



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 14th September 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, Ms. M. Shaw, M. Thornton, Mrs J. Turner and D. Yates.

106/05 Apologies. B. Mear, Mrs. M. Sherriff and J. Wales.

107/05 Traffic Through Village/Church Lane. The Chairman welcomed Richard Speller from West Sussex County Council Highways Department who reported on the feedback received from householders in West Street regarding the new road layout. The three main concerns were i) speed of traffic; ii) volume of traffic; iii) anti-social driving around build-out. Following completion of the Highways Agency works at Lambleys Lane, and when issues concerning the traffic lights at Lyons Farm have been resolved, the Highways Department will a) undertake a traffic count at West Street and Cllr T. Clarke reported on a site meeting with the Highways Agency regarding the Hillbarn traffic lights. Concern was raised with regard to parked cars obscuring on-coming traffic at the junction of Berriedale Drive and Cokeham Road and a request was made for the double yellow lines to be extended to Western Road. Richard Speller undertook to look into this matter.

108/05 Policing Matters. Work commitments had prevented Sgt. Verity Lockhart from attending the meeting. There were no policing matters.

109/05 Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on 23th July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

110/05 Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

111/05 Items not on the Agenda. There were no items.

112/05 Vacancy. The Chairman outlined the procedure for a councillor wishing to represent a ward in which a vacancy had occurred.

113/05 Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station. Cllr Yates reported that had been no further update since the circulated email of 7th September.

114/05 Sompting in Bloom Award for the Best Kept Front Garden 2005. The photographs of the nominated gardens were displayed and judging took place. Council agreed that the winner would receive the Fred Burns Trophy (returnable next year) and £50 of gardening vouchers. The two runners-up would each receive £25 of gardening vouchers. The presentation will be made at 7.00 p.m. on 12th October 2005, immediately prior to the Council meeting. Clerk to invite the householders to the presentation, purchase the gift vouchers and arrange for the trophy to be cleaned and polished. Cllr T. Clarke and Mrs T. Clarke agreed to organise the refreshments with a budget of £40. All costs to be met from the Pride of Sompting budget (Section 137 payment). The Chairman thanked Cllrs T. Clarke and Mrs T. Clarke for all their work organising Sompting in Bloom Award 2005.

115/05 Quality Councils. Website. Suggestions made for additions to the website were: Councillor representatives on outside bodies; useful telephone numbers (as listed on Clerk's Report); Hall hire telephone numbers; information on Sompting in Bloom and Doug Sherriff Award; local history/photographs of Sompting.

116/05 Request for Grant. Before making a final decision, Members requested site of the business plan. A copy had been requested but a further request would be made.

117/05 Youth Café Bus. The Adur DC depot site at Commerce Way was suggested as a possible storage area for the bus.

118/05 Report of Planning Sub-Committee

S49/05 Amendment to Approved Hip-Roofed Rear Extension to Allow 2 Opening Fanlights in West Side Window (variation of condition 3 of S/19/05), 21 Bowness Avenue, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**

S50/05 Front Extension to Garage With Room Above, 1 St Marys Cottages, West Street, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**

S51/05 Front Extension and Extension of Garage, 3 St Lukes Close, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**

S52/05 Demolition of Bungalow and Erection of 2 pairs of semi-detached Houses (Outline), 2 Cokeham Lane, Sompting.

This application does not fit into the street scene which predominantly consists of detached bungalows. Such a proposal is over-development, unsympathetic to the area and un-neighbourly. There is inadequate on-site parking which would add to the parking problems which already exist in the area. **OBJECTION**

S53/05 Detached 2 Bed Dwelling on North Side of Existing Dwelling (Outline application for siting and access details) 1 Rogate Close, Sompting. **OBJECTION**

This application is in front of the current building line and would detract from the street scene. Although plans show two parking spaces, the new house would be built on top of the existing hard-standing which would take two/three vehicles. The extra drop-kerb to allow access to the proposed parking spaces will also remove one vehicle on-road parking

space which is unacceptable in an area already oversubscribed for parking.

S54/05 Front Porch, 3 Ullswater Road, Sompting.

NO OBJECTION

119/05 Annual Audit 2004/05. Members noted that the external auditor's certificate had been received and that the relevant notice of public rights had been displayed.

120/05 Report of the Clerk.

- a. Members' Register of Interests.** Members noted information
- b. Accounts.** Council noted the account balance as at 31st August 2005 was £47,122.77, including receipt of bank interest for July and August of £160.92 and Sompting in Bloom sponsorship of £50.00. The following accounts are submitted for approval:
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| K. Rhodes | |
| Clerk's pay and allowances to 31 st August 05 (chq 100630) | £472.00 |
| Clerk's pay and allowances to 30 th September 05 | £472.00 |
| Reimbursement of postage/cartridges/CPRE conference fee | £ 49.07 |
| Houseproud-maintenance of Planter 2/7/05-30/7/05 (chq 100628) | £ 90.00 |
| Houseproud-maintenance of Planter 5/8/05-2/9/05 | £ 90.00 |
| Adur District Council- copying for July meeting (inc. VAT of £2.67) (chq 100627) | £ 17.93 |
| CPRE Annual Subscription (chq 100626) | £ 25.00 |
| Mazars – external audit fee (incl. VAT of £21.00) (chq 100629) | £141.00 |
- c. Highways and Footpaths.** Members noted correspondence from WSCC regarding the footway across the railway bridge and the A27 sign.
- d. Trees/Bulbs/Planter.** Clerk reported that costs for more mature trees to replace the three vandalised trees by the Village Sign had not yet been received from West Sussex C.C. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase £50 of bulbs for planting (Pride of Sompting budget) on the grass verges at St Paul's Avenue and at the end of Cokeham Road (near roundabout), subject to gaining permission from West Sussex C.C. Clerk to contact Houseproud and Adur DC with regard to costs for filling the planter with shrubs and infilling with pansies for the autumn/winter months.
- e. Notice Boards/Bus Shelters/Toilets.** Members noted the correspondence from Adur DC regarding public toilets on Sompting Recreation Ground. Clerk reported on meeting with David Steadman of Adur D.C. regarding the replacement of bus shelters with a standard design throughout the area. Members agreed that the three bus shelters which, in principle, will receive 50% grant funding from West Sussex CC should be of the standard design, and noted that Adur DC would contribute the difference in cost between the original quotation submitted for grant funding. It was noted that the Parish Council would still retain ownership of these shelters. Clerk to enquire if it would be possible to have some small feature incorporated on the shelter identifying it as belonging to the Parish Council.
- f. Other Correspondence.** Clerk to write to Compass Travel regarding the suspension of the afternoon No. 8 bus service. Other correspondence was noted.

121/05 Report of District and County Councillors. Cllr Bashford reported of Adur Fairtrade Zone and matters relating to CAB.

122/05 Report of Representatives to Other Bodies. Cllr. T. Clark reported on the meeting of the Sompting Festival Group. A booking had been made for the recreation ground with Adur DC, for the weekend of 2nd/3rd June 2006. There is a lot of enthusiasm for this event.

Cllr Shaw reported on Youth Club issues and it was agreed that a letter should be sent to Adur DC regarding management of the Skate Park.

123/05 Other Matters. Benches in Cokeham Ward were identified for the Adur DC database.

The meeting closed at 10.16 pm