

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held in The Chanctonbury Room, The Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, on Thursday, 12th May, 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.

153. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr. R. Dawe (prior engagement) and Mr. J. Macey (ill). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.

154. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**. Mr. R. Jerman declared a personal interest in planning application number DC/10/0796 and Mr. A. Mullard declared a personal interest in planning application number DC/10/0785.

155. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 11th March, 2010**. These minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:-

156. **Minute No. 144 : Village Design Statement – Update**. Mrs. Worthington-Leese reported that an e-mail had been received on 18th March from Mr Patrick Griffin (H.D.C.); confirming that he would be sending the draft document to the statutory consultees for their comments. Once any comments had been received, he hoped to present the document at the next Strategic Planning Advisory Meeting (likely to be during May) for members to comment on and approve. Once the document had been approved by S.P.A.G. Members; the document would be presented to the next available Cabinet Meeting where a decision on adoption would be made.

157. **Budget Review**. Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that the amount spent to date had been £287.88 (this was for the urgent tree works required around the pond and the Scout hut). The Financial Budget Comparison to 6th May, 2010 had been distributed to all Members. The document was duly **NOTED**.

158. **Thakeham Parish Council Letter – Regarding Laybrook Landfill**. Mrs. Worthington-Leese read out a letter from the Chairman of Thakeham Parish Council in which he requested that local parishes nominated a representative to join a task group which would monitor the progress of the MWDF draft and suggest any future actions/activities. It was **AGREED** that:

The Office should write to Thakeham P.C. requesting they kept the Council informed of any developments. If and when anything arose, the Parish Council would be more than happy to assist accordingly.

159. **Listing of Old School Building**. The office had received an e-mail from English Heritage on 1st April, stating that they had received our application and were in the process of assessing the building for consideration of it being listed.

160. **South Downs Joint Committee Western Area Tour Invite – 26th June**. It was unfortunate that this was the same date as the Storrington Village Day. A couple of members said they would check their diaries and let the office know if they were available but in the meantime this should be put to Full Council on 19th May.

161. Planning Applications Awaiting Comment – Appendix I.

DC/09/2025 and DC/09/2025 – St Joseph’s Abbey. Mrs. Worthington-Leese read out information received today from Gary Peck at H.D.C. and it was agreed that as all members had been supplied with a copy, they should read the details and forward any comments to the office at their earliest convenience in order that the office could compile a response.

DC/10/0785 – Downsview, 5, Cootham Brow. Members viewed this application electronically and discussions ensued. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to:

***STRONGLY OBJECT** to this application on the grounds that it was outside the built up area and was in the South Downs National Park. As temporary dwelling meant 3 years, members questioned what would happen after this period as the proposed design appeared to be of sophisticated workmanship. The farmer does not live far from site and even if on-site monitoring was necessary it was felt that this would be for one person and not a whole family. Members agreed that to allow this application would set a precedent for permanent development.*

DC/10/0796 – Catholic Sanctuary, Fern Road. Members viewed this application electronically and discussions ensued. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to:

***STRONGLY OBJECT** to this application on the grounds that there were no footpaths, insufficient on-site parking (further street parking would not be acceptable), the road was extremely narrow and already had a ridiculous amount of traffic flowing through it, it was on a very dangerous junction and whenever the Church was in use, cars were parked all around Fern Road and School Lane, making it almost impossible for vehicles to pass and impossible for emergency services. Objections were also raised to the loss of trees. It should also be noted that permission had already been granted for 9 houses behind the Church. Members felt that it was a fallacy to say that there was good employment locally, public transport was also infrequent.*

DC/10/0808 – Barns Farm Lodge, Barns Farm Lane. Mr. Jerman and Mrs. King took away this application to comment on.

DC/10/0823 – The Old Rectory, Sullington Lane. Members viewed this application electronically and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that:

*A comment of **NO OBJECTION** should be made under the proviso that at no time would these buildings be used for commercial use.*

162. Planning Application Decisions – Appendix II. These were duly **NOTED.****163. Planning Applications, Comment Summary – since the meeting on the 11th March, 2010. These were duly **NOTED**.****164. Trees.**

- (a) **Ratification of Urgent Tree Works (Minute 149).** The cost of £287.88 for urgent tree works at the pond and to the side of the scout hut on health and safety grounds was ratified.

- (b) **Request for Tree Survey to the right hand side of the Ravenscroft Allotment Site Entrance.** Mr. Jerman had undertaken a site visit and could not see any problems in the area referred to by Mr. Read, he had however found some trees to the left hand side of the football court which needed some attention. It was **AGREED** that the office should look at the land registry to decipher the boundary and exactly who owned these trees, notifying them accordingly. If it transpired that the trees were the Parish Council's, quotations should be sought to rectify the problem.
- (c) **Notification of Removal of TPO'd Oak Tree in Mead Lane.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese read out the letter received from Mr. Will Jones (H.D.C. Arboricultural Officer) recommending its removal under emergency powers.
- (d) **Trees at Storrington Pond.** It had been reported to the office that there was a large amount of deadwood inside the trees on the island within the pond. The Office had requested site visits and quotations to undertake any necessary works.

165. **S.106 Monies.** Members noted the sum of £4,613 had been allocated for Community Facilities within the Parish of Storrington & Sullington under application number DC/09/1112 – Sawyards, Manleys Hill.

166. **Chairman's Announcements.**

- (a) **EN/10/0098 – The Sign Shop. 36 High Street.** An e-mail had been received from H.D.C. Compliance regarding the need for an application to be submitted for the retention or removal of illuminated advertisements on display.
- (b) **DC/10/0302 – Felling of 9 Poplar Trees, Hurston Lane.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that this would be going to the Development Control Committee on 18th May, 2pm in the Council Chamber, Horsham.
- (c) **Notice of Planning Appeal.** It was noted that an appeal had been lodged against H.D.C.'s decision to refuse to grant planning permission at Brook End House, Manleys Hill.
- (d) **DC/10/0313 – 10, Mill Lane.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that this application had since been withdrawn.
- (e) **DC/09/2263 – Timber Barn, Charity Farm.** An e-mail had been received from the Compliance Officer at H.D.C. stating that the poly-tunnel on the site had not been fixed to the ground and was therefore not regarded as development. Consequently there was no breach in planning control and no further action would be taken.

167. **Documents for Councillors to Read.**

- (a) **CPRE – Fieldwork – April 2010.** Mr. Jerman took away this document to read.
- (b) **Communities and Local Government – Protected Trees – Guide to tree Preservation Procedures.** This document would be put on file in the office should anyone wish to view it.

- (c) **The Arboricultural Association Directory 2010 of Registered Consultants and Contractors.** This document would be put on file in the office should anyone wish to view it.
- (d) **Action in Rural Sussex – Rural Priorities for 2010** – this document had been distributed to all members beforehand and a copy would be kept in the office.
- (e) **South Downs Joint Committee Focus Magazine** – a copy of this document had been distributed to members beforehand, one would be kept in the office.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.