

**Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in
Westham Village Hall on Monday 16 February
2009**

333 Present

Cllrs B Molog (Chair), M Nash, R Perrin, D Molog, G Parsons, K Saxby, K Sutherland, T Comerford, B Garner and B Tooley.

334 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from T Bruce, P Marshall and D Picton.

335 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 January 2009 were read, approved and signed.

336 Matters Arising

M Nash reported that the number 10 bus is to continue and the lifebuoys have been replaced at Westham Pond.

The Business Plan has been approved at this stage after a minor alteration and another sub-committee meeting is to be arranged.

B Molog also reminded everyone that the Parish Council is holding a free Arts Morning for children on 19 February in the Amenity Hall.

K Sutherland entered the meeting.

337 Disclosure of Interests

None.

338 Correspondence

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

339 Reports from Committee Meetings

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

T Comerford	Finance & General Purposes	19 January 2009
D Molog	Environment and Planning	19 January 2009
B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	19 January 2009

340 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

None.

341 Reports from Outside Meetings

B Molog, B Tooley and the Clerk met a representative from ESCC to look at the feasibility of having a small car park in Adur Park. Subject to seeing the actual planning application ESCC said that they approve as long as the access is moved.

G Parsons and B Molog attended another meeting about the Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle and assured residents that consultations are expected to take place as part of the Local Development Framework in May.

B Molog also attended the Pevensey Town Trust meeting who need to work out a way forward to manage the Cattle Market Car Park.

K Saxby attended the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Meeting where he received some useful handouts.

M Nash attended the Pevensey and Westham Local Transport Partnership Meeting. He thanked the Clerk for displaying the bus timetables in the notice boards and on the website and asked for more volunteers to answer the telephones. He finished by encouraging people to keep using the number 10 bus.

The meeting was then suspended.

342 Reports from County/District Councillors

There were no reports from the County and District Councillors and Councillors again commented on their lack of attendance at Parish Council Meetings.

343 Questions from Members of the Public

P Bounds thanked the Clerk for the bolder notices in the Parish Notice Boards and the new lifebuoys at Westham Pond.

S Baird reported that the rut is now back again at the green in Westham. R Perrin suggested a collapsible bollard could be placed there. S Baird also said shrubs are blocking the path at Butcher's Field and the High Street needs to be litter picked.

R Lawrence asked if Councillors know anything about a proposed new footpath in Westham and Councillors asked the Clerk to investigate.

P Britton reported that the street light outside the Memorial Hall Car Park needs repairing and asked if it was really the Bay View Car Park that Pevensey Parish Council are interested in.

T Freebody introduced himself as the new Prospective County Councillor and said he would attend at least 75% of Parish Council Meetings.

The meeting was then re-opened.

344 Emergency Plan - Update

M Nash said the High Visibility Jackets now have 'Westham Parish Council' printed on them and the telephone cards are nearly complete.

The three Residents' Associations have been very helpful and the ESCC Planning Exercise was a table top exercise on what to do in the event of the coastline being threatened by a high tide.

He also plans a coastal visit with T Comerford and the Clerk to work out numbers for the Emergency Plan.

345 Business Plan

B Molog said there was nothing additional to report.

346 Annual Village Event

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

347 Car Parking in Adur Park

B Tooley, B Molog and the Clerk met ESCC who said, as long as the access is moved and subject to seeing the planning application, they would be happy for the car park to go ahead.

348 ROSPA Report

Councillors agreed to award Foster Playscapes the works to the play parks as per their estimate dated 9 December 2009.

B Tooley said the current system for inspecting the play parks is not working. He proposed that the Clerk is paid an extra four hours a week to inspect the play parks and other areas owned by the Parish Council. D Molog seconded the proposal and all agreed. The job description subject to a minor change was also approved.

349 Notice Board Displays

Councillors felt that the notice boards are a valuable asset which need updating more regularly.

Councillors resolved that the Clerk is paid an additional hour a week at her standard rate of pay to update the notice boards. M Nash asked for the Drill Hall Notice Board to have a clearer heading in it and B Molog asked that Clubs and Associations bring their notices in for the boards at least two weeks in advance.

350 PCSO

After discussions, Councillors agreed that the Parish does not need a full time PCSO which would cost £30000 a year. They also asked for the current PCSO and his line manager to attend a Full Council Meeting to look at possibly changing the current arrangement. The Chief Inspector will then be invited to attend a Full Council Meeting after. This is all as a result of recent changes told to B Tooley at a recent meeting in Uckfield.

351 Questions From Members

D Molog reminded those present the Parish Council is in favour of the Joe Townsend (Little Summit) Planning Application.

R Perrin asked if the County Council can be approached to extend the bollards on the verge at Butcher's Field to prevent cars parking there and for the PCSO to be approached to help solve the problem in the meantime. Councillors agreed to offer to meet the cost if need be.

B Molog asked for a volunteer to be the Council's Second Representative on the St John's Trust but no-one came forward.

M Nash reported that the pavement by Barn Close is dangerous.

352 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered by the Council;

WD2009/0288FR	32 Rattle Road, Westham Retrospective application for a first floor rear extension. No objections.
WD2009/0301F	Windyridge, Hankham Street New dormer window and balcony. No objections.