

**Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in  
The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross on Monday 18 January 2010**

291 Present

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

292 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from K Saxby.

293 Minutes

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

294 Matters Arising

None.

295 Disclosure of Interests

None.

296 Correspondence

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

297 Reports from Committee Meetings

T Comerford	Finance & General Purposes	14 December 2009
B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	14 December 2009
D Molog	Environment and Planning	14 December 2009

298 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

None.

299 Reports from Outside Meetings

M Nash said that Westham Village Hall Management Committee has a new Treasurer and Bookings Secretary. The Committee also thanked the Parish Council

for its grant.

Westham and Pevensey Local Transport Partnership suspended the bus for two days in the recent bad weather. They thanked the Parish Council for the use of the Parish Council Office and for its help in advertising.

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

Gill Parsons, Bill Tooley and B Molog have attended a meeting about Highways To The Future which relates to the LDF.

The meeting was then suspended.

### 300 Reports from County/District Councillors

County Councillor T Freebody reported that the deadline for the Waste and Minerals Core Strategy consultation has been extended to 25 January 2010. Gritting is now controlled by Central Government. Child services propose closing Eastbourne Technology College in August and opening it up as an academy in September. It is likely the East Sussex County Council budget will be cut by ten percent for next year.

District Councillor D Dear attended an Environment Scrutinees Committee meeting. They continue to aim to clean up Wealden with litter picking, tidying strategic routes, the Community Payback Scheme and dog bins. They also feel there is a need to educate and enforce more and to devolve some areas to Town and Parish Councils.

District Councillor K Balsdon said Wealden has fulfilled its commitment to this Parish. Wealden have spoken to M Locke from ESCC about the recent gritting problems but the government commandeered grit supplies and the cost of grit has increased substantially.

### 301 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Edwards, Mrs Perriman and several other residents from Nutley Mill raised concerns about the troubles experienced by residents in the recent bad weather. They had been unable to get out of their estate and they were worried that the emergency services would be unable to get in. This item was already on the agenda.

Mrs A Long asked when the work proposed by the Adur Park Working Party is going to take place and she also asked when the fence in Tillingham Way around the area which was recently cleared by the Parish Council is being replaced by a

six foot fence.

Mr Edwards also complained about the lack of police action following incidents reported to them.

Mrs R Hansford asked why the Parish Council has withdrawn its grant to the Pump. She feels the Parish is well represented in the Pump. She also asked the Parish Council to confirm it accepts that as a result of its withdrawing funds the new estates will not now receive The Pump.

Mr M Deschamps asked if Tesco could be approached for a donation towards litter picking costs.

Mr J Crew asked that the poor state of the roads in St Johns Road is reported to ESCC.

Mr J Kay asked if there can be a litter bin at the Council Car Park.

Mr M Deschamps asked if the grass will be cut back at the side of the road when the new development at the former Stone Cross Nursery site goes ahead.

The meeting was then re-opened.

302 Emergency Plan - Update

M Nash described the Emergency Plan to those present and asked them to fill in the 'Are You Special' page. Amendment 9 is due to be completed soon and a sub committee meeting was arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.30pm.

303 Business Plan Update

The January updates were added to the Business Plan and approved by all.

304 Adur Park Update

Two contractors have submitted prices for the works proposed at the last Full Council Meeting.

The Parish Council voted in favour of accepting the price from Barcombe Landscapes, by ten votes to one, and referred the matter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee so the work can be phased in financially.

305 Westham Pond Update

The Clerk has approached Chaffins for a start date for the works to the Pond and as soon as they have one she will let Councillors know.

306 Young People Empowerment

Councillors agreed that the Clerk will go to each of the three schools in the Parish and talk to their School Councils about the work of the Parish Council.

Each School Council will then carry a regular agenda item on ideas for the Parish Council and the teacher will then report these ideas back to the Clerk. The Clerk will take these ideas to the Full Council and report the Parish Council's decision back to the school.

307 Parish Council Newsletter

Councillors agreed that the Parish Council Newsletter Sub Committee now consists of B Molog, G Parsons, B Tooley and T Bruce.

308 Councillors' Allowances

Councillors discussed whether or not they need to have an allowance but there was no formal proposal.

309 Grit Bins

As this matter is more involved than was first thought Councillors asked the Clerk to look into the pros and cons of providing grit bins in the Parish.

310 Arun Way/Tillingham Way

Red Dyke Residents' Association are worried about speeding and parking problems in Arun Way and Tillingham Way. Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the ESCC Licensing Officer and find out if they would support the proposal to put plant pots in between the bollards.

311 Ground Maintenance Contract

Councillors amended the maintenance contract so that the hedges in Foxes Hollow are cut twice a year and agreed that prices are sought for 2010 to 2013.

312 Questions From Members

M Nash said he has completed the Bus Strategy Form and returned it to ESCC.

T Bruce asked for the fly tipping at Peelings Lane/Ketcham Corner to be cleared.

P Marshall asked for white lines at the junction of Tillingham Way and Wellsbourne Road.

313 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD2009/2624F

15 Ash Grove, Westham  
Revised proposals after refusal of  
WD2009/2112F for the erection of  
first floor extension over half of the  
existing garage and utility room,  
conversion of part of the garage to  
a study and other minor internal  
alterations.

**No objections.**

WD2009/2594F

Blacknest Chapel, Hailsham Road

Enlargement of existing single detached garage at front to form a double garage.  
**No objections.**

WD2010/0003F

Emberson, Hailsham Road  
First floor extension, ground floor alterations and conservatory.  
**No objections.**

The following determinations were noted;

WD2009/2284F

Dittons Nursery, Dittons Road  
Regularisation/change of use from retail nursery to retail plant centre with additional buildings and play/educational areas and equipment.  
**Granted.**

WD2009/1395LB

The Old Corner House, 43 High Street  
Internal alterations to an existing dressing room to form an en-suite shower room.  
**Granted.**