



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 12th October 2005, commencing at 7.40 pm in the Sompting Community Centre, Loose lane, Sompting.

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

- 124/05 Apologies.** Mrs J. Turner
- 125/05 Policing Matters.** PCSO Elaine Tullett at present on holiday. PCSO Tomas Gilmartin to return shortly to night shift duty.
- 126/05 Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting hold on 14th September were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 127/05 Matters Arising.** No matters arising.
- 128/05 Items not on the Agenda.** The Chairman and Members requested that cards of sympathy be sent to two recently bereaved families within the Parish.
- 129/05 Sompting In Bloom.** The Chairman reported that the presentation ceremony for the best kept garden 2005 had been extremely successful. The winning garden was 18 Ambleside Road and the runners-up were 32 Halewick Lane and 24 Silverdale Drive. The Chairman thanked Cllr T. Clarke and Mrs T. Clarke for all their work in organising the event and the presentation ceremony.
- 130/05 Vacancy Cokeham South Ward.** It was agreed to invite the candidate to the November meeting.
- 131/05 Meeting Room.** It was agreed that the November meeting would be held in the smaller room within the Community Centre.
- 132/05 Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station.** Cllr Yates reported West Sussex County Council await the Adur Distict Council Local Development Plan before any decision on the future of the Waste Transfer Station is made.
- 133/05 Hamble Skate Park.** Cllr Mel Shaw reported on the site meeting with Peter Latham, Director of Services at Adur District Council on 10th October.

134/05

Report of Planning Sub-Committee.

Cllr Yates declared a prejudicial interest in application S55/05 and left the room, returning after decision had been taken.

S55/05 Detached Chalet Bungalow at Rear (outline applications with details of siting and access), R/O 185 Tower Road, Sompting. **NO OBJECTION**

S56/06 Two-Storey Side Extension, 19 Rogate Close, Sompting

NO OBJECTION

S57/05 Two-Storey Side Extension, 1 Whitestyles Terrace, West Street, Sompting.

NO OBJECTION

Clerk reported on the response from the Enforcement Officer regarding access on to a classified road (A27).

135/05

Report of Clerk.

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

b. Accounts. Council noted the account balance at 30th September was £45,918.56 including receipt of bank interest of £152.79 and a further Sompting in Bloom sponsorship of £50.00. The following accounts were submitted for payment:

K. Rhodes – Clerk's pay and allowances to 30 September 05 £472

Reimbursement of postage/cartridges/stationery/bulbs*/

Vouchers*/trophy engraving and cleaning*

(inc. VAT of £17.33) *chq. 100632* £229.25

Mrs T. Clarke – refund towards Sompting in Bloom presentation* £ 25.00
chq. 100633

Houseproud - planter maintenance for September 2005 *chq.100631* £ 72.00

**Section 137 payments*

c. Highways and Footpaths. Clerk reported that the overgrown vegetation at the foot of Church Lane had been cut back; that a site visit had been arranged by the Highways Department with the local Traffic Officer to review the yellow lines at Cokeham Road and to look at the road lay out at the foot of Church Lane; the Highways Agency works on Lambleys Lane is still on programme. Clerk to investigate:

- cost of grit box for Highview and whether Adur DC would assist with funding;
- parking in Roman Walk;
- replacement of trees felled at time of A27 construction at the south side of the Hillbarn traffic lights and Dankton Lane.

d. Trees/Bulbs/Planter. Members agreed to accept the quotation of £ 157.00 from Houseproud to clear the planter of summer bedding, weedkill and plant up for the autumn/winter/spring season, with maintenance of £18.00 per week. Clerk to investigate with Adur DC the possibility of another planter for the Parish. The Chairman to ask local scout group to assist with bulb planting.

e. Noticeboards/Bus Shelters/Toilets. Clerk updated Members of the position regarding the three new bus shelters. It is hoped that these will be in place early in the New Year.

Cllr T Clarke reported on site meeting with the Director of Services at the toilets on the recreation ground. Members agreed that they would like the toilet block to be rebuilt and if possible, to incorporate a changing room for sports purposes. Clerk to enquire about the merits of repositioning the toilet block at the site previously agreed for the sports pavilion.

f. Correspondence. British Legion. Clerk to request wreath be delivered to the Chairman who will attend the service at St Mary's Church. **Adur DC – Review of Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act.** Clerk to write with Members' response to questions.
Other correspondence was noted.

136/05 Request for Grant. It was agreed to award a grant of £4,000 towards capital costs of the proposed new community room in Leconfield Road with the proviso that the grant is used by November 2007 (Community Facilities). Members also agreed that once the construction of the project is underway, depending on commitments, a further grant to the project may be available.

137/05 Reports of District and County Councillors. There were no reports.

138/05 Reports of Representatives to other bodies. Cllr Yates reported on Lancing Centre After School Clubs.

139/05 Other Matters. There were no other matters.

The meeting closed at 9.38 pm.