 Policing Matters. *CPSOs to read PCSOs.*
- 66/05 **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 67/05 **Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station.** Cllr Yates reported that there had been a 50% response from the leaflet distribution to residents living in the vicinity of the site - Stage 2 of the local consultation process. It is expected that a decision will be made by West Sussex County Council in June 2005 on which option to include in a planning application to the planning authority.
- 68/05 **Lodge Hill Friends Membership 2005.** Members agreed to take out group membership for the current year (chq. 100617).
- 69/05 **WSCC Bus Shelter Grants Scheme.** It was agreed to submit an application with a view to the replacement of the shelters outside the Ball Tree Public House and Carnforth/Western Road which are in a state of disrepair and to provide a new shelter at the Ullswater Road/Western Road stop.

70/05 **Report of Planning Sub-Committee.**

NO OBJECTION to:

- S26/05 Single-Storey Side Extension and Rear Conservatory, 47 Meadowview Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
- S27/05 Front Extension, 7 Thirlmere Crescent, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
- S28/05 Conservatory to Rear, 10 Grafton Gardens, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
- S29/05 Rooms in Roof (with Side Gable and Front and Rear Dormers) and Single-Storey Rear Extension, 25 Valley Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
- S30/05 Detached Two-Bedroom House on South Side, 94 Cokeham Lane, Sompting. **OBJECTION**
Council considers that this application constitutes overdevelopment and would impose on the existing flint property at No. 94. It would overwhelm and have an unneighbourly impact on the property at No. 96, resulting in the householders' loss of privacy.

Proposed New Road Name: 18 Dwellings at Street Barn, West Street, Sompting.
Correspondence had been received from the Principal Planning Officer at Adur District

Council regarding a request from the developer to name the new road 'Crofts Close'. Members agreed to suggest that the name Street Barn should be retained as it was considered to be more in keeping with a village situation.

The Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committee to make enquiries regarding Nos. 1, 3 and 4 The Parade, Cokeham Road.

71/05 **Report of Clerk.**

a. **Members' Register of Interests.** Members noted information.

b. **Accounts.** Council noted the account balance at 30th April 2005 was £50,486.06, including receipt of bank interest of £91.03 and the 2005/6 precept of £20,480. Council also noted that the VAT return for 2004/5 had been submitted and the memorandum from the internal auditor with regard to payment to the Clerk for over-payment of income tax. The following accounts were submitted for payment:

K. Rhodes

Clerk's pay and allowances to 30 th April.05	£472.00
Reimbursement of postage/copying/stationery/printer cartridges (inc. VAT of £9.24)	£ 86.12
Refund of tax deducted for Oct/Nov/Dec chq.100618)	£232.26

Victim Support Sussex – donation (item 33/05-chq 100616) £100.00

Council noted that cheque no. 100612 to the Inland Revenue had been cancelled and a new cheque raised (no. 100615) on 21st April for the correct amount of £61.40, signed by the Chairman and Cllr T. Clarke.

- c. **Highways and Footpaths.** The Clerk reported that Members' proposal for an additional pedestrian crossing on Western Road near Bowness Avenue had been placed on the WSCC Traffic Department database. A site visit to assess the pedestrian and vehicle count will take place. The red light camera previously situated at Boundstone Footbridge had not been re-allocated as there are no sites at the present time that meet the criteria.
- d. **Trees/Bulbs/Planting.** The Clerk had approached Clive Bramble of Adur D.C. with regard to summer bedding near the Village Sign. Adur D.C. has agreed to supply a planter and plants and the Parish Council will undertake maintenance. Cllrs Mear, Bashford, Clarke and Mrs T. Clarke had met with Clive Bramble to agree the positioning of the planter. Clerk to obtain the necessary consent from West Sussex C.C. and to look into maintenance costs.
- e. **Notice Boards/Bus Shelters/Toilets.** Cllr Thornton reported that the old posters had been removed from behind the notice board at the bus shelter on Cokeham Road. The Clerk reported that the toilets at the recreation ground had been closed to the public for the past three years due to persistent vandalism. Councillors agreed that Adur DC should be approached again to ask if the toilets could be opened during daylight hours and especially during the Sompting Green festival on 1st and 2nd June.
- f. **Insurance.** Councillors agreed that insurance cover should be changed to the cheaper premium from Zurich Municipal. The current policy is due for renewal on 1st June 2005 and it was agreed that a cheque would be drawn up on receipt of the invoice from the new provider.
- g. **Quality Councils.** Further information to be obtained.
- h. **Other Correspondence.** Highways Agency. Cllrs T. Clarke and Mrs J. Turner will represent the Parish Council at the opening ceremony of the Boundstone Footbridge on 20th May. Other correspondence was noted.

72/05 **Annual Accounts 2004/2005.** Councillors noted the Financial Statement for the year 2004/5 and that these had been submitted to the internal auditor.

73/05 **Reports of District and County Councillors.** Cllr Bashford reported that he will be writing to Turner & Partners to ask them to reconsider the proposed position for the O₂ telephone mast at Halewick Lane. Cllr Vilna Woolhead has been re-elected to represent the area on West Sussex County Council.

74/05 **Other Matters.** Cllr Mrs. Margaret Sherriff reported on the proposed Drop-In facility at the Penhill Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.