



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 12th April 2006, commencing at 7.30p.m. in the Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

Attendance: Councillors: B. Mear (Chairman), Mrs. P. Allright, K. Bashford, Mrs. J. Burns, Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke, Ms. M. Shaw, Mrs. M. Sherriff, M. Thornton, Mrs. J. Turner and J. Wales. Also in attendance District Councillor B. Boggis.

48/06 Apologies. None

49/06 Policing Matters. This item was taken later

50/06 Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

51/06 Matters arising. Cllr Mrs. Allright commented that, regarding item 44(d), motorbikes had now been ridden through the daffodils.

PCSOs Joy Butterly and Mandy Whittingham arrived at 7.40p.m.

52/06 Policing Matters. PCSO Joy Butterly reported that Sgt. Cooke was unwell. A leaflet drop had been carried out in the Loose Lane area to encourage members of the public to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour, which had increased during the school holidays. Two calls had been received and youths spoken to. Cllr Ms. Shaw asked if it was legal to ride bikes in Halewick Lane as she understood that the farmer who owned the field had given his permission. PCSO Butterly pointed out that it could be legal if the farmer was willing to take out liability insurance and Cllr Shaw informed the meeting of a project in Kent which was willing to visit to demonstrate how the bikes could be accommodated. It was confirmed that if there were no insurance the youths would get a 'section 59' warning. Cllr Clarke reported that he had seen youths on bikes on the rec. just before the meeting.

PCSO Butterly explained that there were 5 PCSOs for Lancing and Sompting including herself – Alison Beesley, Mandy Whittingham, Stuart Metcalf and Matthew House. The Safer Adur Team based at Lancing Police Station consisted of 1 Sargent, 3 PCs and the 5 PCSOs. They could be contacted via the station from 9a.m. to 5p.m. Monday to Friday. The PCSOs were now able to issue fixed penalty fines. The Chairman asked if there was any progress regarding vandalism. A Police Authority meeting had been held at Whitestyles School and there was overall a reduction in criminal damage in Adur.

The role of PCSOs within the school system was discussed with information given about the Police Intervention Officer based at Boundstone and King's Manor Community Colleges. A bus had been bought for youth work in the area and PCSOs were making progress in building relationships with young people in their areas, including serving as school governors. PCSOs Butterly and Whittingham confirmed that they were happy to take calls at any time. Their contact details are as follows:-

Joy Butterly 0777 6490048 or e-mail joy.butterly@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Mandy Whittingham 07917 073587 e-mail amanda.whittingham@sussex.pnn.police.uk

53/06 Toilets – Recreation Ground. Cllr Ms. Shaw reported that she had the plans for the proposed buildings and that she was due to attend a meeting regarding funding. It was agreed that meetings outside of Parish Council meetings would be required in order to make progress and Cllr Clarke proposed the setting up of a working party. Any Councillors who were interested were asked to contact the Clerk. Cllr Boggis offered to join the group and confirmed that whilst toilets for the Recreation Ground were not part of Adur’s capital budget for this year, finance might become available.

54/06 Request for Grant. The Clerk read a letter from the Saturday Venute Association regarding their request for funding. It was agreed that no funding would be given at present but that the Association would be encouraged to work in the area, for example, with White Styles School, after which further consideration could be given to the request for funding.

55/06 Finances (a) Council Tax. Councillors considered that the issue of ‘special expenses’ as detailed in Adur District Council’s Council Tax notices had not been resolved to their satisfaction and that the explanation published in the press was inadequate. It was agreed, however, that little could now be done on this matter.
(b) The internal audit had been postponed to 26th April 2006.

56/06 Halewick Lane Waste Transfer Station Following the resignation of Cllr Yates there is no longer Council representation on Sompting Waste Management Group.

57/06 Doug Sherriff Award Nominations received were put forward and Cllrs. T. Clarke and Mrs. T. Clarke left the room. The Chairman and Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff did not take part in the vote. The Clerk distributed voting papers and Cllrs. T. Clarke and Mrs. T. Clarke received the most votes. The Shield would be inscribed and presented at the Annual Meeting.

58/06 Planning Sub-Committee Cllr. Clarke pointed out that there had been a change in the system of numbering and that plans for Lancing had been received. He asked that Adur District Council be requested to revert to the original system.

