



## SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007 commencing at 7.30p.m.at Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

**Attendance:** Councillors: K. Bashford, Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke, B. Mear, Ms. M. Shaw, Mrs. M. Sherriff, M. Thornton and J. Wales. County Councillor V. Woolhead arrived At 8.45 p.m.

**280.07 Apologies:** were received from Cllrs. Mrs. J. Burns, P.Holt, Mrs. J. Turner, T. Smith and District Cllr. B. Boggis

**281.07 Declarations of interest:** None

**282.07 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were signed as a true record after a correction to the agenda that listed the minutes as those of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and a change of item 261 to 279.

**283.07 Urgent matters:** Cllr. Clarke pointed out that as the Best Kept Garden Competition was not listed as an agenda item, Council should use this opportunity to decide on any actions that needed to be taken following the presentation ceremony that had just taken place.

**Resolved:** (i) That winners not present be notified and photographs sent to all participants (*clerk*) (ii) Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Clarke regarding taking a photograph of the winners for inclusion in Sompting Signpost and website

**284.07 Public participation:** No members of the public wished to speak

**285.07 Policing Matters:** Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff reported that there had been further incidents of eggs being thrown in the area of Crowshaw Recreation Ground. Council considered the request from SALC for completion of a brief questionnaire from the Sussex Police Authority and agreed that it was impossible to prioritise areas of police activity. However, it was felt that there was a general need for more police on the streets and not just an increase in PCSO numbers, and Council wondered if it would be possible to raise the cost of a dedicated police officer through an additional council tax. It was agreed that the Sompting area was fortunate to have a regular and visible presence of PCSOs.

**286.07 Finance:** At the end of September the accounts showed a balance of £65,149.65

**287.07 Members' Code of Conduct:** As draft new Declarations of Interest forms had not been circulated, this item was deferred until the November meeting.

**288.07 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations:** As there had not been time to fully prepare the new documents, this item was deferred until the November meeting.

**289.07 Report of the Planning Committee:**

The Committee had **NO OBJECTION** to the following applications:

ADC/0568/07	111 Western Road, proposed rear dormer
ADC/0571/07	4 Elizabeth Place, single-storey side extension
ADC/0574/07	19 St. Lukes Close, rear conservatory
ADC/0580/07	139 Western Road, rooms in roof
ADC/0588/07	16A Cokeham Lane, rear extension
ADC/0589/07	9 Priory Close, rear conservatory
ADC/0604/07	28 Cokeham Road, vehicular access

**Resolved: To accept the report of the Planning Committee**

**290.07 Report of Amenities Committee:** Cllr. Ms. Shaw reported that:

- (i) An e-mailed summary of the surveyor's report regarding Sompting Community Centre had been received and the full report had now been sent to the Clerk. Copies would be available to members and a copy forwarded to Adur District Council.
- (ii) Following receipt of the cost of repairs to Council assets, Artzbuilders to be asked to proceed with clearing out and replanting the planters
- (iii) Artzbuilders to be asked if it would be possible to put up sides on the shelter at Halewick Lane and to proceed with repairs and renovations as agreed at the Committee.

**291.07 Highways and Footpaths:** The Chairman requested that he be notified of the exact date of the visit of WSCC Ranger.

**292.07 Sompting Signpost:** Council discussed articles for the next edition of the Sompting Signpost (to be submitted by October 26<sup>th</sup>) and suggested the following:

- (i) Article and photographs of the winners of the Best Kept Garden competition (*Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Clarke and Cllr. Mrs. Clarke*)
- (ii) Article and photograph of the winners of the parish questionnaire prize
- (iii) Adur District Councillors to be asked to submit an article about the surgeries they hold in Lancing (and to be asked whether or not a surgery could be held in Sompting)
- (iv) Article about the refurbishment of the bus shelters and noticeboards
- (v) Article on local history (*Cllr. Bashford to write*)
- (vi) List of Councillors for contact
- (vii) Article about the different responsibilities of each level of local government
- (viii) Article about the planters and asking for help with their maintenance
- (ix) Article about Neighbourhood Watch

**293.07 Report of the Clerk:**

The following accounts were submitted for approval:

V. Garland - Clerk's pay and allowances to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2007	£497.50
Artzbuilders – maintenance of Council assets for September 2007	£300.00
Adur District Council – printing of Council papers	£20.64
Prizes for best kept garden competition	£105.00
Houseproud planters maintenance June (re-issue)	£144.00

From September meeting:

- District Councillor Boggis to be asked to contact Adur District Council again and to request consideration of agreed places for banners in Sompting

Correspondence:

- Item 2 – A letter to be sent to WSCC Highways Dept. regarding the increase in traffic in the village due to the changes on the A259

**294.07 Reports of District or County Councillors:** County Councillor Woolhead reported that

- (i) the Adur County Local Committee had discussed the issue of traffic using Sompting village as a 'rat-run'. She reported that the CLC would work to ask the Highways Department to reconsider the proposed temporary closure of Church Lane
- (ii) She would report back on any developments at the Halewick tip site
- (iii) She would check out the situation regarding a promised civic amenity tip at Lancing business park and report back
- (iv) She had contacted the planning department at ADC regarding traffic problems caused by a 'takeaway' service in Sompting village

**295.07 Reports of representatives to other organisations:** Cllr. Ms. Shaw asked the Council to note that she would no longer be able to attend meetings of Adur in Partnership.

**296.07 Other matters:** St. Mary's to be contacted regarding secure storage and the issue of the Council grant. Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff reported that Neighbourhood Watch had publicised recent 'distraction' burglaries in the area.

*The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.*