



## SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 commencing at 7.30p.m.at Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

**Attendance:** Councillors: K. Bashford, Mrs. J. Burns, Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke, B. Mear, Ms. M. Shaw, Mrs. M. Sherriff, M. Thornton and J. Wales.

**313.07 Apologies:** were received from Cllrs. P. Holt, T. Smith and Mrs. J. Turner

**314.07 Declarations of interest:** None

**315.07 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were signed as a true record after the following corrections:

(i) Item 312.07 to show that Council also discussed the issue of bus stop markings near to the Ball Tree Inn and (ii) the name of PCSO Vannessa Tiller to be recorded under 'attendance'

**316.07 Urgent matters:** There were no urgent matters but the Chairman used the occasion to thank members for their hard work on behalf of the Parish Council during the past year

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

**318.07 Policing Matters:** None raised

**319.07 Members' Code of Conduct:** The Clerk asked members to return to her at the end of the meeting the completed Declaration of Interest forms

### **320.07 Report of the Planning Committee:**

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

ADC/0697/07	The Barn, Dankton Lane, tree height reduction
ADC/0734/07	Block 9 to 19 Greentrees, replacement of staircase
ADC/0725/07	22 Berriedale Drive, rear conservatory

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

**321.07 Report of Amenities Committee:** Cllr. Ms. Shaw reported that (i) the survey of the toilet block had been received and an estimate of the likely cost of refurbishment given by the surveyor. The Committee had discussed the feasibility of taking over responsibility for the block and would investigate further the likely running costs involved (ii) The Committee recommended to Council the purchase of three pitched-roof wooden shelters.

**Resolved: To accept the recommendation of the Amenities Committee to purchase three new wooden shelters** (proposed Cllr. Clarke, seconded Cllr. Mear)

**322.07 Highways and Footpaths:** Council discussed the issue of traffic flows in West Street in response to correspondence from a resident of the village who had written to WSCC on the matter. A reply to this letter had been received in which the Traffic Management and Calming Team Officer had suggested that the Adur County Local Committee may soon discuss the issue. Council did not feel that this was an adequate response to the problem.

**Resolved: Letter to be written to WSCC** (with copy to Tex Pemberton and Tim Loughton) asking for feedback from previous meeting and requesting consideration of a 20 m.p.h. speed limit.

**323.07 Report of the Clerk:**

A reply had been received from West Sussex County Council regarding traffic flows on the A259 at Brooklands. (*Clerk to follow up with request for details of studies carried out*). As no response had been received regarding bus stop changes at Ball Tree Surgery, Clerk was requested to pursue and to point out the dangers of crossing roads in the vicinity.

An e-mailed report had been received from District Cllr. Boggis on several matters which were discussed. Council felt that representation should be made again to Adur District Council on the issue of how the Parish Council is regarded – at present as one ‘objection’ on planning matters; it was felt that any objection by the Parish Council should be considered grounds for referral to the Planning Committee (*Clerk to contact Brian Boggis/Jeremy Cook*). The Clerk was requested to write to Jeremy Sargeant (Asst. Parks Manager) as no information had yet been received by the Parish Council regarding plans for allotments in Sompting.

The account balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> November was £62,405.01. The following accounts were submitted for approval:

V. Garland - Clerk's pay and allowances to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2007	£497.50
Artzbuilders – maintenance of Council assets for November 2007	£300.00
Royal British Legion – wreath	£19.00
Robert Bird – survey of toilets on recreation ground	£100.00
Soc. Of Local Council Clerks subscription	£65.00

**324.07 Reports of District or County Councillors:** District Cllr. Boggis had sent an e-mailed report (*see Clerk's Report above*)

**325.07 Reports of representatives to other organisations:** Cllr. Ms. Shaw reported on a meeting she had attended which had discussed the development of Shoreham Harbour as a potential site for housing. Cllr. Bashford reported that both local Citizens Advice Bureaux were under pressure to work more closely together with a view to merger. Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff reported that fifty donations had been distributed from the Penfold Memorial Trust.

**326.07 Other matters:** None

*The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.*