

Draft minutes to be ratified at 2011 Annual Parish meeting

TANGMERE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2010

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Andrew Irwin (PC Chairman), Brian Wood (PC Vice Chair), Roy Anscombe (Environment Chair), Roger Birkett (Village Centre Chair), Andrew Grice, John Perry and Beverley Smith.
County Councillor Smith, District Councillor Punnett, PC Stanley, PCSO Richard Moorey, Community Wardens Sue Long and Dawn White and Mrs M Monachan (Parish Clerk).
Ten members of the public.

An apology was received and accepted from PCSO Jason Lemm.

The Chairman welcomed electors to the meeting and advised them of their voting rights.

1. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 14 MAY 2009

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Parish Council Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

An Annual Report had been produced giving an overview of the Parish Council's work during the year (for copy see minute book). The meeting was informed that copies of the Report were available at the meeting, from the Clerk or could be downloaded from the website. The Chairman gave a brief summary of the Report.

4. ANNUAL REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor

The County Councillor gave the following verbal report:

- WSCC has had to identify savings in anticipation of cutting grants. The government has cut its own pay by 5%. The public may expect more than a 5% cut.
- Was appointed to the Sussex Police Authority Commission.
- A number of issues were dealt with during the year in particular flooding within the village. There is still outstanding work to be carried out on the drainage system in Tangmere Road and WSCC is committed to reviewing the 1930s drainage system.
- The Parish Council is well run, is on top of the tasks it sets and is ambitious with its plan of action.

District Councillor

The District Councillor gave an overview of his work (see Minute Book for copy). He added that a number of issues were raised by residents and he speaks on their behalf when he can. He thanked the Community Wardens for their quick responses and positive results achieved.

5. COMMUNITY WARDENS' ANNUAL REPORT

The Community Wardens read out their annual report (see Minute Book for copy).

6. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

The PC and PCSO gave the following verbal report:

The number of incidents has dropped this year. The anti-social behaviour with mopeds on the airfield has decreased from nine in the previous year to one so far this year. In the last six months older youths were arrested and a few younger ones were given anti-social behaviour contracts (ABCs) which lasts for three months. By using these contracts there has been a big reduction in anti-social behaviour. Last summer one priority was local hotspots and there was a reduction over the holidays.

Village Centre: was targeted by a group of youths. The youths involved have been identified and there is a process in place to deal with them which may involve their Registered Social Landlord. ABCs were made to ensure that there was no swearing in public and no congregating around the Centre. If the ABC is broken the next step will be an ASBO.

Neighbourhood Management Panel: the Panel was set up in the last year and consists of local residents who identify and agree three priorities within the village. These three priorities are then progressed by a number of agencies and the progress reported at the next Panel meeting. One of the current issues is dog fouling and the Dog Warden will attend the next meeting. Another is speeding in and around the village. A speed gun and SID have been deployed and a Community Speed Watch is being set up.

Events: helped clearing part of the Community Garden and will have a stand at the Village Fete.

7. TANGMERE ACTION GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Council Vice Chair gave a report on the issues progressed over the last twelve months (see Minute Book for copy).

8. OTHER ISSUES RAISED BY ELECTORS

The following matters were raised:

- (i) One resident asked what percentage of the precept is the Clerk's salary, what has the £87,000 of S106 monies been spent on, and what tangible and lasting benefit will be gained by employing a planning consultant. He also stated that he found the 19.7% increase in precept unacceptable. A written response will be sent to the resident.
- (ii) The Chairman and the Parish Council were congratulated for their work as was the Community Garden Committee.
- (iii) The length of time that an ice-cream van can play its tune was queried.
- (iv) **Blenheim Park Development:** the maintenance of the open space on Churchwood Drive was discussed. The meeting noted that the Developer has agreed to install a new gate and that the Contracts Foreman will be asked to arrange for the area to be mown. Once the Developer completes the building, the responsibility for the area will revert to the Landowner.
- (v) The footpath across the Airfield beyond the extension to the greenhouses is in bad condition. There has been a lot of correspondence on the issue and the Environmental Agency has been involved. However until the building works are finished not a lot can be done. The Highways Agency has funds in its 2010/2011 budget for the perimeter track and the Parish Council requested the help of the County and District Councillor to ensure the work is carried out.
- (vi) **Parish Council Website:** a resident had problem accessing the site. There have been recent problems with the connection to the website's server which have now been resolved. The new website software is being progressed and it is hoped to have the new look website up and running in the coming weeks.
- (vii) **Local Development Framework:** it was stated that the last two Newsletter reports by the District Councillor had undermined the Parish Council's LDF work by not taking a 'no development' stance and seeking residents' views on what infrastructure they would want if development went ahead. As a representative for Tangmere he may be falsely representing the majority of residents who do not wish for any further development in the village. The District Councillor stated that at LDF meetings he has to keep an open mind and his support has to be evidence-based. The Parish Council will gather the evidence required to support its stance and will defend the village from development to the best of its ability.

Next meeting: 12 May 2011