

TANGMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 13 SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: Andrew Irwin (Chairman), Christine Baker (Vice Chair), Roy Anscombe, George Barlow (Environment Chair), Roger Birkett (VC Chair), Andrew Grice, Dominic MacKinnon and David Poulter.

Also present: Twenty five members of the public, Jayne Sansby (LAT Chair), Community Wardens, Sue Long and Carol McClung, PCSO Sarah Watson and colleague, District Councillor Chris Punnett and County Councillor Andrew Smith.

Apologies: Helen Punnett – recuperating.

2153. WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS

Dominic MacKinnon and David Poulter having been duly elected and signed the declaration of acceptance of office were welcomed onto the Parish Council.

2154. PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman brought forward Item 7. Planning application TG/07/03797/FUL Perrymead into the Public Session to allow residents to partake in the discussion.

(a) **Planning application TG/07/03797/FUL Perrymead:** The District Councillor informed the meeting that the CDC Planning Officer had found the application unacceptable and had asked the applicant to withdraw it. The District Councillor will be red carding the application and asked that residents should write in to the District Council with their objections. The District Council was asked to contact Planning Enforcement regarding the damaged boundary wall.

The twenty residents who had attended the meeting to voice their opposition to the planning application were allowed to speak. The Parish Council noted their concerns and reassured residents that it would be objecting to the application.

(b) **Community Warden's Report**

The Community Wardens gave the following verbal report:

- New Jr Wardens are being recruited. It will take two weeks to fully brief them. They will restart cleaning the bus shelters.
- An away day for 13-17 year olds will be held on 23 October at Oving Church.
- A drop-in surgery is held the first Wednesday of the month in the Church.
- A Tangmere clean-up day is planned for 26 October.
- A machine had been found to clean glass from the skate park.
- Spoke to people playing golf on the recreation field and requested that the Parish Council put up a sign stating that the playing of golf is forbidden on the field.

(c) **Police Community Support Officer's report**

PCSO Sara Watson gave the following verbal report:

Under-age drinking is becoming a major problem in Tangmere. It was noted that a number of the youths involved are not from Tangmere. A house party in Nettleton Avenue resulted in nine youths being arrested and fined £80. Criminal damage has included bus shelters, cars and a telephone kiosk. Mini motorbikes are still a problem and three Section 59s have been issued. There has not been much major crime – only two cases of burglary of garden

sheds. Every weekend recently a specialised team, Neighbourhood Support Scheme, has been in Tangmere. A lot of information has been gathered resulting in warning letters and home visits. The PCSO was aware of the lack of response from residents, as residents had reported only 23 incidents.

The meeting noted that it is the Parish Council's role to remind residents to report each incident of anti-social behaviour to the Police. It was suggested that the Parish Council should highlight the amount of under-age drinking in Tangmere to the local licensing authority. It was recommended that all bottles and cans barcodes could help in identifying where the alcohol was bought. The LAT Chair agreed to invite the manager of the local shop and the PCSO's supervisors to LAT's next meeting to discuss the problem.

The following was agreed:

- The Parish Council will seek a meeting with the shop's area manager.
- The District Councillor will investigate local powers available to clamp down on drinking in public.
- Residents will be re-alerted as to what they should report and to whom – an insert in the Newsletter with contact details was agreed.

The Community Wardens left the meeting.

(d) County and District Councillors' Report

County Councillor's Report

The County Councillor gave the following verbal report:

- A27 footbridge: construction is scheduled to begin in January 2008.
- SE Plan was published a few weeks ago and it proposes 1,000 houses on Chichester coastal plane for 2006-2026. The level of house building within Chichester District will not be more than it is now. There has been no discussion where the additional houses will be located.
- WSCC, in addition to PCT, is organizing a meeting on 1 October at the Festival Theatre.

District Councillor's Report

The District Councillor gave the following verbal report:

- District's approach to health options is to retain all A&E departments.
- Woodhorn Farm is having an open day on 23 September.
- The Church Commissioners are still in process of selling land to Tangmere Nurseries and therefore the planning application for the additional greenhouse may be revised and re-submitted.
- Three lads were doing wheelies on the concrete apron but were apparently there with the permission of the Nurseries' owner.

(e) Local Action Team Report

The LAT Chair gave the following verbal report:

- The purpose of LAT is deal with local problems. There was a review of LAT as it is in its third year out of the allotted five. It was noted that not enough money is being spent. The LAT Chairs and the Police are to meet quarterly. LAT's name may be changed to Community Action Group.
- Football Wall: one in Birdham cost approximately £1,000. To use pressure treated soft wood sleepers would increase cost to £2 – 2,500. An outline drawing and quote is to be obtained. Matched funding is available from CDC.
- Youth Club: the Youth Club is to submit a bid to LAT for funding for a leader of the intermediate group.
- 'Make the Committee' posters are still with the printers.
- Next meeting on 24 October.

