

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Infrastructure, Communications and Environment Committee held in The Chanctonbury Room, The Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, on Wednesday 6th October, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Mrs. L. Wheatley, Mrs. A. Worthington- Leese.

51. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr. D. Atkins. Mr. R. Carter, Mr. R. Dawe and Mr. E. Gibbons (Prior Engagements). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.
52. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members.** There were no declarations of interest from Members.
53. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 2nd September 2010.** The minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

54. **Minute No. 81(2009): Lighting in Sherston Close.** It was reported that Saxon Weald were unable to take any action to address the problems of poor lighting in the middle of Sherston Close. One resident had reported problems in arranging for a PIR light to be fitted to the exterior of her property, but it was hoped that this particular issue had been resolved.

Storrington Pond Matters :-

55. **Storrington Pond Project – Update.** The ecological report had yet to be received from RSK Carter. The prizes for the Childrens’ Pond Design Competition would be presented at Storrington First School during the Head Teacher’s assembly on Friday 8th October.
56. **Unauthorised gateways, steps and ramps onto land around pond.** Members were advised that works had commenced to remove the final set of steps and this matter would continue to be monitored.
57. **To Consider Budgeting Requirements for 2011/2012.** A Financial Budget Comparison Statement had been provided to Members and this document was duly **NOTED**. The current budget was reviewed and requirements for 2011/2012 discussed. The following **RECOMMENDATIONS** should be put forward to the Full Council Budget Review for consideration:

Xmas Lights Income – As the grant from HDC Had been removed, this figure should be reduced to nil.

Dog Bins / Signs Expenditure – should be increased to £500.00 to reflect rises in charges by Horsham District Council.

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HDC Refuse Collection Expenditure – Should be increased to £1200.00 to reflect potential rises in charges. However, given the cost cutting exercises being undertaken by HDC, enquiries should be made whether any reductions to overheads associated with collections, will be passed on to the consumer.

All other budget headings should remain unchanged.

58. **Parish Emergency Plan – Update following meeting of Working Party.** A further meeting had been held to populate the template plan provided by Horsham District Council. It was **AGREED:**

That the completed plan should be distributed to all Members of the committee before referring to Full Council for Adoption.

59. **Christmas Late Night Shopping Event – Update following Working Party Meeting.** Members had been provided with minutes from this meeting and further developments had been reported:

Caremark, Pulborough had confirmed sponsorship of further lighting to the Tree in Place Villerest and for the Children's Christmas Decoration which had now been ordered.

Mr Marcel Hoad had confirmed a donation from Fowlers Estate Agents for the sum of £250.

Waitrose had confirmed a donation of £1000 to be used for raffle prizes to raise funds towards the cost of the event.

The Street Decorations were due to be installed during the week commencing 22nd November and a representative from Festive Lighting UK would be attending the late night shopping event to ensure the switch on goes smoothly.

Applications for the relevant road closures had been made to Horsham District Council.

A draft letter to the local traders had been forwarded to members for comments along with a copy of the proposed raffle ticket. It was **AGREED:**

That the letter should be distributed to all traders and that a print order for 5,000 raffle tickets be made at a cost of £60.00. Tickets would be sold at a cost of £1.00 each.

A further meeting of the Working Party had been scheduled for 19th October at 6pm – venue to be confirmed.

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60. **Storrington Village Day – Update following meeting of the Village Day Committee.** Mr Sanson had attended this meeting where the future of the Storrington Village Day was discussed. Next year's event would be going ahead on 25th June but the format and organisation of the proceedings would be changed with a number of different organisations making the arrangements. A further meeting would be arranged in the near future.
61. **Documents available for Councillors to read.** There were no documents available for Councillors to read.
62. **Health and Safety.** No issues were raised.
63. **Chairman's Announcements.** There were no announcements.

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