S/16/06/TP Replacement enlarged building, Crowshaw recreation ground,
Sompting Road, Sompting **NO OBJECTION**
Cllr Mrs. M. Sherriff expressed concern about parking

S/17/06/TP Single-storey rear extension, 29 Berriedale Drive, Sompting
NO OBJECTION

S/18/06/TP Vehicular access, 47 Upper Brighton Road, Sompting
OBJECTION

S/19/06/TP Rear conservatory, 21 Osborne Close, Sompting
NO OBJECTION

ADC/0003/06 Single-storey extension south side, 1-2 Rooksacre Cottages, West
Street, Sompting **NO OBJECTION**

Members expressed concern that materials were in keeping with the property
ADC/0006/06 Side gable and extensions to front and rear dormers, 56 Sedbury Road,
Sompting **NO OBJECTION**
Members would prefer roofs to be half-hipped

59/06 Report of the Clerk

a. Members’ Register of Interests. Members are reminded that any change to the information held on the register must be entered in the Register within 28 days of the change. Please note the Disclosure of Member’s Interests, as specific matters arise, is still required.

- b. Accounts.** The account balance as at 31st March 2006 was £41,230.56 including receipt of bank interest for March of £80.52. The following accounts were submitted for approval:

K. Rhodes	
Clerk's pay and allowances from 1.4.06 – 9.4.06	£120.70
Plus adjustment from 2005/6	£ 13.61
Reimbursement of postage and stationery	£ 11.50
V. Garland	
Clerk's pay and allowances from 10.4.06 – 30.4.06	£362.30
Houseproud – maintenance of planters for March 2006	£140.00
Adur D.C. 2005/6 Maintenance of bus shelters and noticeboards (including VAT £267.50)	£1796.07
SALC annual subscription (inc.VAT £170.43)	£1158.34
ADC – photocopying Feb 2006 (inc. VAT £6.17)	£ 41.40
ADC - provision of 3 bus shelters (inc. VAT £987.00)	£6627.00

Members discussed the cost of the shelters and whether or not this included the groundwork. The Chairman wished to make a formal complaint about 2 posters that could be linked to electioneering being present during the election period.

- c. Highways and footpaths.** The Clerk reported that nothing had been heard from Richard Speller. Cllr Mrs. Sherriff reported that she had spoken to WSCC about a minibus on the pavement by Greentrees and a builders van near Elizabeth House. Bollards will be installed in Cokeham Lane and Houseproud had been notified about a missing pane of glass in the Cokeham Road bus shelter.
- d. Trees/bulbs/planters.** (*correspondence 3 & 3a*) A site visit had taken place and various suggestions were put forward regarding the siting of the trees. The Vice-Chairman suggested the trees might be in tubs as in Worthing. Cllr Clarke requested that Ian Brett be asked if the trees could be sited on the recreation ground, if permission were given by Adur D.C.; also that David Steadman be asked about the hedging on the east side. Ian Brett also to be asked if wooden posts could be put in by the planters instead of the white posts
- e. Noticeboards and bus shelters.** (*correspondence 4*). The Chairman reported on his investigation of the installation of a noticeboard at the Co-op. He understood that costs would have to be met by the Parish Council but Cllr Ms. Shaw believed that one could be installed free of charge. The Chairman to re-investigate. Clerk to find out about the cost of buying a noticeboard for this site.
- f. Correspondence** Additional correspondence was noted. Cllr Clarke requested that the issue of 'brown' direction signs to local shops be followed up again. Members discussed whether or not the young person who was interested in joining the Council should be invited to join as an advisor without voting rights (*Proposed Chairman, seconded Vice-Chairman. Cllr T. Clarke and Mrs T. Clarke did not vote on the proposal*). Council agreed to invite the young person to join the Council at the next meeting.

60/06 Reports of District and County Councillors. Cllr Bashford had attended a meeting of the CAB and reported that whereas Lancing and Sompting CAB pay rent to Lancing Parish Council, Shoreham and Southwick CAB pay only a 'peppercorn' rent to A.D.C.

61/06 Reports of Representatives to Other Bodies. Cllr Sherriff had not been notified about the youth meeting. Clerk to investigate.

62/06 Other matters. Cllr Clarke reported that plans for the Sompting Festival included a small fairground, a concert, a sheep show, Sompting Morris and mummers play, stands and exhibitions and a barn dance on Saturday evening. The Sompting Old Exhibition would be in the Community Centre and Art Exhibition in the school. There would be a beer tent and the free bus would tour the area. All further details on the website.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 p.m.