

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

103 Present

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

104 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

105 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 June 2009 were read, approved and signed.

106 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that three more Arts Morning for children have been arranged for the summer holidays.

B Molog congratulated the Clerk on her recent B-Tec qualification for Clerk to the Governors.

107 Disclosure of Interests

K Saxby and B Molog declared personal interests in item 17 as they are Governors at Stone Cross School.

108 Co-option of New Councillor

Councillors discussed the applications and resolved that John Blaker is offered the role of Parish Councillor to replace Dave Picton.

109 Correspondence

The Clerk read from the attached correspondence list and the correspondence was noted.

110 Reports from Committee Meetings

T Comerford	Finance & General Purposes	13 July 2009	
B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	13 July 2009	
D Molog	Environment and Planning		13 July 2009

111 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

None.

112 Reports from Outside Meetings

B Molog attended the WDALC meeting where there was a talk by the Street Scene Advisement Officer.

B Molog and G Parsons attended a meeting in support of older people. They are looking into ways of supporting the elderly.

B Molog reported that several Councillors attended the Power of Wellbeing training offered by SALC which they all found very interesting. She asked that at least four other councillors also take up this training so the Council can be a Power of Wellbeing Council.

B Tooley and T Comerford attended the Wealden Core Strategy Meeting which is covered later on the agenda.

B Tooley attended a Police Panel Meeting and asked Councillors to let him know if there is anything they would like to put to the Panel.

D Molog and G Parsons attended the Wealden meeting setting criteria for Gypsy and Traveller Sites. The sites have not yet been identified.

M Nash said the Pevensey and Westham Local Transport Partnership are to support the Community Transport Scheme.

The meeting was then suspended.

113 Reports from County/District Councillors

The Clerk read from the attached report from D Cllr Balsdon which updated everyone on how things are going at Pevensey and Westham School. The School has successfully negotiated with ESCC and they have agreed to repair the wall to the east entrance of the school. He also reported that Wealden had a 'Survive and Thrive' meeting to discuss the challenges Wealden businesses are facing as a result of the recession.

In a recent MORI Place Survey, Wealden has emerged as the top rated council in East Sussex.

C Cllr Freebody is setting up a meeting with Matthew Locke as the road from Westham to Eastbourne has no drop kerbs. He is also to check the status of the weed killing program at ESCC, email the Clerk about the ESCC Partnership and help on the Transport Partnership if needed.

114 Questions from Members of the Public

Mrs McCaul enquired about the progress of the sign for Castle Bolton and asked when the hedge is to be cut. She also said the bark chippings are a mess.

The meeting was then re-opened.

115 Emergency Plan - Update

The National Terrorism threat is now down a notch but Swine Flu is now a 6. M Nash gave a brief summary of the symptoms of Swine Flu and how to deal with them.

116 Business Plan - Update

The Business Plan has been approved by Councillors and submitted to SALC to check.

117 Adur Park - Consultation Document for the Proposed Car Park

After much discussion the Parish Council decided to shelve the car park until they have looked into better uses of Adur Park.

118 Football Club Contract

Councillors resolved that the Pevensey and Westham Junior Football Club are offered the contract for a further year. There were no changes to the previous contract.

119 Butchers' Field Sheep Grazing Contract

Councillors resolved that Mr Hanscombe is offered the contract for a further year. There were no changes to the previous contract.

120 Car Parking for Disabled Visitors to the Council Offices

Councillors resolved that the Clerk writes to ESCC and asks them what provision the Council should make for disabled visitors to access the Council Offices.

121 Crimestoppers

Councillors agreed to consider this grant application in November,

122 Core Strategy Update

Councillors agreed to set up a Working Party to go through the options and submit them on behalf of the Parish Council to Wealden by the deadline of the 28th August.

123 Questions From Members

K Sutherland asked that this Council should reject any association with racism, disability, ageism and anti gender orientation and that the Council as a body should make itself aware of all diversification issues.

B Tooley asked if Councillors are aware there is to be a Bio Mass Generator in Polegate, further information is available on-line.

K Saxby asked the Council to approach Highways about the bad state of Hankham Hall Road.

124 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD2009/1205LB

Hankham Hall, Hankham Hall Road
Replacement of vinery.

No objections.

WD2009/1487MAJ

Stone Cross Nursery
Demolition of nursery buildings and construction
of new access road and 24 dwellings with parking

spaces, garages, car ports and an open space.

Councillors have no objections to this application but would like to know who will be responsible for the pond and any potential maintenance costs and if possible they would like there to be more Affordable Housing.

WD2009/1560F

9 Springfield Close, Westham

First floor extension at front to form enlarged bedroom.

No objections.