

# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Infrastructure, Communications and Environment Committee held in The Skylight Room, The Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, on Wednesday, 3rd March, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr J. Sanson in the Chair, Mr. D. Atkins, Mr. R. Jerman and Mr. A. Head

63. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr. E. Gibbons (Ill), Mr. R. Carter, Mr R. Dawe and Mr. D. Roper (Prior engagements). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.
64. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members.** There were no declarations of interest from Members.
65. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 3rd February 2010.** The minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were signed by the Chairman.

## **Matters Arising.**

66. **Minute No. 55: Trees.** Following information that a number of funding sources were available for the planting of trees, Mr. Head and Mr. Roper undertook a visit to Storrington Recreation Ground to see what opportunities there would be for the planting of new, indigenous trees. Mr. Head presented a report identifying potential locations for the planting of 18 trees. It was **AGREED**.

*That further information regarding funding sources should be collated and presented, along with Mr. Head and Mr. Roper's report, at the next full council meeting.*

67. **Minute No. 62 (d): Lighting, Sherston Close.** Mr. Head reported that he and Mr. Roper had visited the site and confirmed that the area outside No. 7 was indeed dark. There were streetlights at either end of the close but the light did not reach No.7. There were parked cars, throwing shadows onto the narrow pavements and it was considered that a P.I.R type light would not ease the situation. Members questioned whether the wattage of existing lights could be increased and it was **AGREED**.

*That enquiries should be made with Saxon Weald and with West Sussex County Council Streetlighting Department to see if a resolution could be reached.*

68. **Publication of Storrington & Sullington News – Update.** Members were advised that the draft document had been received and approved. Distribution of the March edition would commence during the week of 15th March.
69. **Business Continuity Plan.** It was reported that a plan was being designed and would be submitted to the committee for approval upon completion.

70. **Parish Emergency Plan.** Members had been presented with two possible questionnaires for inclusion in the next parish magazine, which would be used to populate a list of contacts in case of an emergency situation arising in the Parish. A discussion took place regarding whether the Parish Council was sufficiently qualified to carry out the implementation and management of such a plan and it was **DECIDED.**

*That the matter would require further exploration before the Committee could decide the scale upon which the plan should be progressed.*

71. **Air Quality Levels in Storrington.** Members were advised that monitoring statistics were now available via the Sussex-Air website. The quality of information available was considered insufficient and this feedback should be presented to Horsham District Council.
72. **Budget Review.** The Financial Budget Comparison for this Committee to 24th February, 2010 had been distributed to all Members. It was pointed out that a significant amount of overspend was due to the infrastructure works to the streetlights to accommodate the Christmas Lights and this was a one off expenditure, agreed by Full Council. The document was duly **NOTED.**
73. **Documents Available for Councillors to Read.** There were no documents for Councillors to read.
74. **Health and Safety.** No matters were raised.

**Chairman's Announcements.**

75. **Traffic Regulation Order – Water Lane.** Members were advised of West Sussex County Council's proposal to introduce a prohibition of driving on the North-Western section of Water Lane, except for vehicles with the permission of Tesla Engineering seeking to access its site. Comments were required by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.