



## SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 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, T. Smith, M. Thornton, Mrs. J. Turner and J. Wales. Also present was District Cllr. B. Boggis

**327.08 Apologies:** were received from Cllr. P. Holt

**328.08 Declarations of interest:** *Cllr. Mrs. Turner declared an interest in an item of correspondence from 4Sight and Cllr. Smith declared an interest in a matter relating to highways and footpaths*

**329.08 Minutes:** Signed as correct after amendment to show that District Cllr. Boggis had attended the December meeting

**330.08 Urgent matters:** None

**331.08 Public participation:** The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow Trevor Crowter, Chairman of the Leconfield Project, to make a presentation to Council. Mr. Crowter explained that the project was moving towards Stage II of their application for funding from the Big Lottery and that grant-aid would be available from West Sussex County Council provided that other councils also made a contribution. Building costs had risen considerably since the first submission of the funding bid, partly due to the need to redraw the building plans, and it was expected that there would be a shortfall in the amount that they had been able to raise to date. Mr. Crowter asked if the Council would reconsider their original offer of funding for the Project, which he believed had been £4000.

The Council asked Mr. Crowter a number of questions regarding the role of Lancing Parish Council, management of the Project, likely use of the building by Sompting residents, the appointment of a project manager (there is one), community representation and whether or not the Project had asked if the rise of building costs could be accounted for in the bid (Lottery only allows 10% increase). Mr. Crowter explained that any funding would not be required until the financial year 2009/10.

**Resolved:** (i) The Leconfield Project to be an agenda item at the next meeting (ii) Clerk to inform Members about earlier discussions regarding the Project

**332.08 Policing Matters:** (a) Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff informed Members that a large number of car wing mirrors had been damaged in Sompting Road (b) The Clerk was asked to ask the PCSOs if they could reinforce the parking restrictions at the Inglecroft Parade bus stop (c) There had been a report of damage to a flint wall in St. Mary's Close (d) Cllr. Mear reported that damage to a bus shelter in Busticle Lane had not been carried out by young people (e)

District Cllr. Boggis reported that Adur District Council were to take over responsibility for parking enforcement in September (f) Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff reported that there were still traffic problems at the junction of Cokeham Lane and Lotts Lane.

**333.08 Members' Code of Conduct:** Members who had not returned their new Declaration of Interest Forms were requested to send them to the Clerk as soon as possible in order to comply with regulations.

**334.08 Report of the Planning Committee:** It was pointed out that this should have read 'Planning Sub-Committee' on the agenda

The Council recorded **NO OBJECTION** to the following applications:

ADC/0762/07	7 Test Road, detached house
ADC/0763/07	125 Western Road, conservatory
ADC/0766/07	31 Upper Brighton Road, front extension

The Council made the following comment about planning application

ADC/0749/07	18 Alandale Road, front extension
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There was **NO OBJECTION** but it was hoped that the extension did not impinge on the building line.

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

**335.08 Report of Amenities Sub-Committee:** (*Note: correction to Agenda – this should read Amenities Sub-Committee.*) The meeting of the Amenities Sub-Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2008 had been cancelled. It was agreed to re-schedule the meeting to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

**336.08 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 might soon discuss the issue. Council did not feel that this was an adequate response to the problem.

**337.08 Finance:** The date of the Finance and General Purposes Committee was agreed as Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2008, to follow the Amenities Sub-Committee.

**338.08 Highways and Footpaths:** Several matters were brought to the attention of the Council – the unhygienic state of the wooden bus shelter in Western Road, trees in Kendal Road which required re-staking, the electricity company skip at the planter site, stolen plants from the planters and the pavements in Halewick Lane. The Clerk was asked to pursue these matters with the appropriate authorities.

### 339.08 Report of the Clerk:

- Ball Tree bus stop : The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the County Council officer who had responsibility for deciding the installation of additional bus stops. The new stop had been agreed at the County office and had been passed to the local area Transport Department for further action. *Clerk to follow up and enquire about the possibility of a lay-by at the stop.*
- Halewick Lane allotments site: The Clerk reported that there were no further plans at present to develop allotments at Halewick Lane.

**2. Accounts:** The account balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 was £61,559.04. The following accounts were submitted for approval:

V. Garland - Clerk's pay and allowances to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2008	£497.50
Artzbuilders – maintenance of Council assets December 2007	£300.00
Mazars – External Audit fee	£334.88
Information Commissioner ( <i>retrospective approval –paid December</i> )	£35.00

**3. Correspondence:** (i) Cllr. Mrs. Clarke requested that in future copies of letters and e-mails written by the Clerk on behalf of the Council be presented to the Council with the correspondence received (ii) After a discussion regarding the charity 4Sight it was agreed that this would be an item for consideration at the next meeting. *Clerk to provide information about previous donations made.* (iii) Council to thank SOS for their correspondence and to suggest a piece be submitted to the next edition of the Sompting Signpost

**340.08 Reports of District or County Councillors:** District Cllr. Boggis asked if he could receive copies of correspondence in advance of the meeting. He reported that a decision about post office closures was to be made at the end of January and that Adur District Council had recognised the special case of Mill Road Lancing and Bowness Avenue Sompting post offices, in the light of the communities that they served who would have difficulty accessing services elsewhere. District Cllr. Boggis commented on the letter received from SOS and pointed out that the Adur District Council Core Strategy report had been rejected due to technical issues in its preparation rather than because of objections raised to the matters put forward for discussion.

**341.08 Reports of representatives to other organisations:** Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff reported that the Penfold Memorial Trust, which had been set up in 1870 to assist the 'poor of Sompting', had some funds available if councillors knew of anyone who was in need.

**342.08 Other matters:** None

*The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.*