

Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in Westham Village Hall on Monday 20 April 2009

402 Present

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

PCSO J Harwood and PC J Baldwin-Charles were also in attendance.

403 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from K Saxby.

The meeting was suspended.

404 Report from PCSO Jamie Harwood

PCSO Harwood said Julia Pope is the new District Commander. He identified the three main areas of crime in the Parish as anti-social behaviour, criminal behaviour and cycling in Pevensy Bay. Shoplifters in Tesco have been arrested, a mini motor has been crushed and parking problems are being dealt with.

B Tooley volunteered to sit on the Panel Meetings where they identify the priorities of the Parish. He asked that K Saxby is also invited.

PCSO Harwood is to talk to Pevensy and Westham School to see if they can start a walking bus.

The meeting was then re-opened.

405 Minutes

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

406 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that the Arts Morning recently held by the Parish Council had been a great success and the event will be repeated in the May half term.

407 Disclosure of Interests

None.

408 Correspondence

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

409 Reports from Committee Meetings

There have been no Committee Meetings since the last Full Council Meeting.

410 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

None.

411 Reports from Outside Meetings

D Picton attended Red Dyke Residents' Association AGM. He said they have a new Chair and the new committee seem very keen and lively.

B Molog, D Molog, T Bruce and the Clerk attended the Community Governance Review meeting at Wealden. Wealden are to contact the residents who will be affected by the proposed boundary change to gauge their views.

B Molog attended the Pevensey Town Trust Meeting where they discussed the future of the car park.

B Molog and G Parsons attended the Wealden Planning Conference where they were told about changes to planning regulations. They were also told that there will be a public consultation on the LDF in May which she encouraged residents to attend.

Following a WDALC meeting B Molog asked that Councillors attend a Power of Wellbeing course.

K Sutherland attended the committee meeting at Stone Cross Memorial Hall. They are making great endeavours into fund raising. Their AGM is in May.

The Transport Partnership reported that the community bus is a success, two more drivers are being trained although more 'phonies' are still needed. M Nash also said the Wednesday timetable has changed and the Hailsham route has been improved. He has attended

a Transport Seminar and will circulate a report in due course.

The meeting was then suspended again.

412 Reports from County/District Councillors

D Cllr D Dear congratulated the Council on gaining Quality Parish Status. She asked if the Council will consider putting up a sign by the Castle to show that there are shops nearby. Government Inspectors visited Wealden and declared the officers amongst the best in the country. As a member of the Environment and Scrutinees Committee she asked residents to let Wealden know how they feel the recycling services are working.

D Cllr K Balsdon said he has written to Rev Barrett for an update on the state of the church wall. He also attended a benefits course and is very keen to raise the profile of the benefits service.

He also said there is a new Head and a new Chair of Governors at Pevensey and Westham School.

413 Questions from Members of the Public

D Thompson expressed concerns about the Gallows Lane roundabout. Visibility is poor, the bus shelter blocks the view and the lorries drive over the roundabout which he finds very noisy.

Mrs McCall complained that children over ten are using the Castle Bolton play park and asked for the ownership sign in the park to be removed. She also complained that children are cycling on the verges and playing football in the park. B Molog and R Perrin explained that the signs are a ROSPA requirement and have to stay and the Clerk said she had already asked the PCSO to patrol the area regularly.

Mr Evan-Jones offered to carry out a Conservation and Biodiversity Study free of charge. The Chair thanked him and asked him to leave his details with the Clerk.

He also reported that access to the road via fencing in Peelings Lane is destroying the biodiversity.

P Brown asked if no ball signs are enforceable.

The meeting was then re-opened.

414 Emergency Plan - Update

M Nash said the pocket version of contact numbers is at the printers. He attended a Flood Awareness Meeting in Pevensey Bay and is now more aware of the dangers of flooding, and he attended an Environment Agency Meeting with P Marshall where maps showed the areas of flooding.

He also reported the beach replenishment program is going well and amendment 8 is to follow. He said new residents receive a welcome pack which consists of the Advice to Residents, the Are You Special Form and the Parish Council newsletter.

415 Business Plan

B Molog asked Councillors to look at the Draft Business Plan and let her know of any changes they think need to be made to it. She will then bring the final draft to the May Full Council Meeting for approval.

416 Annual Village Event

D Picton is to arrange a meeting later this month. He said 5th June is currently free for car events organisers and he hopes commercial motor companies might sponsor the event.

417 Allotments

B Tooley explained that a draft contract has been sent to allotment holders for their comments should the Council decide to introduce a contract in the future.

418 Westham Parking Problems

Councillors agreed in principle to place up to 3 No. stone cannon balls on the green. They agreed they should be 50 to 60cm wide.

419 Adur Park

B Tooley explained that the Working Party would like to encourage the use of Adur Park and suggested a car park there would help increase its use. They met a local contractor for advice .

Councillors agreed to spend £1000 on CAD and Level Drawings and

the drawings will then be brought back to the Parish Council.

420 Westham Pond

Councillors resolved to accept the price from Frontier Fencing for £2150 to replace the fence around Westham Pond.

421 Cold Calling Signs

Councillors agreed to erect three more signs around Hankham as residents are still getting cold call visits but they turned down the request from Foxes Hollow Residents' Association for a sign there as they felt Foxes Hollow was already covered by the Stone Cross signs.

422 New Rubbish and Dog Bins

Councillors postponed this item for consideration at a later date in light of the changes to litter picking in the Parish.

423 War Memorial

Councillors agreed that the Clerk gets prices to redefine the names on the War Memorial.

424 Play Parks

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider replacing the wood chippings under the play equipment with a more springy, tarmac like surface. Councillors asked her to find out what ROSPA recommend and to also look into Needagravel type surfaces.

They also commented on how well the Parish Visits are going.

425 Tree Report

Councillors asked the Clerk to get itemised prices from the contractor for the works highlighted in the Report.

426 Litter Picking

The Clerk said Wealden are no longer able to carry out the additional litter picking which is currently paid for by the Parish Council. She

suggested that Councillors might like to consider employing someone directly and Wealden will provide the Health and Safety Equipment and dispose of the litter.

Councillors decided that before they pursue this route the Clerk tries to find a contractor to do it instead.

427 Questions From Members

B Tooley suggested Play England might donate money for new play equipment at Adur Park.

The Clerk confirmed that the invitations have been sent out for the Quality Parish Presentation Evening. Councillors agreed to combine this with the Annual Parish Meeting and provide catering up to £7 per head and a medium price sparkling wine and orange juice to toast.

428 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD2009/0769FR	36 Rattle Road, Westham Retrospective application for a storage shed Councillors object to this as it looks for more than just storage.
WD2009/0638F	Lyndhurst, Rattle Road

Construction of vehicular crossover
hard standing for 2 cars and
associated on site vehicular turning
area to the front of the property

**No objections as long as it meets
Highways requirements.**

WD2009/0753F

Rookery Caravan Site

Use of land for the siting of 108
permanent residential caravans

**We do not recommend this
application for the following
reasons;**

**Tortuous access road, very
narrow so dangerously slow for
emergency vehicles and in case of
emergency evacuation.**

**Density, wildly short of personal
space between caravans.**

**Visitor parking, planned spaces
likely to be used by residents
resulting in overspill onto narrow
road.**

**Why no mention of current
residents?**

**Lots of good things in tree survey
and natural provision.**