

**Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in
the Village Hall, Westham on Monday 17
November 2008**

228 Present

Cllrs B Molog (Chair), M Nash, T Comerford, D Molog, T Bruce, G Parsons, K Saxby, P Marshall, K Sutherland, D Picton and B Tooley.

229 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from R Perrin.

The meeting was suspended.

230 Leader of Wealden District Councillor - Pam Dodes

P Dodes introduced herself and reported that Wealden have reviewed and decided to keep their three objectives namely; putting people first, pride of place and working with other people. She said Wealden are asking all Head of Departments to look at their budgets to keep council tax down especially as they expect an increase in other expenses.

She also said that she has replied to Ron Cussons' letter about the Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle. D Molog asked if the public have been consulted and P Dodes said not yet as no decisions have been made.

The meeting was then re-opened.

231 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 October 2008 were read, approved and signed.

232 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that the new website is nearly complete and photos should be added soon.

233 Disclosure of Interests

M Nash disclosed an interest in the Westham Village Hall grant application and B Molog, P Marshall and D Picton disclosed an interest in the Stone Cross Mill application. All are trustees.

The meeting was then re-opened.

234 Correspondence

The Clerk read from the attached correspondence list and the correspondence was noted and/or referred to the relevant committees.

235 Reports from Committee Meetings

The minutes of the Committee Meetings were received and the recommendations adopted;

2008	B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	10	November
2008	T Comerford	Finance & General Purposes	10	November
2008	D Molog	Environment and Planning	10	November

The Chair said that the matter of Clerk's pay was wrongly considered at the Finance and General Purposes Meeting. There will now be an agenda item on the next Finance and General Purposes agenda and the sub-committee will not meet.

236 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

None.

237 Reports from Outside Meetings

G Parsons and B Molog attended a meeting with local Parish Councils about the Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle. A letter has been sent to the Leader of Wealden District Council as a result.

B Molog and G Parsons attended the District Parish Conference about the Local Strategic Partnership and the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy document is to be produced in May/June. The Housing Strategy is to include increased Affordable Housing and Community Payback offenders are to do low skilled projects. Fly tipping and increased facilities for the young were also discussed.

K Saxby met ESCC who said the roads in Hankham are going to be in-filled in the next fifteen days and the verges by the school are to be reconstructed in the next financial year.

B Molog reported that the recent Risk Assessment meeting held at the Amenity Hall went well and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

K Sutherland reported that Stone Cross Memorial Hall have applied for funding to the Lottery/Barclays Bank and Wealden District Council. M Nash said the Transport Partnership can report that the Saturday Shopper has had a good start and then he appealed for more

volunteers to answer the telephone.

The meeting was then suspended again.

238 Reports from County/District Councillors

D Dear reported that there have been no planning breaches at the property in Hailsham Road whose owners recently brought the land adjoining the property.

She also said the new planning regulations mean that in some cases neighbours will not now be notified.

239 Questions from Members of the Public

T Sandilands asked if the Parish Council was consulted about the High Street being currently closed.

J Richards asked if the road works at Hankham can be co-ordinated so the road is only closed once.

The meeting was then re-opened.

240 Emergency Plan - Update

Amendment 6 was circulated and approved.

M Nash also attended the Emergency Plan meeting at Uckfield. It was very well attended and Parishes shared their experiences.

He also asked if the high visibility jackets can have 'Westham Parish Council' printed across their backs and if laminated cards can be printed with the emergency numbers on them This was referred to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

241 Business Plan

There were no further updates.

242 Westham Parish Council's Publication Scheme

This was referred to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting. The Clerk is to redistribute the Publication Scheme in the meantime.

243 Precept Request to include Grant Requests

Councillors resolved to award the following clubs and organisations the amounts shown;

The Friendship Lunch	£ 400.00
Stone Cross Mill	£ 350.00
Stone Cross Memorial Hall	£ 400.00
Westham Village Hall	£ 400.00
St Mary's Church	£ 300.00
Pevensey and Westham Sports Club	£ 300.00
Pevensey and Westham Toddlers	£ 200.00
St Luke's Church	£ 200.00
Pevensey and Westham Playgroup	£ 200.00
Wealden Citizens' Advice	£ 300.00
The Pump	£1500.00
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The following grant requests were refused;

The Petangue Club as it has paid members
Girl Guides as it felt parents should pay.

The Clerk read through the precept calculations previously distributed to Councillors and recommended that the precept for 2009/10 is £126,075. This is based on the figures provided and an increase of 2.5% in line with inflation. Councillors resolved that the precept for 2009/10 is £126,075.

244 Appointment of New Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that four people have enquired about the vacancy but only one applied by the deadline - Mrs Beverley Garner.

Councillors resolved that Mrs Garner is appointed to replace Mrs Rich.

245 Questions From Members

M Nash asked if Councillors are aware the fence at Butcher's Field has been damaged.

G Parsons asked that as it has not been possible to get a second quote for treeworks at 26 Geering Road, Councillors accept the price from Chaffins before more damage takes place. Councillors resolved that the Clerk asks Chaffins to carry out the work.

246 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration by the Council on this occasion.