

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th JULY 2010 AT THE ARK AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Mr V Dudman (Vice Chairman) Mrs Forbes-Kiely Ms O Howard-Thomas Mrs T Mason Mrs S Roffe, 1 member of the press and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mr G Pearce (Chairman) Mr C Harding

55 Apologies Mr Pearce and Mr Harding are on holiday.

56 Co-Option Mr Dudman thanked all applicants for their interest in the vacancy and urged all applicants to consider standing for election in May 2011. Mr Dudman went on to ask all candidates questions based on their application letters. Councillors then voted and it was RESOLVED that Mrs Chris Jarvis would be appointed for the remainder of this Council.

57 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Mrs Jarvis signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct Form of undertaking and this was duly witnessed by the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council.

58 Public Participation Mr Dawes congratulated Mrs Jarvis and thanked all those who applied. He went on to thank all those who were involved in the cleanup effort after the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 20th June. Mr Dawes also commented on the patched piece of road on East Street which appears to be sinking again causing lorries to make excessive noise when travelling over the bumps. Mr Steggles mentioned a hump that has been left in the pavement outside his driveway from the removal of a bollard some time ago. He also went on to comment on the double parking outside the shop which sometimes blocks access to Lion Lane. Mr Dudman explained that we have a gentleman's agreement with East Grinstead Police who has been asked to exercise their common sense in the matter, this cannot however be conveyed to all Police departments across the County and on occasion officers from outside the district do patrol in this area. Mr Pratt mentioned the school flashing flights that are permanently flashing on Selsfield Road. This matter has been reported to WSCC on several occasions. Ms Howard-Thomas reported that a parent at the School who drives in from Crawley who would like to use the walking bus but is concerned over the width of the path on Church Road not being wide enough to use with a pushchair and a child walking alongside. She has considered parking at The Crown and walking from there but she commented on the short length of time that the lollipop patrol crossing is in attendance at the beginning and end of the school day as this would help parents crossing with small children after they have dropped off other children at School. Mrs Jarvis who is a school governor suggested that this is reported to the School.

- 59 Declarations of Interest Mrs Forbes-Kiely declared a personal interest in planning applications 10/01939/FUL and 10/01954/LBC for Worth Abbey.
- 60 Chairmans Announcements Mr Dudman congratulated Dorothy Rector and is saddened to hear that Doris Moody recently passed away. Mr Dudman also stated that he was very disappointed to read certain comments on the School page of the Parish News, especially since a meeting was held with the Chairman of Governors to clear up any misunderstanding and he felt that we had come to an amicable agreement on the issue. Mr Dudman welcomed the coming of the new Vicar this month. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Fete on the 18th July and the mobile refuse and green freighter on the 1st August.
- 61 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st June, 2010, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 62 Matters Currently being pursued by the Clerk The clerk reported that Mid Sussex District Council have been asked to mark out spaces in the top car parks on Mount Lane to help with inconsiderate parking issues. The West Sussex County Council Highway Rangers have been asked to clean the road signs and clear the footpath on Selsfield Road after complaints of chickens making the surface very uneven. West Sussex County Council Highways have also been informed of the bollard that has been knocked over outside The Crown, the safety barrier on Selsfield Road/Church Road junction that has been hit by a car and the wooden bollard outside the School. The clerk also reported that the new white wooden bollards on the verge outside the Old Hoop Shed are official West Sussex County Council Highways ones and were co-funded by Mr & Mrs Verbeeten in place of the plastic ones that Highways were intending on installing. The clerk reported that Mid Sussex District Council have recently carried out some work at the ditch in Withypitts which included clearance and new fencing and we have also been awarded with a grant to fund the installation of the toddler car which we purchased last year. The clerk is currently trying to arrange for the installation and hopes it will be in place soon. The clerk reported that an application to West Sussex County Council County Local Committee for a grant towards funding for the solar panels has been refused. The clerk also reported that Languard who are treating the Japanese Knotweed at the pond have reported that they have treated about 8 small plants along the very edge of the bank and several more between the bank and the fence and will continue to monitor and treat as appropriate.
- 63 Planning Applications It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:
 10/01939/FUL (Fr A Murray) NO OBJECTIONS
 10/01954/LBC (Fr A Murray) NO OBJECTIONS

