



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 8th February 2006, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

Attendance: Councillors: Mrs. P. Allwright, Mrs. J. Burns, Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke, Ms. M. Shaw, Mrs. M. Sherriff, M. Thornton, and D. Yates.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr T. Clarke was elected Chairman for the meeting.

16/06 Apologies. Cllr B. Mear and Cllr K. Bashford, due to illness.

17/06 Policing Matters. Youths have repeatedly been causing disturbance at the Alldays shop in Test Road. Clerk to write to the Co-op Head Office to ask if security measures can be put in place to help reduce the problem. Police to be contacted with regard to the use of mobile telephones by drivers of heavy goods vehicles, particularly on Western Road.

18/06 Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19/06 Matters Arising. Item 15/06. Cllr Mrs Clarke reported on reply from Tim Loughton MP regarding the No. 8 bus service.

20/06 Items not on the Agenda. There were no matters.

21/06 Sompting Village Hall. Mr Tudor Hall of the Sompting Village Hall Committee was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Hall gave Members a report on his Committee's proposal for the refurbishment of the toilets and funding requirements. Clerk to forward possible sources of grant funding and legal advice for community groups.
Cllr Mrs Clarke left the meeting at 8.10 pm

22/06 Toilets – Recreation Ground. Cllr Clarke reported on the latest correspondence from Adur District Council which included estimated costs for demolition and rebuilding. Councillors expressed concern at the cost of replacement toilets. Clerk to write to ask if outside funding could be obtained to assist with costs.

23/06 Request for Grant. This was deferred to the March meeting in order to receive statement of accounts.

24/06 Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station. Cllr Yates reported that it was hoped that a final decision would be made by West Sussex C.C. within the next two months. Members were also updated on the situation at Ford and Lancing Business Park.

25/06 Budget 2006/7. Council noted the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 18th January 2006. Arising from the Minutes, Council agreed to set a precept of £20,500 for the financial year 2006/07. It was agreed that £120 set aside for Employer NI contributions and not required in current financial year should be transferred to Environmental Enhancements Budget for 2006/07. It was agreed that a new chain of office should be purchased, incorporating the Village Sign logo.

26/06 Appointment of New Clerk. It was agreed that Members of the General Purposes Committee should consider the applications. Press release about the vacancy to be sent to the Herald and Gazette.

27/06 Report of Planning Sub-Committee.

S2/06 Detached Building at Rear For Use as Administrative Office Office (for Community Care Business and Garden Store, 64 Abbey Road, Sompting

NO OBJECTION.

However, Council would ask for the following conditions:

- that the building is only used for office work
- that the building is not used for storage, mail order or sales purposes
- that there is a restriction on hours of use in terms of noise issuing from the building
- that there is a restriction on deliveries to the building

S3/06 Rear Conservatory, 2 Grasmere Avenue, Sompting **NO OBJECTION**

S4/06 West Side Extension (To Replace Existing Conservatory), 80 Abbey Road, Sompting **NO OBJECTION**

S5/06 Rear Conservatory, 34 St Mark's Crescent, Sompting **NO OBJECTION**

S6/06 New Ground Floor Shop with Three-Bedroom Maisonette Above Attached to E.End of Parade, plus Alterations to Existing Shop Including Replacement Rear Extension, 4 Hillbarn Parade, Upper Brighton Road, Sompting.

OBJECTION

Council objects to this proposal for the following reasons:

- there would be loss of car parking space
- there would be considerable loss of retail space
- there would be over-development on an already cramped site
- the existing accommodation has gained a bedroom, and with a new three-bedroom flat, there is concern that no parking provision is included
- it would spoil the symmetry of the existing building
- it would be of no benefit to the community

28/06 Report of the Clerk.

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

b. Accounts. Council noted the account balance at 31st January was £42,539.23 including bank interest for January of £70.67. The following accounts were submitted for payment:

K. Rhodes:

Clerk's pay and allowances to 28 th February 2006 (chq.100649)	£472.00
Reimbursement of postage/copying/stationery	£ 61.60
Houseproud-Planter maintenance for Jan. 2006 (chq.100647)	£112.00
Adur D.C. – Printing Dec and Jan (inc.VAT of £6.37) (chq 100648)	£ 42.76

c. Highways and Footpaths. A set of spare keys for the grit bin at Hillrise is now with the Parish Council.

A fault detected with the traffic lights at Lyons Farm, has been rectified. The traffic flow, which should now improve, will be monitored at peak times by the Highways Department.

WSSC Traffic Department are looking into the Parish Council request for a finger sign on Western Road indicating the shopping parade on Cokeham Road.

Clerk to report on:

- traffic/parking problems at Hamble Road/Test Road
- requirement of additional dog bin at Halewick Lane
- requirement for litter bin by the seat at Loose Lane side of the recreation ground
- parking on grass verges

d. Trees/Bulbs/Planters. Suggestions for areas for additional tree planting to be brought to next meeting, after which a date will be arranged for site meeting with Highways Department.

The bollards between the two new planters are expected shortly.

e. Newsletter/A5 Flyer. The local scout group had been approached with regard to distribution. The request will be discussed at their next meeting.

f. Notice Boards/Bus Shelters. A quotation had been received for the annual maintenance of notice boards and bus shelters. Deferred to next meeting. Adur DC expect the new and replacement bus shelters to be in place by the end of February.

g. Correspondence. Additional correspondence was noted.

Cllr Shaw left the meeting at 9.15 pm

Cllr Yates left the meeting at 9.05 pm

29/06 Reports of District and County Councillors. There were no reports.

Cllr Mrs T. Clarke returned to the meeting at 9.25 pm

30/06 Reports of Representative to Other Bodies. There were no reports.

31/06 Other Matters. There were no further matters.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.