

Minutes of Full Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Minute

Action

- 2580 Attendance: Cllrs Mear, Bashford, Godley, Thornton, Glynn-Davies, Lewis, Smith, Mansfield, Derham  
Members of the public :- none
- Also in attendance  
Assistant Clerk: S Tubb, Centre Manager: S Williams, Caretaker L Clay  
ADC Cllr Boggis. WSCC Cllr Barton  
Peter King – EPIC Project
- 2581 Apologies: Cllr Bashford  
Absent: Cllr Nicklen
- 2582 Declarations of interest by councillors on any of the agenda items below: None
- 2583 Request for DPI Dispensations: None
- 2584 Policing Matters:  
a) To consider policing matters and receive any report from police officers – There was no one from the police in attendance.
- b) Discuss possible joint working with Lancing Parish Council. – A discussion followed. Cllr Glyn Davies reported there is a Public Meeting being held on 11<sup>th</sup> January at Lancing Parish Hall with Sussex Police to which everyone invited. Also a meeting with Tim Loughton at 5.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> January at the Perch – to discuss issues with the skate park. Cllr Mear said historically there had been issues with lighting around skate parks, that sometimes led to ASB. Cllr Godley thought it would be good to pool resources. Also if any difficulty contacting the police on strategic issues, these should be passed through the Clerk to Sgt. Peter Allen. Cllr Boggis agreed that Sompting and Lancing should be working together and this could only benefit both areas west of the river. It was agreed that a joint meeting be set up with Lancing Parish Council and this could also involve District and County Councillors.
- 2585 EPIC Project Update by Peter King  
The Council was advised that the Project was running a little behind schedule with a few access issues to address. Some well attended local events had been held and a potential 45 volunteers had signed up as being interested. An online questionnaire had a reasonable response. The Council confirmed results of the recent SPC survey will be published. The project is looking to engage people who may not normally be interested – visually impaired and those with mobility issues.
- The funding is almost there and subject to this, the project will get under way in September 2018 - with the river being dug in 2019 but before this happens archaeological interest has to be explored. EPIC will be working with the local archaeological society.

The object of the Project is to improve things in the local community and for them to have a lasting legacy for the next 20 years.

Cllr Godley mentioned the current WSCC survey, regarding managing bridleways etc. She is interested in how the EPIC project can involve the public – especially as it is south of the A27 and is interested in getting more people off the roads because pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders will all be more vulnerable with the large proposed housing development.

EPIC is looking at developing the link with the Parish Council regarding room availability and other links. Cllr Godley said this had been agreed in principle in the past. Cllr Godley and Centre Manager are waiting to have a meeting with Mr King to finalise the details – this will be arranged.

AG/CM

Council agreed to do a letter of support for the project.

Cllr Thornton queried the capping of the tip at Halewick Lane – and the effects it is having on the environment.

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Report of District or County Councillors :.

Cllr Boggis reported that the Adur Local Plan would have significant impact on the area.

The Neighbourhood Plan is close to completion. The area has been divided into two areas Sompting Village and the 'built up area'. The Village will not be expanded and respect will be shown to its historical significance.

ADC really only has 3 main areas where development can take place - the Harbour Arm, New Monks Farm and West Sompting. Cllr Mear was concerned that the initial number of homes was to be 180 and has now risen to 520. Cllr Boggis explained that smaller projects are less viable for developers. It was queried whether 30% would really be affordable – Cllr Boggis said that it would be rented property for Sompting people and would be under either Adur Homes or Worthing Housing. Cllr Glynn Davies had attended the ADC Council meeting and expressed concern that no additional crossings to the Downs were factored in for Sompting but there were for Lancing. She recommended that SPC Councillors looked at documents that were available on line in connection with the development, from CPRE and the Housebuilders Federation.

Cllr Barton reported he is on the Scrutiny Committee that looks into Care Homes for the Elderly and due to some issues, some residents have been moved and placed elsewhere as a matter of urgency.

