

# 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, 7th April 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m.**

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

76. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr. D. Atkins (Holiday), Mr. E. Gibbons (Ill) and Mr R. Dawe (prior commitment). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.
77. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members.** There were no declarations of interest from Members.
78. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 3rd March 2010.** The minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were signed by the Chairman.

## **Matters Arising.**

79. **Minute No. 55 and 66 Trees.** Mr Head reported that the closing date for grant applications had now passed and no submission had been made by the office as it was felt that further professional advice was required regarding the locations and suitable tree types.
80. **Minute No. 71. Air Quality Levels in Storrington.** Members were advised that no further information had been published at this stage but it was hoped that more details would be made available soon. It was suggested that a representative from HDC be invited to a future meeting or the Annual Meeting of the Parish to talk about this matter further and it was **AGREED:**

*That the office would contact HDC to offer this invitation.*

81. **Lighting in Sherston Close – Update.** The Streetlighting Department at West Sussex County Council had advised that increasing the wattage of existing lights would not resolve the darkness issues outside of No. 7, due to the lampstyle and height. WSCC advised that a new lamp post could cost in the region of £1,200 depending on charges levied by EDF and Colas. The possibility of installing a solar powered lamp was being investigated and members would be advised further once costs and feasibility had been established.
82. **Storrington Pond Matters.**
- (a) **Grant Applications.** Members had been advised that the Parish

Council had been awarded £2,500 towards the pond enhancement project. The original grant application had been submitted for the amount of £3,855.74

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to fund phase 1 of the project comprising an Ecological Survey and the provision of an Interpretation Board. Further funds were being sought to fund phase 1 from local businesses and grant providers.

(b) **Water Samples and Supply of Piscivorous Fish.** The company providing the water samples and piscivorous fish had been in contact to advise that water sample bottles would be sent shortly. Unfortunately, the stocks of fish that the company hoped to use had failed health checks and new suppliers were being sought. If the fish could not be obtained in the short term then a visit to remove further goldfish could be arranged for the Autumn at no extra charge.

(c) **Unauthorised Gateway and Ramp onto Land Around the Pond.** Members were advised that a letter had been sent to the developers of The Laurels to request that the gate and ramp be removed and replaced with fencing. If no response was received then legal advice would be sought. The matter of other property owners who had built gateways and steps onto the land around the pond was raised again and it was **AGREED:**

*That action should be taken to address this matter.*

83. **Christmas 2010.** Members were advised that Caremark Ltd of Pulborough had confirmed that it would fund further lights for the Christmas Tree this year and also the winning entry from the Children's Competition to design a decorative light. Following a very successful Late Night Shopping evening in December 2009, a contribution of £200 had been received from Showtime Amusements. Members agreed that a further event should be arranged for this year and plans to form a working party should be made during the next few months. It was noted that Horsham District Council had withdrawn the budget allocation to provide grant aid to Parish Councils for Christmas Decorations and Members were asked to think of ideas for alternative funding.

84. **Documents Available for Councillors to Read.** There were no documents for Councillors to read.

85. **Health and Safety.** No matters were raised.

86. **Chairman's Announcements.**

(a) **Storrington & Sullington News.** Members were advised that positive feedback had been received regarding the new design of the recently delivered newsletter. The Office was awaiting further stocks of the Spring issue.

(b) **W.S.C.C. Highways Advice of Maintenance Work Undertaken.** A summary of works undertaken to public rights of way had been received and

Members were advised that the maintenance team would be paying a return visit to the parish in 9 months time.

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(c) **Storrington Village Day 2010.** A letter had been received from the Village Day Committee requesting ideas and input from Members regarding this year's event to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010. A meeting had been arranged by the Committee for 20<sup>th</sup> April and Mr Sanson and Mr Jerman would attend to represent the Parish Council and provide ideas and support to the organisers.

(d) **Horsham District Community Partnership Transport Sub Group.** Members were advised of HDCP's intention to hold a meeting following publication of West Sussex County Council's new Local Transport Plan consultation document in April. The meeting will be held at 10.00am on Thursday 27th May at Horsham District Council's offices and the aim is to review the community's main concerns and ensure that they are properly addressed in the Local Transport Plan. There are plans to establish a separate sub-group to consider cycling related requirements and any members interested in attending the meeting should contact David Holmes at HDC.

(e) **West Sussex Snow Summit Report .** A detailed report and series of recommendations have been published following the recent Snow Summit organised by WSCC. The report provides recommendations that County, District and Parish Councils, along with other appropriate partners, should follow and full details of the report can be found on WSCC's website.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.