

**Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in
The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross on Monday 15th November 2010**

255 Present

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

Also in attendance were C Cllr T Freebody, D Cllr D Dear and A O'Sullivan (Parish Clerk).

256 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence received.

Cllr D Molog formally apologised to Cllrs Saxby and Comerford for the distress caused by his remarks to them at the Full Council Meeting on 20th September 2010. He also apologised for any distress brought to the good name of Westham Parish Council. A copy of his apology is attached to these minutes.

257 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th October 2010 were read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

258 Disclosure of Interests

Cllr Nash declared interests in the discussions on grant allocations as he is a Director of the Westham and Pevensey Local Transport Partnership. Cllrs Tooley, B Molog and Marshall are Trustees of Stone Cross Mill.

Cllr Nash is the Council Representative at Westham Village Hall and Cllr Garner is the Council Representative at Stone Cross Memorial Hall.

Cllr Parsons declared a prejudicial interest in the Thurleigh planning application.

259 Correspondence

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

260 Reports from Committee Meetings

The following Committee Meeting Minutes were received and adopted by the Parish Council.

Cllr T Comerford	Finance and General Purposes	11 October 2010
Cllr B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	11 October 2010
Cllr K Sutherland	Environment and Planning	11 October 2010

261 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

None.

262 Reports from Outside Meetings

Cllrs B Molog, K Sutherland and the Clerk attended the District Planning Conference on 3rd November at Uckfield Civic Centre. Under the LDF Stone Cross will have an additional 750 houses before 2026. E-Planning will come into effect on 1st April, the new Wealden website is now up and running and Wealden are operating a Community Convenience Scheme. Councillors asked for the Convenience Scheme to be an agenda item for the next Full Council Meeting.

Those present at the Conference also heard that there will be more shared responsibility with other councils to save money and that planning will no longer be bound by the Inspector's Report.

Cllrs B Molog attended the SALC Executive Committee Meeting through the WDALC. This covered the Decentralisation and Localism Bill.

Cllr Nash attended the Westham Village Hall Meeting, takings from bookings are good but the Hall is experiencing high maintenance costs.

The meeting was then suspended.

263 Reports from County/District Councillors

D Cllr K Balsdon sent his apologies.

D Cllr D Dear recently attended a Training Planning Meeting and apologised for not getting back to residents in Penrith Way. She told those present that the Planning Officer dealing with the Wates Development is Chris Bending and he can be contacted on 01892 653311.

C Cllr Tony Freebody attended the Scrutinees Meeting for Audit and Best Value. The Local Enterprise Partnership is looking at improving Broadband facilities in a bid to attracting new business.

264 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr King asked if the Parish Council has asked the District Council to make sure it follows its own policies when dealing with the Wates' Development Planning Application as he felt it was missing from the Parish Council's comments on the application.

Mrs Bounds asked the Parish Council to ask the County Council to repair the footpaths in Pevensey Park Road and St John's Road.

The meeting was then re-opened.

265 Emergency Plan - Update

Cllr Nash reported no emergencies to date and organised a Risk Analysis Meeting for 24th November. He is also to attend the Community Emergency Planning Conference Meeting.

266 Business Plan Update

The Working Party is to arrange a meeting with Trevor Leggo to update the Business Plan.

267 Adur Park Update

The Clerk is to chase ESCC for the price of the double headed light for Adur Park.

268 Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment Working Party met, approved its Terms of Reference and agreed that Gerry Garner is to be co-opted to the Working Party.

269 Adur Park Basketball Court

RESOLVED in the current climate the basketball court will be made safe and not resurfaced and that the Clerk will get prices to make it safe.

270 Grit Bins

RESOLVED the Parish Council will refill the bins until June. The Clerk has a right to say no to any requests thought in her opinion to be excessive. This situation and the position of the grit bins will be reviewed at the June Full Council Meeting. Three Councillors voted against this motion and felt the Council should commit only to a set number of refills.

271 Foxes Hollow Wall

The Structural Engineer is waiting for the Utilities Report for the Schedule of Works.

272 Ambulance Service Governor Elections

Cllr Comerford offered to stand but, by the time the Ambulance Service got back to him, the deadline had passed. It was noted that Cllr Nash is a member of SECAMB.

273 Precept Request

Stone Cross Mill	£ 400.00
Stone Cross Memorial Hall	£ 400.00
Pevensey and Westham Playgroup	£ 200.00
Wealden Citizens' Advice	£ 400.00
Westham and Pevensey Local Transport	£1250.00

	£2650.00

Councillors agreed to consider Noah's Ark and The Pump at the next Full Council Meeting to allow both time to submit their accounts.

Councillors also agreed to the Village Hall's request to reallocate last years grant to provide new kitchens.

The Clerk read through the precept calculations, previously distributed to Councillors, and recommended that, in the current economic climate, the precept for 2011/12 remains at £127,966. This figure allows the Clerk to undertake the SLCC advanced training. Councillors resolved that the precept for 2011/12 is £127,966.

274 Questions From Members

G Parsons said that the newsletter is to be printed in house for a trial basis of one month. 1000 copies are to be produced in the office and distributed via Church Avenue, Pevensey Park Road, St John's Drive, Oaklands, The Heron, The Red Lion, Westham Village Hall, Hankham, Red Dyke, Castle Bolton and Foxes Hollow.

Cllr Comerford complained that District Cllrs Dear and McKeever made no previous attempt to meet residents at Castle Bolton following their calls to them about the recent Wates application. He also stated their attendance at Parish Council Meetings is abysmal.

Cllr Sutherland asked if the Parish Council has magnanimity following the lack of response to Cllr D Molog's apology.

Cllr Parsons asked the Clerk to write to Mrs Bundy and thank her for paying for the three new trees recently planted alongside Butcher's Field. Mrs Bundy had also thanked the Tree Wardens for their help.

Cllr Saxby thanked the Clerk for providing the figures required to calculate the precept.

Cllr Nash thanked Cllr Marshall for his help in producing the Emergency Contact Card.

Cllr Parsons asked for Kelvin Williams to come and talk to the Environment and Planning Committee about e-planning, criteria for planning applications and planning in general.

Cllr Comerford said that the Clerk's Pay has not been increased in the last two years and asked that the Pay Review Sub-Committee meets to review her pay.

275 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD2010/2283F - Thurleigh, Rattle Road, Stone Cross – Demolish existing outbuildings and erect extension at side to form garage, utility room and cloaks. Extend height of existing dining room at rear and erect new conservatory at rear.

We have no objections to this application.

WD2010/2149LB – Preston Cottage, 74 High Street – Maintenance and repairs to front door entrance and ground floor right hand elevation.

There were no objections to this application.

WD2010/2348F – 46 High Street – Westham – Change of use of disused chemist shop to ancillary residential accommodation.

There were no objections to this application.

WD2010/2580F – Tresor, Hankham Hall Road – New roof and additional rooms.

There were no objections to this application.