The floor was then opened to the remaining members of the public.

(f) Residents Questions

Residents raised the following issues:

- The Parish Council was asked to investigate the activities occurring in the old airfield fire station as they are cause for concern for a number of nearby residents. The Police, Trading Standards and Crime Stoppers have all been contacted with little result. The District Councillor is to contact planning enforcement to ensure that the change of use from warehousing to car repairs has been reported and to contact the owners of the site regarding the complaints. The resident was asked to try and obtain photos of cars and their registrations.
- As the LDF Inspector was against development on AONB and flood plains, what arguments can the Parish Council put forward against development in Tangmere. When the Core Strategy begins the Parish Council will resume its campaign.
- The last minutes of the Finance Committee mention a 'wish list' for S106 monies, which includes a large community facility. The resident asked the Parish Council take care of its existing facilities. The Parish Council noted the resident's concerns.
- Litterbin for adventure trail: lack of progress. The Parish Council is awaiting the review of a vandal proof bin at Spitfire Court before installing a similar one. The Chairman will contact the CDC Officer responsible.

Members of the public, the County and District Councillors and the PCSOs left the meeting.

2155. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2007.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 July 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

2156. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

2157. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

There were no urgent matters.

2158. TO DISCUSS AND COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATION TG/07/03797/FUL PERRYMEAD.

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

2159. TO CONSIDER CDC'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE AND ANY PROPOSED CHANGES ARISING.

A copy of CDC's standard affordable housing survey questionnaire had been received and circulated to members. The Parish Council AGREED that the questionnaire required re-writing and to authorise the LDF working party to produce a draft questionnaire for consideration.

2160. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- (a) CDC's Annual Performance Plan 2007-2008 – passed to the Chairman.
- (b) Covers: Proposal for electronic barrier to replace existing access gate. The Parish Council APPROVED the proposal and designated the Parish Council as key contact.
- (c) CDC: Annual Parishes Meeting on Monday 29 October at East Pallant House. Two workshops will be held before the Parishes meeting on the Role of the Parish Council in the planning System and Planning Enforcement; one from 4 – 5pm and the second 5.15 – 6.15pm. A maximum of two representatives per council. Roy Anscombe and the Environment Chair will attend and report back to the parish Council.
- (d) WS PCT: Creating an NHS Fit for the Future: Consultation – passed to Village Centre Chair and then to Vice Chair.
- (e) Sussex Police: Operation Crackdown – a new web-based public reporting system for bad driving - noted.
- (f) Annual meeting of Citizen Advice Bureau – noted.
- (g) 'Make a Difference' – noted.
- (h) Twinning Association; letter regarding update on siting of a display cabinet in Village Centre – passed to VC Chair

2161. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 24 July and 8 August 2007.

- Committee Chair and Chairman had attended a pre-application meeting with the Developers of the Fire Dept site. WSCC is to retain the H building.
- Residents have noticed the impact of the part-time Litter Warden. PCSO to liaise with the Warden regarding bar coding on beer bottles.
- Battle of Britain project progressing. A designer has been appointed and the Committee Chair had made an attempt to consult with the Museum Trustees.
- A meeting took place with the Museum to discuss the future plans for the Museum. No decision was made as to location.

2162. VILLAGE CENTRE COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Village Centre Committee held on 7 August 2007.

- The Sunday Football team has been reinstated subject to conditions following a meeting with the new Chairperson.
- Dance Club's debt has been cleared.
- Praise for the cleanliness of the Centre had been received – result of Cleaner's hard work.
- The Auction has extended its hours to ensure that it finishes on time.

2163. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 28 August 2007.

(a) To consider the recommendations of paragraph 413.2 Issues arising from Internal Auditor's Report.

It was noted that the VC Manager had agreed to supply her tax reference and NI number for submission to HMCE. The Parish Council RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

(b) To consider paragraph 415.1: Developer's offer of a six-month lease for the land between Spitfire Court and Meadow Way.

The Parish Council AGREED to take up the six-month open-ended lease for the land subject to legal advice. The Parish Council AGREED to appoint Mr Roger Taylor of Hedley Solicitors to act as legal advisor for the lease.

(c) Paragraph 417.2 Free Bike Stands available from WSCC.

The Committee noted that a bike stand was included in the Centre's extension plans. The Committee AGREED to apply for a free bike stand from WSCC and site it as in stated in the extension plans.

2164. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

A Councillor had attended a meeting at which the District Solicitor had covered declaring an interest in a planning application. The meeting noted that the new Government planning rules would not involve parish councils to the same extent.

Members were informed that the next LVP meeting will take place at Tangmere and as many councillors as possible were asked to attend.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 8 November 2007