

**Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in
The Village Hall, Westham on Monday 15 February 2010**

341 Present

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

342 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from K Saxby and P Marshall.

343 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 January 2010 were read, approved and signed.

344 Matters Arising

None.

345 Disclosure of Interests

None.

346 Correspondence

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

347 Reports from Committee Meetings

T Comerford	Finance & General Purposes	8 February 2010
B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	8 February 2010
D Molog	Environment and Planning	8 February 2010

348 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

The Emergency Plan Sub-Committee met and prepared amendment 9 for approval by the Full Council.

349 Reports from Outside Meetings

B Molog said Pevensey Town Trust are continuing to look into ways of restoring the Market Square to its original use.

B Molog, G Parsons and B Garner attended a street meeting in Westham with the PCSO. It was well attended and residents are still concerned about parking and speeding. The police are to try and encourage Pevensey and Westham School to use a walking bus.

M Nash attended an Environment Agency Meeting., they are to include the Business Estates. He also met the Clerk at Oaklands to look into a resident's request for an extra street light.

Westham and Pevensey Local Transport Partnership suspended the bus for two days in the recent bad weather. They encouraged residents to look at their website.

The meeting was then suspended.

350 Reports from County/District Councillors

County Councillor T Freebody reported that council tax rise for the next financial year will be 2.7%, the lowest rise for fourteen years. £40m was saved last year but more savings are needed this year. In the recent bad weather 50% of the roads were gritted and he said a review of the parking scheme in Eastbourne is to be carried out.

Councillor Freebody met Matthew Locke and they looked at the Westham to Langney footpath. This is to be included on the ESCC maintenance list. Councillor Freebody is also a member of the Fire Authority.

District Councillor K Balsdon sent his apologies.

351 Questions from Members of the Public

A Lovell from Foxes Hollow Residents' Association thanked the Parish Council for supporting its carol concert which despite the bad weather raised £212.

The meeting was then re-opened.

352 Emergency Plan - Update

Councillors approved amendment 9. P Marshall is updating the emergency response card and M Nash said he is going to attend a First Responder Course to see if the scheme could work in Westham.

During the recent bad weather the Emergency Co-ordinator kept in touch with regular updates and residents helped clear snow. M Nash confirmed that residents are not in the wrong if they clear the snow outside their houses as long as they don't make the situation worse.

He also reported that the Emergency Radio is working well.

353 Business Plan Update

There was nothing to report on this occasion.

354 Adur Park Update

Work on clearing the trees is expected to start next week.

355 Westham Pond Update

The work at the pond has started and Councillors asked for the area to be litter picked. They also asked for the seats and fencing at the pond to be an agenda item next month.

356 ROSPA

Councillors voted unanimously to accept the quote to carry out the works required in the ROSPA report.

357 School Council Meetings

The Clerk met Stone Cross School Council and their future agendas are to include items for the Parish Council. The Chair of the School Council and his teacher will meet the Clerk after each meeting and exchange ideas and information.

358 Fencing at Tillingham Way

Councillors considered the request by Red Dyke Residents' Association to erect a six foot fence on the road side of the open space recently cleared in Tillingham Way.

Councillors agreed with the police that this would encourage anti social behaviour and unanimously rejected the proposal.

359 Grit Bins

Residents in Red Dyke, Patcham Mill, Castle Bolton and Foxes Hollow asked the Parish Council to provide grit bins so that they can get out of their estates in icy weather.

After a heated exchange of opinions which included discussions about liability and cost Councillors voted by 11 votes to 2 against the proposal.

360 Arun Way/Tillingham Way

East Sussex County Council have asked for more detail and Red Dyke Residents' Association are to provide drawings.

361 Ground Maintenance Contract

The tenders have been sent to seven contractors and the Parish Council is now waiting for prices.

362 Questions From Members

M Nash asked the Clerk to chase ESCC about the potholes which need repairing in St John's Road.

363 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered;

WD2010/0223F

13 Castle Bolton, Westham
Rear conservatory.
No objections.