



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 8th June 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

Attendance: Councillors K Bashford (Chairman), Mrs. J. Burns, Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke, Mrs. M. Sherriff, M. Thornton and J. Wales.

75/05 **Apologies.** Councillors B. Mear, D. Yates and Mrs. J. Turner.

76/05 **Policing Matters.** PCSO Elaine Tullett was present and updated Members on matters within the Parish. The day-time meeting regarding the Skate Park will take place in two to three weeks with a letter of invitation being sent to all interested parties. Any questions for the meeting should be emailed in advance to PCSOs Tullett and Gilmartin. They would also welcome information regarding forthcoming events. The possibility of holding a 'surgery' in the Parish once or twice a month is under discussion, enabling the public to discuss with the police any problems they may be encountering.

77/05 **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment. *The Chairman left the meeting at 8.26 pm whereupon the Vice Chairman took over the Chair.*

78/05 **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.

79/05 **Items not on the Agenda.** There were no items.

80/05 **Casual Vacancy** – Peverel North Ward. Following receipt of a letter expressing her interest in becoming a Member of the Parish Council, it was proposed and seconded, that Ms Mel Shaw be elected to the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed that Ms Shaw be elected to the Council to represent Peverel North Ward. Clerk to write sending out the necessary documents for completion.

81/05 **Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station.** Councillors noted the email from Graham Harris of 18th May informing members of the Liaison Group of the revised timescale for the County Council's decision and the subsequent planning application on the future use of the site.

82/05 **Sompting in Bloom.** As summer bedding was only now being planted, it was agreed to defer nomination of the twenty gardens until the July meeting.

83/05 **Representatives to Other Bodies.** Representation on the Youth Issues Group was deferred to the July meeting.

84/05 **Report of the Planning Sub-Committee.**

- S32/05 First-Floor Rear Extension and Addition of Side Gable to Main Roof-Flat over 4 The Parade, Cokeham Road, Sompting.
Council has No Objection to the application apart from the new gable end to the side elevation. It is out of keeping and would spoil the symmetry of the building. Plans suggest that the additional space in the roof is not required.
- S33/05 Replacement of 2 Garages with Gable-Roofed Double Garage, 2 Mountview Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
- S34/05 Vehicular Access, 40 Cokeham Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
- S35/05 Retention of Timber Agricultural Building (With Screen Planting), Field E. of Dovecote Cottage, Upper Brighton Road/West Street, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
- S36/05 Change of Use From Class A1 Shop to Mixed Use As A Sandwich Bar (A1) and hot Food Sales (As/A5), 6 The Parade, Cokeham Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**
- S37/05 Open-Sided Hay Shelter, Field No. Side of West Street (W. of Malthouse Meadow), Sompting.
Council has No Objection to this application but would like to see a construction of timber or flint, in keeping with the area.

85/05 **Report of the Clerk.**

- a. Members' Register of Interests.** Members noted information.
- b. Accounts.** Council noted the account balance at 31st May 2005 was £47,952.24 including receipt of bank interest of £80.88 and refund of VAT for 2004/5 of £1191.69. The following accounts were submitted for payment:
- K. Rhodes
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| Clerk's pay and allowances to 31 st May.05 | £472.00 |
| Reimbursement of postage/copying (ch. 100622) | £ 6.60 |
| RBS Auditing Solutions-internal audit 2004/5 (inc.VAT £14.00) (ch.100620) | £ 94.00 |
| Adur DC-Printing (April/May) and stationery (inc.VAT of £5.77)(ch.100621) | £ 38.76 |
- c. Highways.** Clerk reported on telephone call from InterRoute regarding complaint regarding the new Gateway sign 'Welcome to Lancing'. InterRoute to be informed that it is within Sompting boundary.
- d. Trees/Bulbs/Planting.** Clerk reported on progress of planter. Further quotations to be sought with regard to contractors for maintenance.
- e. Notice Boards/Bus Shelters/Toilets.** The notice board at Cokeham Parade had been repaired. Clerk to submit lowest quotation for the three applications to West Sussex C.C. bus shelter grants scheme. Clerk to enquire about ownership of public toilets at Shopsdam Road, Lancing.
- f. Insurance.** The insurance provider had been changed from 1st June as a result of a lower quotation (Minute 71/05f).
- g. Quality Councils.** Further information on criteria had been circulated and it was agreed to work towards attaining this award after the next elections. Cllr. Tim Clarke suggested that a Parish Council website should be set up and that he would be happy to do this and look after it. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Clarke should go ahead with this project. Clerk to find out about contributions to Adur Outlook.
- h. Correspondence.**
- WSCC - Future of Ball Tree Croft. Councillors would like to be consulted on the future use of the property and to see the building retained for community use.
- WSCC - Pedestrian Crossing Western Road/Bowness Avenue. Council requested information on the cost of a Zebra Crossing.

WSSC – Improved Bus Service for Worthing. Council requested further information on this proposal.

A report on the Sompting Green Festival had been received from the Community Development Officer of Adur District Council. Councillors agreed they would like to see this event form part of an annual Sompting Fair, held over a weekend, with a large marquee and involving a wide range of local groups and organisations. Other correspondence was noted.

86/05 Financial Matters.

- a. Council noted the report of the internal auditor on the accounts for 2004/5.
- b. Council noted the accounts were available for public inspection.
- c. Council adopted the annual accounts for 2004/5.

87/05 Reports of District and County Councillors. Councillor Bashford reported on the Adur Planning Committee meeting of 6th June and informed the meeting that the new road at the Hillreed Homes development will be known as ‘Street Barn’.

88/05 Reports of Representatives to Other Bodies. Cllr Sherriff reported that the Youth Club had disbanded as the youth leader had left and it was proving difficult to find another qualified youth leader.

Cllr Tracey Clark reported on the recent Adur Young People in Partnership meeting. There had been a great deal of enthusiasm from many organisations working to help young people in the area.

89/05 Other Matters. There were no other matters.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.