

**STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE CHANCTONBURY ROOM,**  
**THE PARISH HALL,**  
**THAKEHAM ROAD, STORRINGTON,**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 2010,**  
**COMMENCING AT 7.00 p.m.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr. F. Wilkinson (County Councillor).  
6 Members of the Public.

115. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mr. J. Macey (ill health). The reason for absence was duly **ACCEPTED**.
116. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**. Mr. Head declared an interest in item 5(b) Football Club Floodlights. Mr. Atkins declared an interest in item 7 Storrington Museum. Mrs. Worthington-Leese declared an interest in item 13 Parish Council Website.
117. **POLICE MATTERS**. No report had been received.
118. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2010**. Minute No. 93 – “onto” should read “on to”. Minute No. 105 – The word “alternatives” should be replaced with “options”. With these amendments, the minutes were duly **AGREED** to be a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING :-**

119. **Minute Nos. 249, 260, 20, 36, 62 and 89: Lease with West Chanctonbury Recreation Association**. WCRA Trustees had requested a meeting with the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Recreation and Property Committee and this was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Matters were clarified during this meeting and the lease was now with the solicitors to be finalised.
120. **Minute No. 72 and 91: Deed of Variation, Floodlights**. The Council’s solicitor had returned the amended Deed of Variation for approval. As the original lease did not provide confirmation of the Trustees’ agreement to indemnify the Parish Council against any cost or claims of any nature that may arise as a result of installation and use of the floodlights, it was suggested this clause should be added to the document. This was **AGREED**.

121. **Minute No. 102: CPRE- Abolition of Regional Housing Targets and Localism – What this means for Horsham and Crawley.** Members had been provided with a copy of the letter sent to Cllr. Brian Donnelly, Chairman, HDC. A reply had been received but it was agreed that this response did little to answer the issues raised.
122. **TO RECEIVE AND IF APPROVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:-**
- (a) **Infrastructure, Communications and Environment Committee held on the 6th October, 2010.** Mr. Sanson updated members on the Late Night Christmas Shopping Event. These minutes were duly **ADOPTED.**
- (b) **Recreation and Property Committee held on the 6th October, 2010.** Mrs. Wheatley reported that letters had been sent to residents near to the Hormare Field regarding the Vipers request to use temporary floodlights and the matter would be discussed further at the next Committee meeting. These minutes were duly **ADOPTED.**
123. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY.** A report had been provided to all members relating to the events since the re-opening of the museum. This report is appended to these minutes. Mr. Dawe enquired about the accounts and Mrs Everitt reported that the interim accounts were showing a potential loss. Ideas for sources of funding were provided by Mrs. Wheatley who also volunteered to help the Museum Society with grant applications. Mrs Everitt was advised that the Council's donation of £1,000 would be sent shortly.
124. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS.**
- (a) **Hawthorn Way.** Mr. Wilkinson reported that a letter had been sent to residents of Hawthorn Way regarding the problems experienced with non-resident parking. There was little action that could be taken to alleviate the situation and no responses had been received from the residents. Mr. Mason commented that the number of complaints received had reduced since additional parking permits had been made available by HDC. He also commented that there had been a number of property exchanges in the road and there appeared to be an increase in the number of vehicles being parked by actual residents, leaving fewer spaces for those not living in the area.
- (b) **Comprehensive Spending Review.** Members were advised that local authority budgets would be cut by 7.1% on average but Mr. Wilkinson believed that these cuts would have little obvious effects on WSCC as County had been prepared for such action and had been working on reduced budgets. Mr. Mullard enquired about the effects on the Fire and Police Services and Mr. Wilkinson expressed confidence that even with the proposed closure of Findon Fire Station, these services would not be adversely impacted.
- (c) **Broadband Coverage.** Some parts of the County were still experiencing poor Broadband service and Mr. Wilkinson encouraged the community to reply to WSCC's survey and to BT's on-line voting campaign.

(d) **Air Quality.** Mr. Mason reported that whilst an action plan was being established to combat the air quality issues within the village, this process would take up to 18 months and it was envisaged that “Soft Options” such as promoting car sharing and walking would be the first changes implemented. It was felt that the main issues were caused by through traffic and more radical changes would be needed to make any real difference. Members recognised that any traffic diverted away from the problem areas would only cause issues elsewhere but it was considered that the confirmation of the AQMA should provide more incentive for changes to be made

125. **ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR COUNCILLORS TO READ :-**

- (a) St Barnabas “Life” Newsletter – Mr. Jerman took this to read.
- (b) Sandgate Conservation Society Newsletter – Mrs. Worthington-Leese took this to read.
- (c) 3 Heralds – Mr. Sanson took this to read,
- (d) “What is Localism” Published by National Association of Local Councils – Mr. Dawe took this to read.

126. **CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE :-**

- (a) **West Sussex Rural Mobile Youth Trust – Purple Bus:** A letter of thanks for the council’s donation had been received.
- (b) **St Barnabas House:** A letter of thanks for the council’s donation had been received.

127. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- (a) **Action in Rural Sussex AGM.** To be held on Wednesday 3rd November 2010 at 3:30 pm.

128. **TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN.** This document had been distributed to all members and feedback had been incorporated into the plan. Members were advised that once adopted, the plan would be sent to Horsham District Council for completion. The relevant pages of the completed plan would be made available to the public via the website. The Parish Emergency Plan was duly **ADOPTED.**

129. **TO CONSIDER HAVING A PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese had declared a personal interest in this item and left the room. Members had been provided with details of the different quotations received however there were variations in the levels of service and specifications. Members of the Community Partnership had advised the Parish Council of plans for improvements to the Village website and it was suggested that there may be some way to allow Parish staff management of pages where council related information could be directly uploaded and controlled. It was suggested that thorough examination into all of the available options was required to be able to make an informed decision and it was **DECIDED:**

*That the matter be referred to the ICE Committee for further study of the different proposals and for a recommendation to be put to Full Council upon completion of these enquiries.*

130. **STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP – UPDATE FOLLOWING MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2010.** Members had been provided with the notes of the meeting and Mr Dawe asked whether those in attendance considered the discussions to be of value for future relations between the two parties. Mrs Wheatley explained that the main issues had been with regard to lack of communication which should be remedied by the resolutions that had been agreed during the meeting. The Partnership had requested that a member of the Parish Council be appointed to the Traffic Action Team and Mr. Jerman volunteered. Mr. Mackie commented that the Community Partnership should be able to work on projects outside of the Parish Council's remit with the understanding that current and future plans would be presented at the relevant committee meetings for the Council's comments and views to be heard. It was felt that a good working relationship between the two parties was imperative and that by attending the Parish Council's meetings, members of the Community Partnership will also have access to District and County views.
131. **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – NOTICE OF ESTIMATED COSTS FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES.** Members were advised that the estimated costs for next years Parish Council elections were £8,569.76. However, due to the local elections likely to be held on the same day, these costs would be shared with HDC.
132. **BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2010.** This had been circulated to all Members and was duly **NOTED.**
133. **ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID** in the sum of £15,158.44 plus V.A.T., were duly **AGREED.**
134. **BUDGET COMPARISON.** (Copy appended to these minutes). This document was duly **NOTED.**
135. **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.**

136. **ASSET MANAGEMENT.**
137. **STAFF MATTERS.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.