

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE CHANCTONBURY ROOM,
THE PARISH HALL,
THAKEHAM ROAD, STORRINGTON,
ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 2010,
COMMENCING AT 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. R. Dawe - in the Chair, Mr. D. Atkins, Mr. R. Carter, Mr. A. Head, Mr. R. Jerman, Mrs. G. King, Mr. C. Mason, Mr. A. Mullard, Mr. D. Roper, Mr. J. Sanson, Mrs. L. Wheatley and Mrs. A. Worthington-Leese

In Attendance: Carol Boniface (PCSO)
7 Members of the Public.

138. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mr J Macey, Mr E Gibbons, (ill health) and County Councillor Frank Wilkinson (unavoidable delay). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.
139. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS.** Mr Head declared an interest in item 5(a) – Deed of Variation, Floodlights.
140. **POLICE MATTERS.** PCSO Boniface reported that there had been a 10.2% reduction in crime from 1st April to date across the Horsham District. There had been 9 reported incidents for Storrington during November. The majority of these had been solved with arrests either made or pending. PCSO Boniface confirmed that she and PC Rolland would be attending the Late Night Christmas Shopping Evening on Thursday 2nd December.
141. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH OCTOBER, 2010.** The minutes were duly **AGREED** to be a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING:-

142. **Minute No. 120: Deed of Variation, Floodlights.** The Solicitor had confirmed that the issue of indemnity against the Parish Council was already covered in the original lease. The Football Club had yet to advise the Council of a new chairman and this was needed before the document could be made ready for signatures.
143. **TO RECEIVE AND IF APPROVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:-**
- (A) **Infrastructure, Communications and Environment Committee held on the 3rd November, 2010.** Item 69 (b) Mr Sanson reported that the Community Payback Scheme had advised that the pond works could not be taken on at this time as the

scheme was fully booked until Christmas. A request would be made for the works to be actioned in the New Year. These minutes were duly **ADOPTED**.

(b) **Recreation and Property Committee held on the 3rd November, 2010**. These minutes were duly **ADOPTED**.

(c) **Planning and Development Committee held on the 11th November 2010**. Mrs Worthington-Leese Proposed, Seconded Mrs Wheatley; 9 in Favour; 3 Abstentions (Mr Dawe, Mr Mason and Mr Sanson). These minutes were duly **ADOPTED**.

144. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**. As County Councillor Wilkinson was not present, no County matters were raised.

Mr Mason reported that he and Mr Dawe had attended Horsham District Council's (HDC's) Strategic Planning meeting regarding RMC's Application for 100 houses in Washington. The plan had now been reduced to 89 houses and although the site was in Washington, this Council's interest in the application concerned the effects of such a development on the infrastructure of Storrington, as the nearest village with schools, GP surgeries and shops etc. There were also concerns regarding access to the development directly from Washington Road. The Developers had suggested that there was a need to make money from this site so that the funds could be raised to restore the remainder of the area to its former parkland state and as the site is detached from the built up area of Storrington, the developers considered that this restored land could add to the benefit of the community as an extension to Sandgate Woods. Members were reminded that the site is classed as brownfield and Government policy encourages development on brownfield sites. Detailed plans were expected to be submitted to HDC in January. However, any S106 gain monies paid by the developer in the event of a successful application would normally be paid for the benefit of the community within which the development sat. In the case of this application, those funds would be used within the parish of Washington and would not be available to improve the infrastructure or services within Storrington.

In his role of District Councillor, Mr Dawe, in response to a question from the public, explained HDC's responsibility to control development within the District and its policy of categorising settlements as either 1, 2 or 3 based on their ability to take on further development. Those parishes categorised as 1 were deemed to be able to support further development and Storrington & Sullington fell into this level. Mr Dawe also explained that when a planning application was declined by the Development Control Committee at Horsham and was taken to an Appeal Panel and granted the District Council lost any ability to impose any conditions on it.

145. **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MATTERS.** Representatives from the Storrington & Sullington Community Partnership would attend all meetings of the ICE Committee and where possible, full Council meetings. A quarterly report would be provided to all councillors detailing the Partnership's work in progress and monthly summaries would be submitted to the ICE committee.
146. **UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS / LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENT.** Members were advised that final plans were being made for the Late Night Shopping event on Thursday 2nd December. The evening would commence with a welcome from Mrs Worthington-Leese who would then introduce the sponsors, Caremark Pulborough, who would be switching on the tree lights. The Children from Storrington First School will then start the festivities with carol singing.
147. **ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR COUNCILLORS TO READ.**
(a) RSPB – News from the Brooks – Available from the office.
(b) CPRE – Countryside Voice - Mr Jerman took this to read.
148. **WINTER MANAGEMENT PLAN – PURCHASE OF GRIT BINS AND SPREADING EQUIPMENT.** Two 400 litre grit bins and a spreader had been ordered at a total cost of £383 plus VAT. These bins would be located at Place Villerest and at the Parish Hall Car Park and once in situ. WSCC would be asked to fill them with grit. This purchase was **RATIFIED.**
149. **CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE.**
(a) **Storrington & District Museum Society:** A letter of thanks for the council's donation had been received.
150. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** There were no announcements.
151. **HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC SPENDING REVIEW CONSULTATION DOCUMENT.** Members had been provided with this document detailing HDC's District Plan for 2011 – 2015 and draft budget proposals for the next year. In his role of District Councillor, Mr Dawe was able to answer enquiries raised and the public were invited to comment to HDC upon these proposals prior to 6th December 2010.
152. **BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR OCTOBER, 2010.** This had been circulated to all Members and was duly **NOTED.**
153. **TO REVIEW AND AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID.** Payments for the sum of £11,085.77 plus V.A.T., were duly **AGREED.**

154. **BUDGET COMPARISON.** (Copy appended to these minutes). This document was duly **NOTED.** The Office would be providing a report of estimated year end costs and a meeting of the Finance Committee would be scheduled for January in order to discuss precept requirements which would then be presented to the full Council for consideration.

155. **TO GIVE DELEGATED POWERS TO THE DEPUTY CLERK UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON 26TH JANUARY 2011.** It was **AGREED:-**

To give the Deputy Clerk delegated powers, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, until the next Council Meeting on the 26th January 2011

156. **ADJOURNMENT.** There were no matters raised.

The press and public were duly excluded from attendance of the next two items due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

157. **STAFF MATTERS.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:30 pm.