

**Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in
Stone Cross Amenity Hall on Monday 16 March
2009**

380 Present

Cllrs B Molog (Chair), M Nash, R Perrin, D Molog, K Sutherland, T Comerford, B Garner, T Bruce, P Marshall, D Picton and B Tooley.

381 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from G Parsons and K Saxby.

382 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 February 2009 were read, approved and signed.

383 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that the Arts Morning recently held by the Parish Council had been a great success and it is hoped the event can be repeated in the future.

The Clerk also reported that ESCC have repaired the dangerous pavement by Barn Close.

384 Disclosure of Interests

B Molog declared an interest in the item on electricity costs as she is a Governor at Stone Cross School.

385 Correspondence

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

386 Reports from Committee Meetings

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

T Comerford	Finance & General Purposes	9 March 2009
B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	9 March 2009
D Molog	Environment and Planning	9

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387 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

None.

388 Reports from Outside Meetings

The Transport Partnership has operated as a limited company for a year now and the Wednesday timetable is to change. M Nash encouraged everyone to look out for the Stagecoach leaflet and use the free vouchers in it.

B Molog attended the WDALC meeting and assured those present that our views are taken into account by Wealden. The main concern seemed to be the state of the roads, specifically the amount of potholes, which ESCC are still catching up with.

The meeting was then suspended.

389 Reports from County/District Councillors

D Cllr K Balsdon has attended meetings at Wealden about the Council Tax. Wealden have managed to restrict the increase to 3.5% as they have used reserves. He particularly highlighted the loss of £627,000 interest charges and the increased use of services.

390 Questions from Members of the Public

S Baird asked when the High Street and Castle Lane are to be litter picked, and when the branches at Butcher's Field will be cut.

J Richards asked why tenants are having problems getting insulation and B Molog said they can approach Warmfront. J Richards asked why tenants are not told about Warmfront although it is believed leaflets are given to everyone over 60.

S Baird asked where the replacement shed is going at the Church.

J Crew asked when grass cutting is carried out.

The meeting was then re-opened.

391 Emergency Plan - Update

Councillors all resolved to accept amendment 7. M Nash reported that members of the sub-committee visited the coastal area and established the approximate numbers in the Caravan Parks at various times of the year in case it was ordered to evacuate parts of the coast.

He also reported the beach replenishment program is going well and amendment 8 is to follow.

392 Business Plan

B Molog said a meeting has been arranged for Friday 20 March 2009.

393 Annual Village Event

There was nothing new to report but a meeting is to be arranged before the next Full Council Meeting.

394 Car Parking in Adur Park

Councillors agreed to link this with the item on Adur Park later on in the meeting.

395 Allotments

Councillors resolved that the allotment charge remains £7 for the next year. The Clerk will contact allotment holders.

396 Westham Parking Problems

Councillors discussed the continuing problem of cars ruining the village green.

Councillors agreed to place either canon balls or a bollard there and asked the Clerk to get prices. There was one objection. Councillors are also to consider putting a bollard outside Butcher's Field.

397 Adur Park

Councillors generally agreed this is a large underused resource and want to consider removing the basketball court and maybe use it as hardcore for a new car park. They also wanted to look into what to do with the area and decided to set up a Working Party to investigate the options. The Working Party is to consist of BT, BM, KS, TC and DM.

T Bruce asked that facilities for teenagers are considered.

398 Westham Pond

Councillors resolved to replace the fencing at Westham pond and asked the Clerk to get prices.

399 Electricity Costs

Councillors agreed to pay Stone Cross School £600 a year, which equates to £50 a month, for the use of electricity in the Council Offices and the Amenity Hall. This is to contribute towards the school's increased electricity costs.

400 Questions From Members

B Garner asked if the double yellow lines can be extended outside the newsagents in Westham.

R Perrin reported that the pavement by Butcher's Field is breaking up and asked for the PCSO to patrol the area.

D Picton asked if Councillors are aware that Langney Shopping Centre has approximately 60 copies of The Pump. He also invited everyone to the Stone Cross Windmill AGM on 9 April 2009 at 7.30pm.

401 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to be considered.