



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 13th 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.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

343.08 Apologies: None received

344.08 Declarations of interest: None

345.08 Minutes: Signed as correct with (i) an addition to item 340.08 regarding thanks given to Tim Loughton M.P. on behalf of the parish for the work he had undertaken in the matter of the closure of Bowness Avenue Post Office and (ii) a correction to item 335.08 to show the Amenities and Leisure Committee not sub-Committee.

346.08 Urgent matters: None

347.08 Public participation: In the absence of any members of the public, the Chairman informed the meeting of his recent attendance at a concert given by the Boundstone Big Band and recommended that members attend future concerts given by the College, which he felt should be congratulated for their excellent performances.

348.08 Policing matters: PCSO Marc Granger had hoped to attend the meeting but had informed the Clerk that he might be sent to other duties in Lancing. Cllr. Mrs. Clarke asked that PCSO Granger be informed of reports of cars using the Rectory Road/Dankton Lane area as a 'race-track' in the early morning.

349.08 Finance and General Purposes Committee:

Resolved: To accept the proposed budget for 2008/9

350.08 Report of the Planning Sub-Committee:

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

ADC/0054/08	Yard, rear of St. Peters, flats
ADC/0056/08	2 Hillbarn Parade, rear duct
ADC/0062/08	7 Cokeham Gardens, detached garage

ADC/0026/08	29 Herbert Road, rooms in roof
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The Council **STRONGLY OBJECTED** to this application which was felt to be out of character and out of scale with the existing and neighbouring properties and an over-development in the area

ADC/0031/08& ADC/0032/08 Trelawneys Cottage, demolition of flint wall
The Council **OBJECTED** to the application on the basis that as the property was within the conservation area the wall should be replaced with flint

ADC/0039/08 41 Cokeham Lane, carport (retrospective)
The Council **OBJECTED** to the materials of the roof of this development as they were felt to be unsympathetic to the surrounding properties.

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

351.08 Report of Amenities Committee: The Chairman reported that the Committee had studied information received from companies producing bus shelters and notice-boards; an application would be made to West Sussex County Council for grant-aid. Council discussed the suitability of wooden shelters and whether or not they attracted vandalism; if so, would the money be better spent providing alternative facilities such as 'youth shelters'. Council agreed that this question would be resolved at the next Committee meeting; it was further agreed that all notice-boards would be in green and that a notice-board and bench would be provided at the top of Halewick Lane.

Resolved: To accept the report of the Amenities Committee

352.08 Finance: (i) Leconfield Project – request for grant-aid. Council agreed that since the original offer of finance to the Project, Council's plans for community facilities had been developed and funding set aside for the enhancement programme, leaving less funds available for large-scale grant-aid.

Resolved: (a) To award £500 with a request for information about amounts awarded by other bodies (b) to review situation at future date
(Proposed Cllr. Mrs. Clarke, seconded Cllr. Clarke with one vote against)

(ii) 4Sight – request for grant-aid.

Resolved: To award a grant of £500

353.08 Highways and Footpaths:

(a) Cllr. Mrs. Burns reported that the pavements in Halewick Lane were uneven (*Clerk to report to WSCC*) (b) correspondence item 5 Clerk's Report – whilst sympathetic to the problems experienced with the alleyway, Council felt that they could take no action in the matter (*Clerk to write to resident concerned*) (c) Council were concerned about parking in Crabtree Lane (*Clerk to contact PCSO*) (d) Council expressed deep concern about the dangers of traffic in Western Road for pedestrians making crossing from Cokeham Lane to western side, especially as 'pulse' bus stop only in Cokeham Lane. (*Clerk to raise with PCSO and follow up WSCC bus-stop changes to Ball Tree Surgery*)

354.08 Report of the Clerk:

2. Accounts: The account balance as at 31st January was £60,545.47. The following accounts were submitted for approval:

V. Garland - Clerk's pay and allowances to 29 th February 2008	£497.50
V. Garland – Sundries – postage, engraving etc. Sept-Dec.07	£53.18
Artzbuilders – maintenance of Council assets December 2007	£300.00
Artzbuilders – repairs and removal of graffiti	£176.24
Adur District Council – copying of Council papers November/December	£48.23
Adur District Council – copying of Council papers January	£12.27
Sompting Community Centre – Centre hire	£360.00
Campaign to Protect Rural England subscription	£27.00
Lancing and Sompting C.A.B. – donation	£1,500.00

3. Correspondence: (3) This to be agenda item in March (6) Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff reported that she had had contact with the Electric Storm Youth organisation. It was agreed to invite their representative to a future full Council meeting

355.08 Reports of District or County Councillors: District Cllr. Boggis reported (a) that if the Council had any particular concerns regarding the Adur District Council core strategy he would pass these on and (b) on the situation regarding the post office closures; an article to appear in the Sompting Signpost.

356.08 Reports of representatives to other organisations: Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff reported that the Community Centre was being redecorated. Cllr. Bashford informed the Council of the new Macmillan funded home-visiting advice service offered by Lancing and Sompting CAB (*Clerk to request an article for SS when sending cheque*)

357.08 Other matters: (i)The Chairman requested that ADC be contacted with regard to a possible planning infringement in Halewick Lane. (ii) Council agreed to write to Cllr. Holt regarding his absence.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.