- 64 Report on Previous Applications
 10/01309/FUL Fr A Murray, Technology Block, Worth School, Installation of 2 no rooflights, ridge vents and tile vents and 4 no extract ducts in flat roof.
 PERMISSION
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- 65 Report on the Parish Highways Liaison meeting attended by Mr Dudman on the 2nd June Mr Dudman reported that the meeting included representatives from West Hoathly, Ardingly & Horsted Keynes Parish Councils. It was mainly focused on moving forward together on Highways and speeding issues that are a problem in all four villages. Information was shared between Parishes describing what measures had been put in place and what work needs to be done to help ease the problems. It is hoped that several Parishes working together towards the same goal will have a louder voice.
- 66 Report on County Local Committee meeting attended by Mrs Mason on the 22nd June Mrs Mason reported that the Parish Councils grant application to the CLC for funding towards Solar PV Panels was refused. Mrs Mason also reported that Mr Acraman declared that he was not at all happy with the report from WSCC Highways regarding the Vehicle Activated Sign site and asked that Mr Harper liaise with the Parish Council to find a more suitable site. Mrs Mason went on to advise that a Traffic Regulation Order for a 40mph buffer zone on Selsfield Road be implemented.
- 67 Report on Local Action Team meeting attended by Mr Dudman on the 8th June Mr Dudman reported that the meeting was cancelled so no report is available.
- 68 Report on the Village Open Gardens event held on 26th June 2010 Mrs Mason reported a very disappointing turnout this year and is considering moving the event to the beginning of the month next year. The weather was very warm and lots of advertising had been done in the run up to the event but it did not attract the numbers of last year's success.
- 69 Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting it was RESOLVED that Mrs Mason and Mrs Roffe who are our current representatives attend the meeting on the 14th July.
- 70 The Ark Lease it was RESOLVED that:
 1) The Council wishes enter into a new lease agreement and to be excluded from the provisions of sections 24-28 of the Landlord and Tenants Act 1954.
 2) The Statutory Notice to the above effect was noted.

- 3) The Clerk is authorised to make a Statutory Declaration of Acceptance, sworn before a solicitor.
 - 4) The appointment of Allen Ticehurst solicitors was noted.
 - 5) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are authorised to sign lease in the presence of our solicitor.
- 71 Worth Horticultural Summer Show it was RESOLVED that Mrs Roffe creates a display for entry into the summer show at the Fete on 18th July.
- 72 West Sussex County Council Mobile Library Survey completed questionnaires were returned to the clerk for submission.
- 73 Worth Abbey Road Safety Plans it was RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged on 22nd July at 14.30pm to discuss the plans.
- 74 Neighbourhood Panel school run congestion concerns the matter was discussed at length and whilst it was agreed that a school bus would be an ideal solution there are obviously many obstacles that would make it very difficult to implement. It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Panel contact the School directly with their concerns to see if the Local Education Authority can come up with any ideas.
- 75 West Sussex County Council Highways Walk & Drive in Safety meeting the minutes of the meeting were noted.
- 76 To consider grants for St Leonards Church and the Parish News it was RESOLVED that the following grants be paid:
 £550 to St Leonards Church for the church yard
 £600 to Turners Hill Parish News
- 77 Accounts Due for Payment It was RESOLVED that:
1. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being due for payment be paid and
 2. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being paid since the meeting held on 1st June 2010, be approved.
- 78 Correspondence The clerk advised that an invitation to the North Horsham CLC has been received, Mrs Mason will attend. An invitation to a workshop at Wakehurst Place to discuss ideas for the future of the building has been received. A thank you letter from the Turners Hill Park regarding the WSCC highways meeting has been received. The clerk has received details of grants regarding environmental projects; the clerk will contact Mr Ian Killick regarding the project at the Pond. A letter has been received from the internal auditor confirming the internal audit has been completed and the Councils financial controls and procedures are satisfactory. To note the 5 week road closure on Selsfield Road from Vowels Lane to Broadfield in West Hoathly commencing 26th July.

79 Any Other Urgent Business Mrs Forbes-Kiely reported a compliant had been received regarding the quality and frequency of the verge cutting in Withypitts East.

The Meeting Closed at 9.16 pm

Signed(Chairman)

3rd August 2010

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