

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

233 Present

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

Also in attendance were C Cllr T Freebody, D Cllr K Balsdon, M Briggs and W Pike (First Responders) and A O'Sullivan (Parish Clerk).

The meeting was suspended and Cllr Parsons presented Matthew Briggs and Bill Pike with the cheque for the First Responders. Mr Briggs and Mr Pike then left and the meeting was re-opened.

234 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from R Perrin.

236 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 September 2010 were read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

237 Disclosure of Interests

None.

238 Correspondence

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

239 Reports from Committee Meetings

No Committee Meeting Minutes were received and adopted by the Full Council on this occasion.

240 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

None.

241 Reports from Outside Meetings

Cllr B Molog and Cllr G Parsons attended the Parish Planning Meeting. E-Planning is expected to be rolled out next year, Natural England is being disbanded and Wealden Planning Officers now use voicemail in the afternoons.

Cllr B Molog attended the WDALC Meeting. Hartfield Parish Council gave a talk outlining how they provided Affordable Housing in their village. The WDALC heard that E-Planning will start when Wealden are happy with the efficiency of their website. They also heard details of the new LDF timetable.

Cllr B Molog attended a SALC meeting as a representative of the WDALC. Governance and the Government Decentralisation and Localism Bill were both discussed. SALC is to produce a clear statement soon outlining liability when clearing snow and ice.

Cllr Nash attended the Westham and Pevensey Local Transport Partnership Meeting. They expect to be granted charitable status soon and Cllr Nash asked those present to look at the Pevensey Bay Life Website which shows how the bus goes to the Hailsham HSBC. This is useful as the Pevensey Branch is closing. The WHPLTP is a 100% voluntary service and is reported to be in good health.

The meeting was then suspended.

242 Reports from County/District Councillors

D Cllr D Dear sent her apologies.

D Cllr Balsdon congratulated the Parish Council for giving money to the First Responders. He reported that Wealden are very busy at the moment, the LDF will formulate the way the Wealden area will be in the future and development boundaries will be changed as a result.

C Cllr Tony Freebody entered the meeting.

D Cllr Balsdon also said that a transformation programme has been set up at Wealden to look into finances and £1.8m has already been saved. A further £2.9m saving is planned and it is hoped to achieve this through natural wastage. These further cuts are not expected to affect front line services.

C Cllr T Freebody attended a Childrens' Scrutinees Meeting, free denominational transport is to be scrapped in September and not January as previously thought. As a result the County Council will have to find another £200,000.

C Cllr T Freebody is to attend a Comprehensive Spending Review Meeting and a Full Council Meeting soon. He also confirmed that if you clear your own path and drive in severe cold weather there will be no liability unless you create another problem as a result.

243 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr A Lovell from Foxes Hollow Residents' Association asked the Parish Council to support the carol concert at Foxes Hollow again this year and councillors agreed in principle to do so.

He also asked the Parish Council to confirm whether residents are able to get grit supplies at ESCC Polegate during bad weather. He has been told that this service is no longer available.

Mrs McCaul asked if the Parish Council can prevent Wates accessing the 1m strip owned by the Parish Council.

Mr King asked how the development can go ahead when it is outside the permitted development boundary.

Mrs A Painter from Red Dyke Residents' Association asked the Parish Council to tidy the rest of the hedge around the car park.

The meeting was then re-opened.

244 Emergency Plan - Update

The printing of the Emergency Card is on order and the recent sewage leak at Shinewater tested the Parish Council's Emergency Plan communication links. An Emergency Plan Sub-Committee meeting is to be arranged soon.

245 Business Plan Update

RESOLVED The Working Party is to reconvene and a meeting will be arranged soon.

246 Adur Park Update

The Working Party asked for the price of a twin headed light to enable the path and the play park to be lit simultaneously. A price is expected from ESCC soon.

247 Risk Assessment

RESOLVED The Risk Assessment Working Party is to reconvene with the authority to co-opt any relevant expertise. The Working Party is to consist of Cllrs M Nash, B Tooley, T Comerford, B Molog, D Molog, G Parsons and K Sutherland.

247 Parish Council Lighting and Amenity Hall Lighting

RESOLVED The Parish Council agreed not to replace the existing lighting with motion sensors as it was not known how long it would take to recuperate the costs incurred.

248 Over 60's Event

Councillors agreed to remove this as a standing item until nearer the time of the event.

249 Tree Report

RESOLVED that the work for the 'amber' items goes ahead as per Chaffins quote 10170.

250 Grit Bins

ESCC have agreed ten sites for the grit bins. Licenses have been applied for and it is hoped that the grit bins will be fitted in about a month's time. The ongoing responsibility to fill the bins will be on next month's agenda.

RESOLVED The bins are to have ownership signs on so residents know who to contact when the bins need refilling.

251 The Pump

RESOLVED It is not practical to include the newsletter in the Pump as an advertisement as adverts have to be set for the year ahead. The Pump will be reconsidered for a grant in November.

252 Foxes Hollow Wall

The Schedule of Works' have been requested and prices will be sought once the Schedules have been received.

253 Questions From Members

Cllr Comerford asked for clarification about Wates' access rights over the 1m strip at Castle Bolton.

Cllr Tooley asked that, as the Councillor appointed to monitor the maintenance contract, he and the Clerk have an end of season meeting with the contractor.

Cllr Bruce asked the Clerk to ask Stone Cross Nursery to change the plants in the planters.

Cllr Marshall asked the Council to see if the public can get grit from the ESCC site at Polegate.

The Clerk reminded Councillors she will be at a Clerk's Course on the 20th October.

Cllr Parsons reported that someone allegedly rang Stephen Lloyds PA purporting to be the Chairman of Westham Parish Council. She re-iterated that all statements to outside bodies must go through the Parish Council Office. She also asked that the Proper Officer is given at least seven days notice about questions which are to be put to the Clerk or Councillors at meetings. Any photocopying for meetings is also to be given to the Clerk seven days in advance.

254 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD2010/2218F - Land off Penrith Way, Friday Street - The erection of 38 dwellings together with associated highway works and new landscaping.

The Parish Council has no objections as long as the following conditions are addressed;

1: The Emergency Services confirm that the roadways are wide enough for Emergency Vehicles.

2: A Maintenance Cleaning Contract for Castle Bolton is established whilst the new estate is being constructed and any damage caused to existing drives, roads and pavements by construction vehicles is repaired whilst the new estate is being built.

3: Childrens' Play facilities for all ages are provided.

4: The Affordable Housing Allocation is responsive to Westham Parish Council's needs.

Ten Councillors voted in favour of these comments, Cllr Comerford abstained from voting.

WD2010/2007F - Priesthawes, Polegate - Conversion of redundant building to tourist accommodation.

There were no objections to this application.

WD2010/2289F – Wychelms, Dittons Road – Stone Cross – Roof extensions and garage conversion.

There were no objections to this application.

WD2010/2338F – 44 Rattle Road – Westham – Two storey rear extension.

There were no objections to this application.