



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 10TH JANUARY, 2006 AT 7.30 PM, IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, PLUMPTON GREEN

PRESENT: Mr R Taylor – Chairman
Mr K Speirs – Vice-Chairman
Mrs B Watson
Mr T Hawthorne
Mr P Ramsay
Mrs C Thompson

1. APOLOGIES:

Mr. K. Beard, Mrs. S. Akers, Mrs. S. Angel.

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting on 13th December, 2006 were signed as a true record.
The Minutes of a planning meeting on 31st December, 2005 were signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

NADFAS – Clerk read out letter apologising for stacking the chairs in the wrong place, and would put them elsewhere in the future.

Transport to Surgeries – Clerk read out letter from ESCC which had come from Mr. Baker MP saying that the Taxi Rider service had not been used sufficiently to keep it going, and funding had been for a specific time anyway. The Bluebird Community Partnership at Burgess Hill were providing services in Ditchling and Hassocks; Council could contact them to explore the option of their services coming to Plumpton.

Highways - No reply had been received to letter; Clerk would chase this up.

Beetle Garage - The Enforcement Officer LDC had visited and reported that the owners of the garage were putting in an application for change of use. He had also reported to Mr. Stratton LDC the presence of cars on the highway for his attention. Cars belonging to employees would be allowed to park there, but cars for sale would not. A letter from LDC planning had also been received to say that there were no applications for the garages in Riddens Lane. Mr. Speirs would try to find out how long they had been there, and what they had been used for in the past. Clerk to contact Planning to ask if the garages were only to be used for garaging or could they have cars to sale parked outside them.

Surface Water at Old School Cottages - Clerk read out letter from EA who had visited and had not found any problems, which may have been due to dry weather at the time. Mr. Ramsay would take a photograph next time the problem occurred and then Highways or the EA would be contacted again.

Lorries along Beresford Lane - Mr. Speirs reported that the PCSO had been to the RDH site and spoken about the lorries. Mr. Speirs had also contacted the site manager.

PCSO's - Clerk read out e mail from Chief Inspector Gough saying that existing PCSO's would not be withdrawn but any future intake (15 planned for up to 2008), would need funding from Parish and Town Councils; the cost of one per annum would be £27,000 and clusters of parishes would be asked to contribute £13,500 (50%) towards this. Clerk to write to say that PC's should not have to fund extra PCSO's and are happy with the one they have got and do not want to be included in the scheme for more in the future.

- 4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:** Nothing to report.
- 5. VILLAGE HALL:** Nothing to report.
- 6. FINANCE:** The balances at the end of December were: Admin £4436.20, Village Hall £12,064.57, Playing Field, £10,483.03.
- 7. PLAYING FIELD:** Mr. Speirs reported that the abandoned car was still at the Playing Field after two months; it had been reported to LDC. Heating had been installed in the Pavilion in the play group and social area. The Playgroup had contributed towards the cost. Mr. Speirs had spoken to someone about making a sign for the playing field, and it was not anticipated that this would cost much.
Mr. Speirs had received an estimate for repairing the climbing frame in the play area at a cost of £445. It was agreed that the work should go ahead and Mr. Speirs would contact Mr. Day to agree to the estimate.
- 8. PLANNING:** The following permissions have been granted:
LW/05/2159 The Firs, Beresford Lane. Conversion of outbuilding to two holiday lets and demolition of side extensions (amended layout and fenestration, details to planning approval LW/04/2389) for Mr. Sinden.
LW/05/2050 The Laines, Plumpton Lane. Erection of a timber summer house/games room (existing stable building to be demolished) for Mr. Wilby.
- 9. VILLAGE CARE:** Mr. Speirs reported that he and Mrs. Akers had a meeting at the allotments. The water was coming out of a drain on Station Road and this was going into the ditch; the fall needs to be sorted out from the car park to the stream. Mr. Blencowe had dug a drainage ditch. Clerk to write again to Highways about this. Clerk to ask Mrs. Akers if she had found out what the size of allotments were, as new ones should be marked out and made available to parishioners.
- 10. FOOTPATHS:** Nothing to report.
- 11. PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Mr. Hawthorne reported that the timetable of the 166 bus had changed. The last journey from Lewes to Plumpton would be at 1750 instead of 1810. There were two additional journeys a day via Winterbourne, and there had been minor changes to the Village Rider timetable.
Mrs. Watson said that the 1012 bus sometimes come earlier than it should; Mr. Hawthorne will have a word about this.
- 12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Nothing to report.
- 13. TREE WARDEN:** Nothing to report.
- 14. VILLAGE ACTION PLAN** Mr. Hawthorne had a meeting with Ms Goldstone of Action in Rural Sussex about putting together an application to DEFRA for funding of the plan. The PC's contribution would be approximately £150 and DEFRA may contribute up to £2000 for printing costs. LDC may also give a grant.
Mr. Hawthorne said he thought it would be a good idea to form a steering group, with all ages and interests involved (school, a commuter, young person, member of a club or society) , about 8-10 people. It was decided to wait until after the application for funding from DEFRA was received before inviting certain people from the community and possibly advertising. Clerk to mention that the application was under way in the parish magazine. Mr. Hawthorne presented a draft timetable of events, which would take approximately a year to eighteen months.

15. REPORT OF CLERK:

Clerk presented to the Council: Lewes District Commander's Update Decemeber 2005,NHS Surrey and Sussex Consultations on new NHS organisations, Aim Higher, Sussex, Working Together December 2005, LDC Rural Local Action Team, Standards of Conduct in English Local Government the Future, Local Council review January 2006, Clerks and Councils Direct January, 2006, Southdowns Focus January, 2006, District Link.

Clerk had purchased a new mouse!

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting would be on 4th April, 2006.

Mr. Ramsay asked for three items to be included on the March Agenda.

CHAIRMAN