



SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, April 9th 2008 commencing at 7.30p.m.at Sompting Community Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting.

Attendance: Councillors: K. Bashford, Mrs. J. Burns, T. Clarke, B. Mear, Ms. M. Shaw, M. Thornton, Mrs. J. Turner and J. Wales. Also in attendance District Cllr. B. Boggis

373.08 Apologies: Mrs. T. Clarke and Mrs. M. Sherriff

374.08 Declarations of interest: None

375.08 Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of Council were signed as a true record after the following corrections:

- (i) Item 364.08: Cllr. Ms. Shaw stated that as the meeting of the Council had already started she was not able to participate in the decisions of the Planning Sub-Committee.
- (ii) Item 365.08: Cllr. Ms. Shaw had not withdrawn her report. Cllr. Mrs. Sherriff and Cllr. Ms. Shaw had not agreed with the decision of Council regarding the purchase of two wooden bus shelters

376.08 Urgent matters: None

377.08 Public participation:No members of the public were present

378.08 Policing matters: No policing matters were raised

379.08 Report of the Planning Sub-Committee:

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

ADC/0106/08	Metal security fencing, Commerce Way
ADC/0151/08	32 Cokeham Lane, single-storey rear extension
ADC/0167/08	Whitestyles, removal of wood

The Committee made the following comments about the planning applications below:

ADC/0150/08	1 Arnside Close, rooms in roof
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The Committee **OBJECTED** to this application which was felt to be unneighbourly, out of character with the existing and neighbouring properties and an over-development in the area

ADC/0181/08	51 Ullswater Road, proposed rear dormer
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The Committee **OBJECTED** to this application as it was felt to have insufficient parking, to be unneighbourly and an over-development in the area

The Clerk was asked if there was any reply from Adur District Council regarding the permitted percentage of take-away business at a restaurant. This matter to be followed-up.

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

380.08 Report of Amenities Committee: The minutes of the last meeting of April 2nd were circulated. Members expressed concern about the contract for the maintenance of Council assets.

Resolved: (i) to accept the report of the Amenities Committee
(ii) to seek tenders for maintenance and to draw up a new time-limited/annual contract

381.08 Finance: The Clerk reported that the internal auditor would be carrying out the annual audit on Wednesday April 16th. Cllr. Mrs. Turner asked about the costs involved in preparations to take over the lease of the Community Centre and asked how much had been spent so far on the structural survey and solicitor's fees. Cllr. Ms. Shaw explained that the refurbishment work currently being carried out at the Centre was funded by the Community Association.

382.08 Highways and Footpaths: (*Reference correspondence item 8*) Information from West Sussex County Council confirmed that there was no 'right of way' at the area in question and a land registry search was suggested. The Chairman offered to visit the area and report back to the meeting. The Clerk would write to the resident concerned and also contact the Highway Rangers.

383.08 Report of the Clerk:

2. Accounts: The account balance as at 31st March was £56,086.68. The following accounts were submitted for approval:

Clerk's pay and allowances to 30 th April 2008	£557.63
Artzbuilders – maintenance of Council assets March 2008	£300.00
Sussex Air Ambulance Fund	£1000.00
Sompting Community Association	£33.00
Sussex Association of Local Councils – subscription	£2150.65

3. Correspondence: The Clerk was asked to register the Council's interest in participating in the West Sussex County Council programme of parish walks

384.08 Reports of District or County Councillors: District Cllr. Boggis reported that he had had discussions with the Planning Department regarding an issue raised by the Council and would report back to the next meeting; final arrangements were being made to change the governance arrangements at the District Council to the 'cabinet' system.

385.08 Reports of representatives to other organisations: None

386.08 Other matters: Members were concerned about a report that the Ball Tree Surgery was closing (*Clerk to investigate and report back*).

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.