



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 19TH SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 7.30 PM, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, PLUMPTON GREEN

PRESENT: Mr. R. Taylor Chairman
Mrs B Watson
Mrs.S. Akers
Mrs. S. Angel
Mrs C Thompson
Mr. K. Beard
Mr.P. Ramsay
Mr. T. Hawthorne
Representative from SOCS and Sandpit Committee

1. APOLOGIES:

Mr. K. Speirs. Clerk Mrs. E Cullen Mrs. S. Akers took the minutes.

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting on 18th July, 2006 were signed as a true record.
The Minutes of a Planning Meetings on 5th August and 9th September 2006 were signed as true record. Item on lease for hairdresser not on agenda.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Beresford Manor Farm – E mail from Mr. Brown, Enforcement LDC saying there are no concerns about the use of the annexe buildings as they are occupied by family members.

Ditch by allotments – Letter from ESCC Maintenance; boulders will be put back as agreed, and slight adjustments to be made to ditch to improve flow. An order has been issued for works to be carried out outside Old School Cottages to improve current situation.

Footpath 15 and 45 – Footpath between East View Fields over footbridge; work has been carried out.

Kerbstones East View Fields – Loose and missing kerbstones and setts to be measured and arrangements made for repairs to be carried out as necessary; exact date for work not given as work part of contractors rolling programme.

Lock up garages at The Paddocks – Awaiting investigation from Inland Revenue.

Footpath 27 and 3 – Footpath 27 on list of work to be done and will be replaced at some stage. Clerk to write to ask for sign post to be reinstated as soon as possible Footpath 3.

Rubbish at Playing Field – Mr. Ramsay had reported that rubbish bags were being left at entrance to playing fields. Clerk to report this to Mr. Speirs and arrange another collection or consider the possibility of paving slabs between the hedge and recycling bins to accommodate extra rubbish.

30 mph speed limit on Plumpton Lane – Mr. Nicholson explained that he had been asked to set up a petition by the whole village to have a 30 mph speed limit on the southern end of Plumpton Lane. There is a new government initiative pending on speed limits in rural areas, but it is not known when this will come into effect. Councillors will discuss at their next meeting ways of reducing the speeding in this area. Possible solutions include, hedge trimming to give better visibility, a rough road surface to slow vehicles down, and red markings on the road. Clerk to write to Highways requesting a 40 mph limit from the Half Moon to the approach to the level crossing and from the Plough to the start of the 30 mph limit.

Drainage – Work completed at Old School Cottages. Clerk to contact Mr. Ramsay to obtain details regarding size of drains which may be causing additional problems

Hedge at No 1 Greencross – It was suggested that PC invite owner of the property to experience first hand the problem of negotiating exiting from the Racecourse in a large vehicle. Clerk to arrange for Hills Driving School to assist in this matter. Clerk to write

to Police to look at this as a road traffic hazard.

West Gate Social Housing – Work has been completed on clearing flower beds.

Footpath outside Fyndings and Longdown – Letter received from residents stating that the condition of the path had worsened considerably. Clerk to acknowledge letter saying that they would pursue the matter with Highways.

SOCS – Mr. S. St Pierre addressed the meeting to explain the need for a Turbidity meter should the development of the sandpit go ahead. He stated that there is a possibility of operational discharge from the pits into the Mill Stream. SOCS carry out water testing in the area and the Mill Stream is an important stream. Silt coming into the stream will clog it up and affect the ecology. He asked the PC if they would be willing to contribute to the purchase of the Turbidity meter. Mr. Nicholson said that he would contact the contractor to ask for a contribution. The PC agreed to contribute £150 and this payment would be made next month when the precept has been set.

4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Stream at East View Fields – Mrs. Watson requested that the weeds be cleared and the BT barriers be removed. Clerk to write to Environment Agency about this.

Sussex Police Authority Meeting – Mrs. Angel said that this meeting will take place at an earlier time of 6.30 pm until 8.30 pm on the 4th October at the Peacehaven Community Centre; she will be attending.

Tourism Meeting – Mr. Hawthorne said that this meeting will be on 20th September.

SID – PC still need volunteers to operate this system. Clerk to include this in magazine article emphasising the need for this in light of villagers concerns regarding speeding in the village.

RVRC meeting – Next meeting is on 25th September; Mr. Hawthorne will report to the next meeting on this.

