

**Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in
the Amenity Hall, Stone Cross on Monday 19
January 2009**

278 Present

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

279 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from T Comerford.

280 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 November 2008 were read, approved and signed.

281 Matters Arising

K Sutherland reported that Wealden is to increase next year's Council Tax by 2.83%.

282 Welcome to new Councillor

B Molog introduced and welcomed Mrs Beverley Garner as the new Parish Councillor and Mrs Garner duly signed the signing in book.

283 Disclosure of Interests

G Parsons declared a personal interest in the Bay View Golf Club Planning Application.

284 Correspondence

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

285 Reports from Committee Meetings

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

	D Molog	Finance & General Purposes	8 December 2008
	D Molog	Environment and Planning	8 December
2008	B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	8 December 2008

286 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

B Molog asked the Council to agree the Pay Review Sub-Committee's recommendations which are;

i: The Clerk's pay increases from scale 29 to scale 31. This is a net increase of £72.21 per month and will cost the council an additional £13.82 per month in National Insurance Contributions.

ii: This increase will be effective from 1 April 2008.

iii: The Clerk's annual leave will increase from the standard 20 days per annum to the 25 days automatically awarded for long service.

The Council agreed to accept the recommendations. All were in favour.

287 Reports from Outside Meetings

B Molog and D Picton attended the Pevensy Town Trust meeting and reported that the car park is a financial liability. The Trust has therefore written to Wealden to see if they will take it over.

M Nash attended several Transport Partnership meetings and reported that the Saturday Shopper is proving very popular. Although it is dependant on volunteers, he feels it should continue. He was concerned that the take-over of Eastbourne Buses might mean the end of the Beachlands service.

K Sutherland reported that Stone Cross Memorial Hall have had problems getting grants and so he has suggested they use outside bodies who should be able to help. They were, however, successful in getting £300 from the Christmas raffle and £500 from Barclays Award Scheme.

The meeting was then suspended.

288 Reports from County/District Councillors

There were no reports from the County and District Councillors and the Chair said it was a great pity they were not at the meeting.

289 Questions from Members of the Public

P Bounds asked for bolder notices in the Parish Notice Boards and the lifebuoy to be replaced at Westham Pond.

The meeting was then re-opened.

290 Emergency Plan - Update

M Nash said, along with John Wood from Wealden, the Emergency Plan Sub-Committee have carried out a draft pandemic exercise.

P Marshall is producing a card of emergency telephone numbers and the distribution of it will be decided by the Sub-Committee.

There is to be a large scale exercise at Sovereign Harbour on 5th February and P Marshall and M Nash will represent this Parish.

Amendment 7 is also being prepared.

K Saxby said the school have now produced their Emergency Plan which is based on different events and asked if, in the event of an emergency, they can use the Amenity Hall. All agreed.

291 Business Plan

B Molog said the meeting with Trevor Leggo in January was cancelled but it is to be re-arranged.

292 Amenity Hall Booking

Stone Cross School is hoping to run a holiday club from 16th February to 20th February inclusive and would like to use the Amenity Hall for the lunch time session. The club would be run by Cophall Kids Club and is subject to them having the required insurance.

Councillors agreed to support a pilot scheme and agreed they can use the hall.

Councillors also agreed to host a joint Arts and Crafts Morning with Wealden on February 19th for the children of the Parish.

293 Annual Village Event

D Picton proposed that the Parish Council hosts an annual village event which could include bouncy castles, vintage cars, side shows etc.

After some discussion the Council agreed to set up a Sub-Committee to look at the practicalities of setting up such an event. D Picton, B Tooley and D Molog are to be the members of the Sub-Committee.

294 Councillors' Allowances

The proposal was that Councillors award themselves an allowance of £100 each and the Chair £200 to help with expenses they can have if they so wish. Councillors unanimously rejected the proposal. They felt it was inappropriate in the current climate. They said they give their time freely.

295 Car Parking in Adur Park

Councillors discussed the possibility of have a small car parking area in Adur Park. They agreed that B Tooley and G Parsons meet ESCC to see if access would be a problem.

296 Street Light Maintenance

Councillors resolved that the Clerk accepts the contract drawn up with ESCC for street light maintenance. This is to be effective from April 2009.

297 Proposed Boundary Change

Councillors considered the proposal from Pevensey to change the boundary so the Pevensey Recreation Ground and the beach area fall within their boundary. The Clerk said that these areas were historically part of Westham as this was the Westham church boundary and a Westham footpath runs through the area.

Councillors also strongly denied the claim by Pevensey Chair John Grout that Westham is unable to cope with being such a large Parish. B Molog said we have an extremely well qualified Clerk and have recently achieved Quality Parish Status which proves this Parish can cope.

Councillors considered the requests ridiculous and rejected them and asked the Clerk to reply accordingly.

298 Questions From Members

D Picton asked if the Clerk can write to ESCC as there have several near misses involving cars by Tesco's.

K Saxby said similar problems are being experienced in Hankham and ESCC still have not been to repair the roads there. Councillors agreed the Clerk should contact ESCC again on this, notifying C Cllr Simon Radford and MP Greg Barker too.

B Molog asked that the Clerk contacts the Pump to see what software they use. Councillors agreed she should then buy this software so The Pump can print photographs in the newsletter.

299 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered by the Council;

WD2008/3034F

11 Mill View Close
Removal of porch and erection of

	a single storey extension to the front. No objections.
WD2008/3032F	Unit X-Y, Westham Business Park Change of use from B1 to B8 with distribution. No objections.
WD2008/2351FR	Bay View Golf Course Retention of safety netting to south east side of first fairway of golf course. No objections.
WD2008/2977F	Grey Tower Caravan Park Change of use of workshop to live/work unit. No objections.
WD2008/3062F	95 Rattle Road, Westham Part removal of loft extension and rebuilding. Councillors object strongly to this. They feel it is an overdevelopment.
WD2008/2974F	Glyndley Garden Centre Temporary change of use from nursery to garden centre of existing glasshouse, polytunnel and open area. No objections.
WD2008/3118F	Cherry Croft, Milton Street Replacement dwelling and formation of new access drive. No objections.
WD2008/3129F	Unit A, Neighbourhood Shopping Centre. Change of use from D1(a) to A1/A2. Councillors object, change of use will mean more cars and more access problems.

WD2008/3000MAJ

Stone Cross Nursery
Demolition of former nursery buildings and construction of new access road, 27 dwellings (4 No. one bed apartments, 1 No. two bed apartment, 17 No. two bed houses and 5 No. three bed houses) together with parking spaces, garages, carports and public open space.

Councillors would like to see the pond filled in. It is a safety hazard. There is a problem with the planting as children playing by the pond can not be seen. Experience shows that public areas must be seen and not enclosed with trees. Please also ensure there is no planting on the right hand side of the access road to keep visibility clear.

The following determinations were noted;

WD2008/2846F

2 Orwell Close, Stone Cross
Partial garage conversion and first floor extension.

Granted.

WD2008/2833FA

Glyndley Garden Centre
Alteration of condition 12 to allow aquatics concession to continue to trade in position.

Granted.

WD2008/3013FR

17 Mill View Close, Westham
Retrospective application for erection of conservatory at rear.

Granted.

WD2008/2516F

Land to the rear of Little Summit,
Hankham Hall Road
Disabled chalet bungalow.

Refused.