

**Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in
The Village Hall, Westham on Monday 19 April 2010**

415 Present

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

416 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from K Sutherland, R Perrin, K Saxby and P Marshall and these were accepted by the Full Council.

417 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 March 2010 were read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

418 Matters Arising

Councillor D Molog thanked Gerry Garner for repairing the fence at Tillingham Way.

419 Disclosure of Interests

None.

420 Correspondence

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

421 Reports from Committee Meetings

There have been no committee meetings since the last Full Council Meeting.

422 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

Risk Assessment is to be an agenda item at the June Full Council Meeting.

423 Reports from Outside Meetings

Westham and Pevensey Local Transport Partnership are working to apply for Charitable Status. Charitable Status will enable them to apply for more funding. Their AGM is to be in July 2010 and their accounts for 2009 have been prepared.

Councillor B Molog attended the Wealden District Association for Local Councils meeting. They discussed consultation and asked that Parishes have better notice of future Wealden

events. E-planning is currently being trialled in some parishes and Polegate Town Council carried out a presentation about their recent Over 60's events.

Councillor Tooley and the Clerk attended an opening ceremony of the new hairdressers at Mimram Road.

The meeting was then suspended.

424 Reports from County/District Councillors

County Councillor T Freebody announced that ESCC has a new Chief Executive, Becky Shaw, and that members at ESCC have voted for a 0% increase in their allowances this year. The County Council have set up a Joint Waste Management Agreement with other Borough and District Councils and seven County Councils, including ESCC, are to work together to achieve savings through procurement.

District Councillor D Dear reported that Wealden are very busy in Planning and they are to join with Building Control at Eastbourne.

D Councillors L McKeever and K Balsdon had nothing more to report on this occasion.

425 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Barnard asked for the traffic calming road markings to be repainted.

Mr Crew reported that a portakabin lorry was recently stuck in Westham High Street and blocked the High Street. He asked for warning signs to be placed at each end of the village to stop heavy vehicles going through the village.

Mr Lovell chased the maintenance works at Foxes Hollow.

Mr Barnard asked for the layby on the Eastbourne Road to be blocked off to prevent flytipping being constantly left there.

The meeting was then re-opened.

426 Emergency Plan - Update

Councillor Nash is looking for an alternative radio transmitter for use in an emergency situation. He is also to meet Matthew Briggs from First Responder to see if the scheme can be set up in Westham.

Councillor Nash and the Clerk recently delivered Emergency Plan welcome packs to residents at Eastbourne Heights and both were impressed at the changes there.

427 Business Plan Update

There was nothing to report on this occasion.

428 Adur Park Update

RESOLVED that the Adur Park Working Party is to meet and submit the Planning Application to change the position of the access gate.

429 Westham Pond Update

There has been an informal request for a new bench by a resident and another resident has offered to take away the old benches.

430 Allotments

RESOLVED that the charge for 2010 to 2011 is £7.50. The vote was five to four in favour of the increase.

431 Parking in Westham

RESOLVED that the Parish Council buys three octagonal black planters measuring 1200x1200x750mm from Stone Cross Nurseries and that Stone Cross Nurseries will sponsor the plants and compost in return for some signage. The planters will be opposite Butcher's Field and are to be maintained by the maintenance contractors. The vote was six to three in favour of the planters.

Councillors also considered the grass grids but decided to consider other options and make this an agenda item in June.

432 Over 60's Events

Polegate Town Council recently hosted two successful Over 60's Events which provided information about businesses and public services that might be of use to the older residents.

RESOLVED that a Working Party is set up to host a similar event in Westham. The Working Party is to consist of Councillors Comerford, Tooley, B Molog, D Molog, Parsons,

Garner, Blaker and Bruce. Councillor Sutherland is also to be asked.

433 School Council Meetings

The Schools have been on Easter Holidays but, before the holidays, representatives from Stone Cross School met the Clerk and asked for mirrors to be placed in Lion Hill so that children can see around the bend as they currently have problems crossing the road there.

The Clerk made enquiries to ESCC but they feel that mirrors could be potentially dangerous. The Clerk will report back to the school.

434 Grounds Maintenance Contract

The Clerk said that the unsuccessful applicants have been written to and Chaffins are to start work on the maintenance contract this week.

435 Entrance Wall at Foxes Hollow

This was deferred to the June Full Council Meeting as the Surveyor's Report has only just been received.

436 Works at Tillingham Way

RESOLVED the Parish Council agreed that future events are to be Project Managed within the Parish Council and interested parties are to be consulted wherever possible. The vote was seven to one in favour with one abstention.

437 Stone Cross Memorial Hall

This was deferred to the June Full Council Meeting.

438 St Mary's Flower Guild

RESOLVED that this year's donation is increased to £50. All were in favour.

439 Castle Bolton

RESOLVED that, subject to agreement with East Sussex County Council, a No Cold Calling Sign is erected at the entrance to Castle Bolton as residents there are still getting a significant amount of cold callers and it is not felt that the current signs include Castle Bolton.

440 Standing Orders

The Standing Orders had previously been circulated to Councillors and Councillor B Molog asked for any questions. There were none.

RESOLVED Westham Parish Council adopted the Standing Orders circulated with the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

441 Questions From Members

Councillor Nash asked if the Parish Council is aware that lighting column L, which was mentioned on the last minutes, is in Rattle Road.

442 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered;

WD2010/0661A1	Martello Beach Caravan Park Positioning of lighting to illuminate 2 signs at either side of gates. No objections.
WD2010/0731F	Units 19 & 20, Westham Business Park Change of use from B1/B8 to B2 to form garage for servicing, repair and MOT testing. No objections.
WD2010/0645F	75 Beaulieu Drive, Stone Cross Front porch. No objections.
WD2010/0746F	8 Tamar Close, Stone Cross Single storey extension to rear to replace existing conservatory. No objections.
WD2010/0680FR	Foods Lane Farm, Hankham Retrospective change of use of approved B8 units to B1 and B8 use. Retention of existing hardstanding area, storage of up to five touring caravans plus additional landscaping. No objections.
WD2010/0757F	17 Pelham Close, Westham Division of semi detached house into two flats with single storey rear infill extension. No objections.