The rubbish tip opening hours at Worthing will be increased from 5 to 6 days per week.

He will keep Sompting Parish Council updated through Cllr Godley as to the progress on the 'rat - run' through West Street.

Sompting Concert Band have obtained a grant – he said they are well worth watching with a recent audience of 400 plus. (Consider for Sompting Festival?)

Local schools Ofsted -1 Outstanding and 2 Good.

Issues over safety at back gate of Sompting Village Primary School.

Sompting Church bid for £19000.

He did not know of the issues re the flooding down Halewick Lane – no one from the Parish Council had reported it. He will look into this the day after the meeting.

- 2587 Reports by the Clerk : Although there were none on this occasion – Cllr Godley said she had been asked by the Clerk to verbally report on the Fire Risk Assessment.  
The Fire Officer had visited in December and had highlighted certain issues that had to be done within certain timescales. A little leeway had been given due to Christmas and New Year closing. If these regulations are not complied with, this would potentially invalidate the Councils Insurance. Some issues had already been resolved – but altogether the work would need an amount of £3000 to be released from Reserves. The Council agreed in principle for this to be done but this would have to go to the Finance Committee meeting to be confirmed. Clerk to put on Finance Agenda.
- 2588 Minutes: Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be agreed as a true and accurate record. Noted
- 2589 Public participation: Leighton Clay (Caretaker) reported that he was always in need of donations of food for the birdfeeders. He will be taking part in the RSPB Great British Birdwatch Survey on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January – at approximately 8.30am if anyone would like to join him at the Harriet Johnson Centre.
- 2590 Planning Committee: Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be agreed as a true and accurate record. Noted
- 2591 Amenities and Environment Committee : Resolved that the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be agreed as a true and accurate record. Noted
- 2592 Finance Committee : No Meetings
- 2593 Centre Committee : No meetings
- 2594 Reports of representatives to other bodies:  
a) Adur County Local Committee – No meeting  
b) Sussex Assoc. of Local Councils- Cllr Nicklen not at meeting  
c) Adur District Conservation Area Consultative Group – No meeting.  
d) Sompting Big Local: Cllr Mansfield reported that Sustainable Sussex are interested in taking over the current SBL minibus. A new bid for £15000 has been put in for a new minibus for SBL  
Additional funding of £5000 for St Marys Church to raise the amount to £25000 so that they can obtain match funding from Rampion.  
To encourage more re-cycling in the area from 30% to 50% from April in conjunction with A.D.C, there will be a project for 7 months in the 3 recycling areas to obtain a Gold Award. There will be a newsletter sent out giving the details and a survey during the project. At the end of it those with the award will be entered into a prize draw with the winner deciding where an outdoor table tennis table will be sited – from SBL.

Clerk

e) West Area Capital Funding Board: Nothing to report, next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

- 2595 Community Cafe: Cllr Godley reported that the first meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon and she will report back through the Centre Committee to Full Council. AG
- 2596 Health and Wellbeing: Cllr Godley reported that this was still work in progress and she will report back through the Centre Committee to Full Council. AG
- 2597 Residents Survey: Cllr Smith reported there were no updates at present.
- 2598 Local Plans  
a) Adur Local Plan – discussed item 2586  
b) Sompting Local Plan – discussed item 2586
- 2599 Heavy Vehicles using Test Road/West Street: Concern expressed over large vehicles over 7.5 tonnes from Rampion using West Street and Co-op Delivery lorries using Test Road. Various recording devices were mentioned. After further discussion it was resolved to ask the Clerk to write on behalf of SPC to Chris Tomlinson Project Manager of Rampion and the Manager of the Co-op to express their concern. Clerk
- Concern was also expressed about the state of the grass verges in the area. Assistant Clerk to put on Agenda for next A & E meeting AC
- 2600 Correspondence/Information Items; No items received.
- 2601 Date of Next Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Signed ..... Dated .....  
Chairman