



## SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006, commencing at 7.30p.m.at Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

**Attendance:** Councillors: B. Mear (Chairman), Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke, Ms. M. Shaw, M. Thornton and J. Wales.

**79.06 Apologies:** Cllrs. Mrs. P. Allright, K. Bashford, Mrs. J. Burns and Mrs. M Sherriff

**80/06 Minutes:** *Correction to item 74.06* : two planning applications were missing from the minutes, ADC 0039 and 0053. These were not objected to. There was an objection to ADC/0019/06, 18 Cokeham Road.

**81.06 Policing Matters:** No PCSOs were able to attend the meeting but it was agreed that in future policing matters should be brief.

**82.06 Matters arising from the minutes:** All to follow later on the agenda.

**83.06 Items not on the agenda:** The Chairman offered his congratulations to the Sompting Festival Group for the very successful Festival. It was reported that Lancing's event had been fairly quiet and some Lancing residents had attended the Sompting event. It was confirmed that a Sompting Festival would take place next year.

**84.06 Representatives to outside bodies:** Cllr. Thornton reported on the recent meeting of the Adur District Conservation Advisory Group which he had attended. Under discussion was the stable of Dovecote Cottage (see Planning Sub-Committee). Cllr. Ms. Shaw had attended the Children and Young People's Partnership Group meeting which launched the Children's Trust and 5-year play strategy. She reported that over 40 people attended but most were representatives from the statutory services; the youth bus had been renovated and would soon be in service. Cllr. Wales had attended the Shoreham Airport Consultative Committee and had heard good reports of progress there. No Sompting Parish Councillors had attended the meetings called by Adur District Council to discuss 'wheelie bins' but councillors were generally not in favour of the proposed changes.

**85.06 Cokeham Brooks:** Cllr. Ms. Shaw outlined the background to the forthcoming meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>. She explained that Adur District Council had convened a meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> that was attended by Tim Loughton, M.P., representatives from Strutt & Parker (Sompting Estate Managers), the police, the tenants of the field, district council representatives and members of the public. At the May meeting a further 'site' visit was organised and it was agreed that a letter would be circulated to local residents inviting them to attend. The Chairman felt that the policy of the Parish Council should be made clear; Council would oppose any development in the 'strategic gap' as it was intended to be an open space. As such they would oppose any building in the field and would support residents who had concerns about the piles of building materials and movement of lorries.

**86.06 Parish Building:** Cllr. Ms. Shaw informed Council of the meeting to take place on June 15<sup>th</sup> with Richard Silver from CDA. She asked if Council would consider

whether or not it would be able to manage both the Community Centre and a new Parish Building, should the opportunity arise. Council discussed the current plans for Sompting Community Centre and funding possibilities for a new building. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to manage and maintain local facilities and that Adur District Council would be approached to enquire about this. *(Clerk to write; also to check with Land Registry about ownership of Crowshaw recreation ground)*

**87.06 Sompting Festival:** Council were thanked for their donation to the Festival. The Festival Group were very encouraged by the success of its first year events and it was hoped to 'break even' financially. The Festival would be held again in 2007.

**88.06 Sompting in Bloom:** The Chairman reported that he had looked at 6 gardens in Cokeham North and Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff had passed on her list of recommendations. It was agreed that photographs would be brought to the September meeting after Cokeham North and Peverel South had been visited. The presentation would take place at the October meeting at 7 p.m. The list of gardens selected to date would be circulated.

**89.06 Finance:** It was pointed out that before any grant could be made towards the initial costs of work on the design of a new parish building, the amount required would need to be itemized on July's agenda .

**90.06 Report of Planning Sub-Committee:** The Chairman reported that plans for 18 Cokeham Road had been approved although he had not received a response. The pony club gymkhanas had been approved on a temporary basis. There was **NO OBJECTION** to planning applications **ADC/0090/06** and **ADC/0107/06**. A letter had been received regarding application **ADC/0100/06** but Council had had no objections. The following comments were made:

**ADC/0098/06** 48 Cokeham Road and **ADC/0108/06**, 23 Thirlmere Crescent, rooms in roof. **NO OBJECTION** but Committee would prefer half-hipped roofs not gable ends.

**ADC/0114/06** Dovecote Cottage, timber agricultural building re-sited adjacent to south boundary **NO OBJECTION**. Council agreed to make strong representation to Adur District Council as they did not understand why the previous application was refused. In Council's view there was no problem with the building where it is as it is an agricultural building for agricultural use in an agricultural community and it is not located near to other properties where there could be an objection. Furthermore, Council believed the owners of the property should be supported in what they were trying to achieve.

**ADC/0120/07** Unit 1 Rectory Farm Road, telecommunications mast *(Cllrs. T. Clarke and Mrs. T. Clarke declared an interest in this matter and took no further part in the discussion)*. Council **OBJECTED STRONGLY** to this application as it felt it would be too close to a residential area and the safety of such masts was unproven. In addition, the mast would adversely affect the visual amenity of the area as it would be seen from Rectory Farm and Millfield.

**ADC/0121/06** 20 Berriedale Drive, rear first-floor extension, **OBJECTION**. Council felt this development was unneighbourly and could set a precedent as the properties were built as bungalows.

**ADC/0126/06** 1 Silverdale Drive, rear dormer. Council were unable to comment as some plans were missing.

## 9106 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** Council noted the account balance at the end of May was £50,827.23 including bank interest of £78.85. The following accounts were submitted for approval:
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| V. Garland - Clerk's pay and allowances to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 06 | £483.33  |
| Houseproud – maintenance of planters for May 06                    | £112.00  |
| Houseproud – attending to bus shelters and noticeboards May 06     | £111.50  |
| Auditing Solutions Ltd. For provision of internal audit 2006       | £103.40  |
| Zurich Mutual Insurance  | £1072.47 |
- It was agreed that Houseproud would be asked to 'refurbish' the planters for summer including some consideration to the gaps in the paving. In addition, they would be asked to carry out repairs to the noticeboards as and when necessary.
- c. Highways and footpaths** It was reported that the alleyway between Berriedale Drive and Busticle Lane was more overgrown than previously and bushes were making walking hazardous. Some fencing was also falling on to the footpath and piles of rubbish accumulated near to the electricity sub-station. (*Clerk to write to both West Sussex County Council and Adur District Council stressing the health risk to passers-by.*)
- d. Trees/bulbs/planters.** Parking in Hamble Road was still a problem with buses or emergency vehicles potentially unable to pass. Wooden posts were still required by the planters. (*Clerk to write to West Sussex County Council*)
- e. Noticeboards and bus shelters.** Second key to bus shelter boards to be obtained.
- f. Correspondence** Additional correspondence was noted. Cllr. Clarke asked about the report from the Wire Project and Cllr. Ms. Shaw explained that this organisation had carried out the survey about youth work in the area and a new organisation had been established – the Youth and Community Partnership. There was to be a new community worker post to cover Lancing and Sompting.

**92/06 Reports of District and County Councillors** None given

**93/06 Reports of Representatives to Other Bodies** Item taken earlier

**94/06 Other matters.** Cllr. Wales pointed out that the seats in the new bus shelters did not fold and therefore became wet after rain. (*Clerk to bring to the attention of David Steadman.*) The Chairman asked the clerk to investigate further the new chain of office and whether or not the Village Sign could be incorporated in the design. Cllr. Clarke to forward a copy of the Village sign.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.