

Storrington & sullington parish council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held in The Skylight Room, the Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington on Thursday, 10th June, 2010, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mrs. A. Worthington-Leese in the Chair, Mrs. G. King, Mr. R. Jerman, Mr. A. Mullard, Mr. D. Roper and Mrs. L. Wheatley.

1. **Election of Chairman.** Mrs. Wheatley Proposed Mrs. Worthington-Leese; Seconded Mr. Jerman and **AGREED** :-

That Mrs. A. Worthington-Leese be duly elected Chairman of this Committee.

2. **Election of Vice-Chairman.** Mr. Roper Proposed Mr. Jerman; Seconded Mrs. Wheatley and **AGREED** :-

That Mr. Jerman be duly elected Vice-Chairman of this Committee.

3. **Apologies for Absence** had been received from Mr. J. Macey (ill). The reason for absence was duly **ACCEPTED**.

4. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members.** Mr. Jerman declared a Personal interest in planning applications DC/10/0796 and DC/10/1075 as he lived near this site.

5. **To Approve and Sign and Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th May, 2010.** The date on the first page was incorrect, with this amendment the minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising :-

6. **Minute No. 156: Village Design Statement Update.** H.D.C's Strategic Planning Advisory Group approved the Design Statement and had no overriding comments except to acknowledge the hard work and effort that the Steering Group had put into it. Mr. Griffin would now write a report that would go to Cabinet on the 22nd July for adoption.

7. **Budget Review.** There had been no change since last month.

8. **To Review Terms of Reference for this Committee.** It was noted that the Infrastructure, Environment and Communications Committee had suggested that Trees on Parish Council owned land should be transferred to that committee. However, it was **AGREED** :-

That the responsibility for Trees on Parish Council owned property should remain with this Committee.

9. **To Consider the following Quotations for Tree Works:-**

- (a) **Ravenscroft – G1 Ash x 3, Oak x 1 along entrance to ball court.** Andrew Gale Tree Surgery Ltd., had quoted to deadwood all material over 25mm in diameter and clear all waste material/rubbish from site for the sum of £260.00 plus V.A.T. Following discussion it was **AGREED** :-

To accept the quotation of Andrew Gale Tree Surgery Ltd., in the sum of £260.00 plus V.A.T. (Local Government Act 1972, Sched. 14 para 27).

- (b) **Storrington Pond – G1 Willows on island on Pond.** Andrew Gale Tree Surgery Ltd., had quoted to deadwood material over 25mm in diameter and clear all waste material/rubbish from site for the sum of £500.00 plus V.A.T. The reason for this being quite expensive was due to Health and Safety requirements such as the need for life jackets. As this tree was not a danger to any member of the public as even if it fell, it would not reach the bank of the pond, it was **AGREED** :-

Not to proceed with this work.

10. **Planning Applications Awaiting Comment – Appendix I :-**

- (a) **DC/09/2025 and DC/09/2028: St. Joseph’s Abbey, Church Street,** Amended plan, New dwellings and Conservation Area Consent. Additional information had been received. It had been pointed out that the Council would not want ownership/management of the car park. The query was in fact who would manage/be responsible for it ... as this had not been answered. Despite the comments, members still wished to try to save the glasshouses; these are felt to be of great interest and value to the area and members indeed enquired again as to whether these could be restored.

Regarding the unadopted section of Brown Lane, this is a very narrow section of track with no pavement; it is used by a large number of people including the aged, the very young and mothers pushing prams, etc. It is dangerous enough just walking through this section when a car is passing and all agreed that to make that particular section of the road one-way would simply speed up the traffic as they would know there would be no traffic coming in the other direction, simply increasing the safety and speeding issues. One option discussed was the possibility of pedestrianising that small section, it would certainly be safer and if emergency vehicles wished to go through then, as per other roads in the U.K., electronic bollards could be used.

Members also felt that the Council should push for an archaeological survey (a non desk-top one) prior to planning consent. There was evidence (from 5 – 7 Church Street application) that this was the medieval centre of the village. Much has already been lost and members would not like to see that repeated.

It was also unanimously agreed that a “lay-man type summary” of the drainage reports would not be sufficient and members would ask that you push for a full report.

Concerns were expressed over the loss of parking spaces and members do not wish to see further on-street parking due to insufficient on-site parking.

Regarding the bats, members felt that it should be established whether or not there are any bats on site before any permission is granted.

- (b) **DC/10/0963: East Barn, Kithurst Farm Road.** There was no objection to this application.
- (c) **DC/10/0976: 2 Riverside.** There was no objection to this application.
- (d) **DC/10/0980: 51 Spierbridge Road.** A site meeting was still to be arranged.

- (e) **DC/10/0987: 12 Palmer Close**. There were two rows of trees, but the ones nearest the houses had suffered snow damage and there was no objection to these being felled, but the row behind were in good condition. Therefore, there was objection to this application.
11. **Planning Application Decisions – Appendix II**. These were duly **NOTED**.
12. **Planning Applications, Comment Summary – since the meeting on the 13th May, 2010 – Appendix III**. These were duly **NOTED**.
13. **Chairman’s Announcements:-**
- (a) **Land South of Oak Dell, Fryern Road** – this application would be considered by H.D.C., on the 15th June, 2010.
- (b) **Lion Heart, Fryern Road** – No decisions had yet been made regarding this fence.
- (c) **New Powers to Prevent Unwanted ‘Garden Grabbing’**. Councils and communities were being given immediate powers to prevent the destructive practice of ‘garden grabbing’ and decide what types of homes are suitable for their area. Previously gardens had been classified as brown field sites, whereas they will now be green field sites. Full details had been circulated to all members.
14. **Documents for Councillors to Read**. There were no documents for councillors to read.
15. **Date of Next Meeting**. This would now be held on Thursday, 15th July, 2010.

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