

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

200 Present

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

201 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from K Saxby.

202 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 September 2009 were amended to show that M Nash also received a Power of Wellbeing Certificate. They were then approved and signed

203 Matters Arising

None.

204 Disclosure of Interests

D and B Molog declared a personal interest in the correspondence as Mr Mclean is a former neighbour.

205 Correspondence

The Clerk read from the attached correspondence list and the correspondence was noted. They referred the letter from Mr Mclean to the November Full Council Meeting and asked to meet ESCC about the bus shelter.

206 Reports from Committee Meetings

T Comerford	Finance & General Purposes	12 October 2009
B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	12 October 2009
D Molog	Environment and Planning	12 October 2009

207 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

None.

208 Reports from Outside Meetings

The Transport Partnership have had their first year's accounts passed and accepted by Companies House. The report from the AGM has also been accepted. A computerised booking system is now in place. This system has been devised by a resident and is attracting a lot of interest. More telephone operators, drivers and passengers are still needed.

T Comerford went to a Planning Meeting in Arlington. Chiddingly are experiencing problems getting planning permission for three affordable houses they want to build. Wealden are also believed to be sending planning applications by email only soon.

B Molog attended the WDALC meeting but there was nothing to report on this occasion.

B and D Molog attended the Rural Empowerment Project which looks at engaging Young People. This is to be revisited in March.

G Parsons and B Molog attended the Pevensey Town Trust Meeting. There are to be possible refurbishments to Market Square.

The meeting was then suspended.

209 Reports from County/District Councillors

The District Councillors sent their apologies. C Cllr Freebody said he has travelled on the Community Bus and was very impressed. He also said ESCC are planning financially for next year. There could be a 10% reduction in the funding they receive from the Government. The first part of the Waste Plan Consultation is taking place, the plant at Newhaven is being built and more waste sites are being sought. Provisional approval has been granted for the Hastings/Bexhill link road and Cllr Freebody has a meeting early next year with ESCC to look into putting drop kerbs on the path from Westham to Langney.

210 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Leighton asked if there can be Full Council Meetings in Westham.

P Bounds asked if the Parish Council is aware there are dead fish in the pond at Westham.

A Lovell asked if the foliage at Foxes Hollow can be cut back at least twice a year and he also asked for the wall at the front of the estate to be repointed.

J Crew asked if Councillors are aware that Southern Rail are to replace the hourly

services from Brighton to Ashford and from Brighton to Hastings. This might impact local residents.

The meeting was then re-opened.

211 Emergency Plan - Update

Emergency Plan update 8 has now been distributed. The Emergency Officer at Wealden is now Jim Foster and the Full Emergency Plan is now available on PDF. A copy is available on request. Wealden have stopped sending updates to the Electoral Roll, M Nash will request regular updates from Wealden.

Many children from Willingdon School have been absent but it is not clear if any of them have Swine Flu.

Seasonal flu jabs have recently been carried out in the Parish and M Nash encouraged anyone who thinks they might have Swine Flu to call 0800 153 100 if they have any concerns.

The Emergency Plan is being maintained, all Councillors must have a copy of the log sheet.

The next three items were combined into one item.

212 Adur Park - Childrens' Play Area/Youth Shelter/Older Person's Play Area

The Council agreed to increase the use of Adur Park and agreed in principal to look at providing these facilities. All Councillors were invited to join the Working Party and Councillors agreed that the Working Party will look into the costs. All Councillors were in favour.

213 Westham Pond

Councillors agreed that the pond is an important part of the village and set up a Working Party to look at what work needs doing there. The Working Party will consist of K Sutherland, B Garner, G Parsons, B Molog, D Molog, B Tooley and P Marshall and they will report back to the November Parks and Open Spaces Committee Meeting.

G Parsons and B Garner are to meet Chaffins to look at the trees.

214 St Mary's Churchyard

After discussions, Councillors voted unanimously to defer responsibility to maintain the closed Churchyard to Wealden. It was felt the cost implications were too high.

215 Foxes Hollow Carol Concert

Councillors unanimously agreed that the Foxes Hollow Carol Concert is to be a Parish Council Event and the Risk Assessment Sub Committee will carry out a Risk Assessment. There will be no increase in the insurance as a result of this but it will mean the event can continue.

216 Questions From Members

B Tooley asked to draw up a list of the Litter Picking Hotspots.

T Bruce asked to put the posts at Westham on hold for a month whilst she looks into plant pots.

R Perrin asked for the litter picker to go to Westham.

D Molog asked if the Parish Council can put flowers in the High Street and told those present that the Rookery Farm Planning Application has been refused.

217 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to be considered.