

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE CHANCTONBURY ROOM,
THE PARISH HALL,
THAKEHAM ROAD, STORRINGTON,
ON WEDNESDAY, 28th APRIL, 2010
COMMENCING AT 7.55 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Mr. F. Wilkinson (County Councillor)

256. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mr. R. Carter (prior engagement), Mr. J. Macey (convalescing) and Mr. E. Gibbons (convalescing). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.
257. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS.** There were no declarations of interest.
258. **POLICE MATTERS.** There was no Police presence at this meeting. It was wondered whether there was anything more the Council would want to do to look at aspects of crime and making the village safer that had not been done. A tremendous amount had been accomplished over the last eighteen months and there had been better community action than previously. Saxon Weald, HDC and the Police had become very proactive and there had been a lot more co-ordination between the various agencies which had made a big difference.
259. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 31st MARCH, 2010.** These minutes were duly **AGREED** to be a correct record of the proceedings thereat.

MATTERS ARISING :-

260. **Minute No. 245: Ravenscoft Allotment.** It was reported that unfortunately the negotiations to get this site to be under self-management has failed. The Parish Council was, therefore, continuing with the administration of this allotment site. All the plots were let and in terms of usage the site was going well.
261. **Minute No. 249: Lease with West Chanctonbury Recreation Association.** The draft lease had been sent to the Council's solicitor for completion, but nothing further had been heard from them.
262. **TO RECEIVE AND IF APPROVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:-**
- (a) **Infrastructure, Communications and Environment Committee held on the 7th April, 2010.** These minutes were duly **ADOPEd**.
 - (b) **Recreation and Property Committee held on the 7th April, 2010.** These minutes were duly **ADOPTED**.

263. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS.** Mr. Wilkinson reported that a further meeting had been held regarding the parking in Hawthorn Way when those present were informed what could and could not be done. It had been decided to write to every resident in the locality advising them what could be done and also ascertaining their views on various ideas such as introducing waiting restrictions. There were statutory regulations and policies to consider and whatever is finally introduced would have to stay within those parameters. Since the arrival of Waitrose, Storrington had got busier and there was a possibility of large developments on the Washington Road near Hampers Lane and Thakeham from which people would come to Storrington to shop. Mr. Wilkinson thought that the Parish Council and County Council should start thinking about having a controlled parking zone because if parking is stopped in Hawthorn Way it would likely migrate to Wantley Lane. In order to oppose any new housing development it was necessary that County highways say that a road will not take the additional traffic, but such a conclusion would have to be based on firm arguments as it was something that a developer could appeal against. It was not possible to get round the fact that there was a main road going through the village and as far as more car parking was concerned, it was a case of being realistic as to where this would go.

Due to the poor state of the roads WSCC was looking very carefully at its works programme for next year and a number of small jobs would be slipped to the following year as there was a need to spend £15 million less on the roads.

With regard to the mobile waste service not being able to accept certain items such as florescent bulbs due to health and safety considerations, Mr. Wilkinson would ascertain whether there was any possibility of this type of item being accepted in future.

As it was County Council orientated, it was decided to take agenda item 14 next whilst Mr. Wilkinson was still present.

264. **HIGHWAY VERGE GRASS CUTTING – W.S.C.C., REDUCING CUTS FROM 9 TO 7 FOR 2010/11.** The longer interval between cuts would mean that the highway verges may not appear consistently done to the standard people had become accustomed to. Mr. Wilkinson advised that the number of cuts had had to be reduced in order to save money.

Mr. Wilkinson then left the meeting.

265. **ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR COUNCILLORS TO READ.** There were no items for Councillors to read.

266. **CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE.**

(a) **HDC – Temporary Licence Part of Library Car Park, Sunday, 9th May, 2010 for Storrington Duck Race.** This license had meant that the mobile waste service for this date was cancelled in order to allow this event to proceed.

(b) **Training Programme :-**

- (i) Councillor Training & Update Course 21st & 22nd May, 2010.
- (ii) Legal and Finance Day 11th October, 2010.
- (iii) Chairmanship 22nd May, 2010.
- (iv) Power of Well-being 22nd May, 2010.

- (c) **Horsham Partnerships for Older People - Storrington First School Invitation, Friday, 7th May at 2.15 p.m.** to join them for tea, cake and music.
- (d) **W.S.C.C. Road Closure – New Town Road, Cootham** for drainage improvements starting Tuesday, 4th May, 2010. The scheme would cost £19,000 and was scheduled to take up to two weeks to complete.
- (e) **W.S.C.C. Youth Review Consultation Update** – Stakeholder engagement events. The event covering Horsham/Crawley/Mid-Sussex would be held on Thursday, 13th May, from 9.30 a.m., to 4.30 p.m.

267. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Councillors were invited to attend the re-opening of the Museum on Sunday, 9th May at 11.00 a.m. There would be a service at 6.00 p.m. Mr. Mullard and Mr. Jerman would be attending.

268. **TO CONSIDER REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING :-**

- (a) Standing Orders.
- (b) Financial Regulations.
- (c) Terms of Reference of Committees.

A meeting of the Working Group had taken place and the recommended alterations were being made. It was hoped these documents would be ready for consideration at the next Council meeting. With regard to Standing Orders, there were changes that must be made because it was a government requirement. Basically it was a case of combining the existing documents with these new requirements and taking out any duplication.

Mr. Mullard raised a query regarding Terms of Reference of Committees during which he expressed the view that more items should go before the Council rather than to committees. The Chairman asked if members felt they wanted this to happen. Members appeared happy with the current balance but it was queried if there was an imbalance of workload between the Infrastructure Communication and Environment Committee and the Recreation and Property Committee. Members did not want another committee, but thought there could be a case of rebalancing the existing ones.

269. **TO CONSIDER INSURANCE RENEWAL.** The renewal date was the 1st June, 2010 and the premium would be £8,197.26, an increase of £262.55 over last year. The Policy excess remains at £250 each and every claim. Mrs. Worthington-Leese would look at this.

270. **TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR REPAIRS TO THE C.C.T.V., SYSTEMS STORRINGTON RECREATION GROUND AND THE PARISH HALL.** This matter had been considered by the Recreation and Property Committee, but they referred a decision to Council. For the Parish Hall, to replace camera four and to have two new camera housings, this would cost £740.00 plus V.A.T. For the Storrington Recreation Ground, to replace camera nine with a Honeywell dome camera this would cost £396.00 plus V.A.T. This camera was the one that over looked the Cricket Pavilion.

The question as to whether C.C.T.V., coverage resulted in a reduced insurance premium was raised with the Council's insurers. The reply was that there was no reduction in premium; however should there be a history of break-ins, one of the recommendations would be that C.C.T.V., should be installed.

Following discussion Mr. Roper Proposed; Seconded Mr. Sanson and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** :-

To accept the quotation in the sums of £740.00 and £396.00 plus V.A.T. (Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31).

It was reported that the Leisure Centre were applying for funds for installation of their own system. It was agreed that should they want to pursue this a meeting with them to discuss how we can work together should be held.

271. **TO CONSIDER THE PRICES OF CAST IRON BOLLARDS.** Prices of cast iron bollards had been obtained as follows :-

- (a) Broxap – BX1539 Manchester Cast Iron Bollard £115.00 each plus £70. carriage.
- (b) ASF – ASF102 Cast Iron Bollard £105.00 each plus £50. delivery.
- (c) Furnitubes – Capstan Cast Iron Bollard £100.00 each including delivery.

The cheapest Grit Bin that can be found is £144.00 plus delivery, but it is plastic.

Storrington Greenfingers had asked that they be informed as soon as possible if the Council wishes the planter that is currently outside Vintage Rose to School Hill as they will be replanting on the 24th May.

Originally the person in charge at Highways, Southern had stated that they wanted to stop people parking on the new paving. However, the new person had the opposite opinion.

The person that lived in School Hill definitely required something to be done outside her front door as regards illegal parking.

Following discussion it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** :-

In view of the conflicting views received from WSCC and the need for its permission for installation of bollards or additional planter troughs coupled with the high cost to the Parish of the items, it was decided that the Parish Council were unable to proceed with this matter. The person from School Hill should be informed that the matter was one that should be dealt with by WSCC and she should speak to them if she wished to pursue it.

272. **VILLAGE DAY.** Mr. Sanson and Mr. Jerman attended a meeting recently representing the Parish Council and minutes of the meeting had been circulated.

273. **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS :-**
- (a) **Just Different (Learning about disability and difference).** Following discussion Mrs. Worthington-Leese Proposed that the Council should donate the sum of £150.00. Mr. Mullard Proposed that the Council should donate the sum of £75.00. Vote on the proposition to donate £150.00; 8 In Favour, therefore this was **CARRIED.** (Local Government Act 1972, s. 137).
 - (b) **Sussex Crime Stoppers.** Following discussion it was **AGREED** not to donate.
 - (c) **Disability Awareness UK.** Following discussion it was **AGREED** not to donate.
274. **BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR MARCH, 2010.** These were duly **NOTED.**
275. **ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID** in the sum of £11,326.54 plus V.A.T., were duly **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.
276. **BUDGET COMPARISON.** (Copy appended to these minutes). This document was duly **NOTED.**
277. **ADJOURNMENT.** There were no members of the public present.

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