

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 Tuesday, 24th August, 2010, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

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

30. **Apologies for Absence** had been received from Mr. A. Mullard (prior engagement) and Mrs. L. Wheatley (prior engagement). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.
31. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members.** There were no declaration of interests.
32. **To Approve and Sign and Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th July, 2010.** Minute number 23. the word “the” should be entered before “Horncroft Steering Group” and minute number 24 (a) the word “the” should be entered before “local amenity”. With these amendments made the minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising :-

33. **Minute No. 27 : Review of H.D.C.’s statement of Licensing** Mr. Roper reported to members that he had reviewed this document and believed it to be very detailed and well put together. The current processes seemed to work well. This document would be put on the licensing file for reference.
34. **Budget Review.** Members were passed a copy of the financial budget review. Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that to date, a sum of £745 had been spent. It was noted that this figure included the sum of £180 spent on emergency tree works in West Street.
35. **South Downs National Park Authority – Consultation Response.** Members had viewed this consultation previously and discussed and agreed the comments to be forwarded to the S.D.N.P. It was agreed that the office would complete this on-line and keep a copy on the office file.
36. **DC/10/1314 - Abingworth Nurseries Storrington Road.** Members had reviewed various key documents regarding this application. Mr. Jerman brought up concerns regarding the removal of a number of “poorly pruned” horse chestnut trees to create an entrance. Members had a number of concerns regarding this application and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that:

*A recommendation to **STRONGLY OBJECT** to this application be made at the Full Parish Council Meeting on 25th August 2010. The main reasons for reaching this decision were: traffic – more traffic would increase the already polluted air in Storrington. The local road network was a system of local, sometimes narrow and extremely busy country roads – completely unsuitable for additional traffic.*

There was a lack of infrastructure – very few places available at Schools, Doctors Dentists etc., sewerage systems would need upgrading to cope with the development. The proposed site was not near any services and would rely on the village of Storrington for these, therefore putting more of a strain on the already minimal parking provisions.

37. Planning Applications Awaiting Comment – Appendix I :-

(a) **DC/10/1341 : Timber Barn, Charity Farm.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese mentioned that comments had not been sent to H.D.C. regarding this application. This was because the office was waiting to hear whether the issues raised by Mr. D. Baker (Local Developer, W.S.C.C.) regarding the previous application (DC/09/2263) had been addressed. Once his response had been received, members would review their comments and send them to H.D.C. Planning accordingly.

(b) **DC/10/1457 : Former RMC Engineering Works, Hampers Lane.** Members had viewed this lengthy application and made various comments. It was felt that this application, along with DC/10/1314 should be discussed at the Full Parish Council Meeting on 25th August 2010. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that:

*A recommendation to **STRONGLY OBJECT** should be made. Once a decision had been made and comments collated, a copy of our response would be sent to Washington Parish Council.*

It was also noted that Mr. P. Rowley of H.D.C. had been invited to Washington's Parish Council Meeting on 6th September at 7pm. This invitation had been extended to members of Storrington & Sullington Parish Council.

(c) **DC/10/1608 : 34, Windmill Copse.** Mr. Roper took this application away to comment on.

38. Planning Application Decisions – Appendix II. These were duly **NOTED**.

39. Planning Applications, Comment Summary – since the meeting on the 15th July, 2010 – Appendix III. These were duly **NOTED**.

40. S.106 Monies

DC/08/2294 – High Warren 17, Kithurst Park. Community Facilities Contribution of £1,953.

41. Chairman's Announcements:-

(a) **Enforcement – Outstanding Issues**

- **Willow Tree Cottage** – Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that H.D.C. Compliance was in the process of contacting the owner regarding the removal of the unsightly materials discarded outside the entrance of this property.

- **Waitrose – new signage.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that H.D.C. Compliance had written to the freeholders of the precinct, requesting either the removal of the sign or an application to retain it.
 - **Lionheart, Fryern Road.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese reported that H.D.C. Compliance had written again to the owners of this property requesting a site visit. It was also reported that large poles had since been erected and photographs of these should be sent to the Compliance Team at H.D.C.
 - **7, Pulborough Road (The Laurels).** Mrs. Worthington-Leese reported that H.D.C. had received an application to retain the fencing on 28th July, however this application was deemed to be invalid. A request had been made for further information, but to date nothing had been received. A further letter had been sent stating that the information must be received within the next fourteen days and that failure to submit such information would result in the need for more formal action.
- (b) **Emergency Tree works to Willow tree in front of Heath Cottage, West Street.** It was noted that this work had been carried out.
- (c) **E-mail from Mr. W. Jones re. authorisation to remove dying sweet chestnut tree at 9, Fox Dell.** Members had been sent a copy of this e-mail previously.
- (d) **Parish Design Statement.** Members noted that this document had been officially adopted by H.D.C. on 6th August. Copies were now available from H.D.C., Storrington Library and the Parish Office. Electronic versions had also been uploaded on to H.D.C.'s website and the Storrington & Sullington Community Partnership website.
- (e) **A-boards.** Caroline circulated a document from the 19th August West Sussex County Times which stated that a trial period to license A-boards had been launched in Horsham.

42. Documents for Councillors to Read.

- (a) **C.P.R.E. Fieldwork – August 2010.** Mr. Jerman took away this document to read.
- (b) **Communities & Local Government – Permitted Development for Household document.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese took away this document to review.
- (c) **Horsham District News – Autumn 2010.** Attention was drawn to the articles regarding Storrington Mill Pond on page 5 and Storrington air quality on page 6.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.