



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 13th July 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, Ms. M. Shaw, M. Thornton and J. Wales.

90/05 **Apologies.** D. Yates, Mrs. M. Sherriff and Mrs. J. Turner.

91/05 **New Councillor.** Cllr Ms Mel Shaw, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was welcomed to the Parish Council by the Chairman as a Councillor for Peverel North Ward.

92/05 **Policing Matters.** There were no policing matters.

93/05 **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

94/05 **Matters Arising.** Item 83/05 – Representation on the Adur Community Safety Partnership Youth Issues Group. Cllr Mel Shaw agreed to represent the Council on this Group.

95/05 **Items not on the Agenda.** It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Mayor of London expressing the Parish Council's condolences and support for the bereaved families and the citizens of London, following the bombings of 7th July.

96/05 **Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station.** No further update had been received.

97/05 **A27 Gateway Sign.** It was agreed that the Highways Agency should be asked to remove the Gateway Sign 'Welcome to Lancing' situated within the Parish boundary and to request that it is replaced with a 40 mph sign, preferably a 'flashing' 40 mph sign. It was agreed that a 'Welcome' sign was not required as there is already an Adur DC Welcome sign within the Parish boundary.

98/05 **Pride of Sompting.** Cllrs T Clarke and Mrs T Clarke agreed to give the certificates to the householders of those gardens nominated by Councillors for

Sompting in Bloom and to take photographs of the gardens throughout the summer season.

Councillors considered three quotations received from contractors for the maintenance of the planter. References had also been received. It was agreed that Houseproud should be awarded the contract for this summer. *Cllrs T and Mrs T Clarke did not vote due to personal interest.*
Clerk to seek sponsorship from local businesses towards the cost of maintenance.

99/05 **Quality Councils.** Cllr T Clarke reported that the website was now in place (www.sompting.org.uk). Members were asked to look at other Parish Council websites for ideas of what they would like to see on the Sompting Parish Council site. Clerk to send out press release to local radio stations and newspapers.

100/05 **Report of Planning Sub-Committee.**

S38/05 Equestrian Sand School, Lambleys Barn, Lambleys Lane, Sompting.

NO OBJECTION

S39/05 Re-Positioning of South Side Garage Window (Variation of Condition 3 of S/20/04/TP), 6 St. Mary's Close, Sompting.

NO OBJECTION

S40/05 Application For Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use Of Former Ground Floor Shop As Part of Dwelling, 1 The Parade, Cokeham Road, Sompting.

OBJECTION

This shop is in the middle of a shopping parade. If permission for residential use is allowed, this would set a precedent which would be detrimental to the Parade and to the local community as a whole. Adur DC itself has set a precedent for refusing this kind of application – L/94/99-South Street, Lancing.

S41/05 Rear Conservatory, 12 Langdale Close, Sompting.

NO OBJECTION

S42/05 Single-Storey Side Extension, 43 The Lawns, Sompting.

NO OBJECTION

S43/05 Demolition of Bungalow and Erection of 5 Three-Bedroom Town Houses (Outline), 2 Cokeham Lane, Sompting.

OBJECTION

This proposal would be inappropriate, over-development and detrimental to the area. This side of Cokeham Lane consists of bungalows. Sompting is a village and Council would not wish to see town houses erected. The development would create parking problems due to loss of road markings for driveway access and only one parking space is allocated to each house. Such a development would lower the tone of the neighbourhood and would overlook the rear gardens of properties in Osborne Drive, resulting in loss of privacy.

S44/05 Single-Storey Rear Extension and Front Porch, 19 Valley Road, Sompting.

NO OBJECTION

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Adur DC Environmental Services regarding the health and safety issues arising out of the situation at the Cokeham Brooks development off Test Road.

101/05 **Report of the Clerk.**

- a. **Members' Register of Interests.** Members noted information.
- b. **Accounts.** Council noted the account balance at 30th June 2005 was £47,449.04 including receipt of bank interest of £108.40. The following accounts were submitted for approval:
K. Rhodes
Clerk's pay and allowances to 31st July 05 £472.00
Reimbursement of postage/copying (chq.100625) £ 15.21
Information Commissioner, Data Protection Renewal (chq.100624) £ 35.00
SALC- Electronic Standing Orders (inc. VAT of £2.23)(chq.100623) £ 14.98
- c. **Highways and Footpaths.** Clerk reported that the road works at West Street were more or less finished and await road safety auditor's report. Clerk also reported on footpath over railway bridge, overhanging vegetation on A27 footpath and proposed pedestrian crossing.
- d. **Trees/Bulbs/Planting.** Replacement of three dead trees on the ground by Village Sign had been reported. Council would like all three to be replaced. Clerk to enquire about the possibility of contributing to the replacement of three more mature trees, protected by stronger supports. Dead tree at Hamble Road to be reported.
- e. **Notice Boards/Bus Shelters/Toilets.** Council noted correspondence from Adur DC regarding lack of toilet facilities at the recreation ground. Clerk to enquire if new No.8 bus service can be routed along West Street instead of A27.
- f. **Other Correspondence.** BT consultation on removal of payphone on Western Road. To enquire if this could be replaced with open style payphone similar to Hamble Road. Other correspondence was noted.

102/05 **Financial Matters.** Members noted the budget balances at the end of the first quarter.

103/05 **Reports of District and County Councillors.** There were no reports.

104/05 **Reports of Representatives to other bodies.** Cllr T. Clarke reported on the initial meeting to set up a Working Group to organise a Sompting Fair in 2006. Cllr. Bashford reported on matters regarding Citizen Advice Bureau and Cllr Wales reported on matters regarding Shoreham Airport.

105/05 **Other Matters.** Cllr Mear reported on the problems of traffic using the filter lane in Busticle Lane, mounting the pavement and turning in driveways. Police presence to be requested to monitor the situation and a site meeting arranged with InterRoute with regard to the traffic lights at Halewick Lane.

Details were given to Members of a proposed Youth Café Bus which would travel to a different area of Sompting and Lancing each evening. Facilities were required for storing the bus when not in use. This item to be discussed at the September meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

