



## SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005, commencing at 7.30 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 and J. Wales

- 140/05 Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs J Turner and D Yates who were unwell.
- 141/05 Policing Matters.** Members noted the accident statistics for the junction at West Street and Busticle Lane.
- 142/05 Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 143/05 Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 144/05 Items not on the Agenda.** There were no items.
- 145/05 Cokeham South Ward.** Members agreed to co-opt Mrs Pat Allwright to represent Cokeham South Ward.
- 146/05 Sompting in Bloom.** The Chairman reported that all the bulbs had been planted on the verges at the entrance to St Paul's Avenue.

Members agreed to accept the quotation from Houseproud to maintain the existing planter and the two new planters at a cost of £28 per week until March 2006. It was agreed that these costs be met from the Environmental Projects budget. Subject to consent from West Sussex County Council, Members agreed to accept the Houseproud quotation of £185 to tidy and improve the crazy paved area at the junction of Cokeham Road and Busticle Lane (Environmental Projects).

- 147/05 Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station.** No further update had been received.
- 148/05 Sompting Festival.** Cllr T Clarke updated Members on plans for the Sompting Festival to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

The Parish Council had received a letter from the Sompting Festival Group seeking a grant towards the infrastructure costs for the Festival. After consideration had been given to the paper outlining the Group's funding plan,

Members agreed to a grant of £2,900 towards infrastructure costs (£1,900-Community Facilities; £400 -Youth Facilities; £600 - Needs of the Elderly).

149/05

**Report of Planning Sub-Committee.**

**S/58/05** Change of Use of Ground Floor of Dwelling (Former Shop) to a Hot Food Take-away with Side Extract Flue, 1 The Parade Cokeham Road, Sompting. Concern that this proposal might be detrimental to the neighbourhood. Should Adur DC decide to approve this application, the Parish Council would urge that: a) opening hours be restricted to no later than 10.00 pm in common with other take-away outlets in the area; b) no trading takes place on Sundays; c) as this property is in a residential area, adequate ventilation is installed.

Cllr Bashford reported on planning application S/52/05 for 2 Cokeham Lane, Sompting which was considered at Adur DC Planning Committee meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

150/05

**Report of the Clerk.**

- a. Members' Register of Interests.** Members noted information.
- b. Accounts.** Council noted the account balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October was £45,442.28 including receipt of bank interest for October of £71.97 and Inland Revenue incentive payment of £250 for filing 2004/5 PAYE online. The following accounts were submitted for payment:
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| K. Rhodes-Clerk's pay and allowances to 30 <sup>th</sup> November 05  | £472.00 |
| Reimbursement of postage (chq 100637)   | £ 9.37  |
| Houseproud – planter maintenance for October 2005<br>(including clearing and preparation for planting of £45)<br>Chq. 100636) | £ 99.00 |
| Adur DC-printing for Sept/Oct and stationery (inc VAT £7.73)<br>(chq 100635)  | £ 51.92 |
| British Legion – Poppy Wreath donation (chq 100634)   | £ 20.00 |
- c. Highways and Footpaths.** Clerk reported on update received from the Highways Department on the Cokeham Road/Berriedale Drive junction, West Street road layout, traffic lights at Lyons Farm slip road, and cutback of overgrown vegetation at the southern end of Church Lane.
- d. Trees/Bulbs/Planter.** An estimated cost of approximately £250 per tree had been received for the supply of mature replacement trees for the area near the village sign. It was agreed that in view of two replacement trees being supplied by Adur DC along with the new planters, only one further tree would be required. Clerk to inform Highways Department.
- e. Notice Boards/Bus Shelters/Toilets.** Clerk to report defective lighting in bus shelter outside the church in Cokeham Road. No further update had been received from Adur DC with regard to the replacement of the public toilets on the recreation ground.
- f. Correspondence. Penfold Charities.** Clerk to inform Trustees that Cllr Mrs Sherriff will be the new Parish Council representative.
- DEFRA Parish Action Plan Funding.** Clerk to obtain further information.
- Boundstone Community College Award Ceremony.** Cllr Thornton will attend.
- Other correspondence was noted.

151/05

**Reports of District and County Councillors.** Cllr Bashford reported on matters relating to FairTrade goods and Fire Service provision within Adur.

**152/05**      **Reports of Representatives to Other Bodies.** Cllr Mel Shaw informed Members that she had been invited to present a report to Adur District Council on Hamble Skate Park. Cllr Shaw had also agreed to represent the Parish Council on the Adur Young People in Partnership Group in place of Cllr Mrs T. Clarke.

**153/05**      **Other Matters.** It was agreed that future meetings of the Parish Council would take place in the small room at the Sompting Community Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32 p.m.