5. VILLAGE HALL:

Agreement had been made to replace broken tiles on the south side of the hall. Estimates are being obtained for cupboards to be installed at the back of the stage. Lighting bars are to be renewed to bring them in line with new regulations. It was reported that a minor accident had taken place in the village hall car park involving a member of the Horticultural Society and a young person riding a bike in the car park. Fortunately, the lady was not badly injured. It had been observed that children are often riding round the car park after 8 pm. Clerk to write to residents of West Gate explaining what happened and to emphasize that the car park is not a play area and that the riding of bikes is prohibited in the car park, and do not take responsibility for children in the car park. This to be included in Parish Magazine article, and include the contact details of the PCSO. The PCSO had been contacted after the incident, and she will keep an eye on the situation. Mr. Taylor will renew and replace the notice in the hall explaining the Bye Laws attached to the village hall.

Lease for Hairdressers – A letter of opposition had been received from Mr. Satchell. The Councillors felt that they had not had sufficient time to read and understand the lease which had been prepared. It was agreed that Councillors would review the document and make comments against the relevant clause numbers and this would be discussed at the next PC meeting or Planning meeting, whichever can first. It was suggested that Councillors e mail comments to Mr. Ramsay who would collate them.

6. FINANCE:

The balances at the end of July were Village Hall, £11,0370.01, Playing Field £9,608.17, and Admin £6,262.04. August, Village Hall £11,346.35, Playing Field £9,675.12, and Admin £18,292.88.

New PC Kieran McDonald would be coming to the October PC meeting.

7. PLAYING FIELD:

Tennis Club – It was requested that Mr. Speirs contact Mr. Mitchell regarding the track leading to the tennis course and discuss the subsidence that has taken place.

Clerk to enquire from Mr. Speirs what had happened at the Pavilion following a recent party, and query whether the licence should be reviewed and deposits withheld.

- 8. PLANNING:** The following permissions have been granted:
LW/06/0779 Bryndon, Station Road. Erection of rear conservatory.
LW/06/0685 Lentrydge Barn, Station Road. Section 73A retrospective application for retention of caravan for living accommodation, storage shed and storage container during conversion of barn to residential.
LW/06/0838 Castle House, South Road. Demolition of Nissan hut and erection of garage with recreation room above (resubmission of LW/05/1846).
LW/06/0909 Plumpton College. Erection of single storey childrens education centre.
LW/06/0761 Plumpton Green garage, Station Road. Residential development comprising four x three bed houses, two x two bed flats and two x one bed flats. The Beetle Garage application had been approved. Letter from Mr. Baker explaining the conditions which had been imposed.
TPO 8 2001 Whitehouse Farm. Crown reduce by 30% London Plane tree (T2 or Order). Refused.
TPO (No 4) 1990 Land adjoining Saxon Cottage. Reduce ends of lateral limbs growing toward the dwelling by no more than 2m on four Horse Chestnut trees – permission given.
- 9. VILLAGE CARE:** It was reported that the vegetation round a yew tree was overgrown; Mr. Beard agreed to clear this.
- 10. FOOTPATHS:** Nothing to report.
- 11. PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Nothing to report.
- 12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Nothing to report.
- 13. TREE WARDEN:** Nothing to report.
- 14. VILLAGE ACTION PLAN** Mr. Hawthorne reported that a display had been erected in the Village Hall on the day of the Horticultural Flower Show on 16th September and this had drawn a lot of interest and comments. The biggest issue was speeding. The next meeting is on 2nd October, 2006
- 15. REPORT OF CLERK:** Letter from Jon Sanders requesting assistance from PC to provide a place to practice 8 ball pool. Clerk to reply that there are no suitable places.
Council not interested in Village of the Year Competition.
Letter from Lord Lieutenant regarding Queens Award for Voluntary Organisations. This would be discussed further if appropriate.
Letter from Sussex Police saying that the Home Office has decided not to force any mergers of Sussex and Surrey Police.
Letter from Victim support thanking PC for donation.
Thank you letter from Mr. Spinks thanking PC for cutting hedge.
- Presented to the Council: South Downs View July/August issue, South Downs Management Plan June 2006, letter Consumer Council for Water, The Meresman Autumn Winter, SALC Annual report and Accounts, Clerks & Councils Direct, A Guide to Improving Your Local Environment, Sussex Police Meeting 4th October, 2006, letter East Sussex Municipal Waste Management Strategy, Minutes of Committees Summer Cycle 2006, Local Councils News Sheets, Novington Sandpit Residents Committee Meeting, RVRC Meeting 31st July, Lewes Market Town Health Check, letter regarding speeding, letter regarding travellers.

CHAIRMAN