

TANGMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 10 SEPTEMBER 2009

Present: Andrew Irwin (Chairman), Roger Birkett (VC Chair), Brian Wood (Finance Chair), Roy Anscombe, Andrew Grice, Jayne Sansby, Beverley Smith and John Perry.

Also present: Six members of the public, County Councillor Andrew Smith, CW Dawn White, PCSO Richard Moorey and Moya Monachan (Clerk)

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Helen Punnett, District Cllr Chris Punnett and PCSO Jason Lemm.

2308. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

2309. PUBLIC SESSION

(a) Community Warden's Report

The CW gave the following verbal report:

- There were no major incidents over the summer break.
- A power kiting session sponsored by HydeMartlet was cancelled due to strong winds but has been rescheduled for 26 September.
- The Manager from the Nurseries has liaised with the CWs to help reduce the problem of lorries parking overnight on the airfield
- **Hampden Place Play Area:** the pampas grass in the area is causing problems and the RSL has been asked to remove it and replace it with something else.
- There have reports of youths returning from the local nightclub creating problems. Residents should report any such incidents to the Police immediately.
- **Jr Wardens:** the recruitment of a new Jr Wardens will take place next week.
- **Recreation Field:** the graffiti on the skate park has been cleaned off. A number of youths have requested a picnic table on the recreation field. Dog Wardens have been alerted to the problem of dog fouling. The broken glass has been cleared up.
- **Garland Square:** a lot of rubbish has been dumped by the garages. The RSL representative is to organise clearing the rubbish away. Funding is being sought to improve the area.

(b) Police Community Support Officer's Report

The PCSO gave the following verbal report:

- **Anti-social behaviour:** rowdy youths on bikes have been causing problems. There was an incident at an 18th birthday party.
- **Airfield:** A Section 59 warning has been given.
- There have been a number of thefts from gardens and house to house enquiries are on-going. A house window was broken whilst the occupier was away but no break-in took place.
- The CWs and PCSOs are concentrating on areas of anti-social behaviour.
- **Obstruction of access by cars parked in Churchwood Drive:** a street briefing took place the previous week to highlight the problem.

(c) Community Action Programme Report

The CAP Chair gave the following report:

- The AGM will take place on 8 October when the Chair will stand down. If no one volunteers to take over there is a contingency plan.
- **Spitfire Court:** a grant application for the re-grading of the path has been made to CDC.

(d) County Councillor's and District Councillor's Reports

The County Councillor gave the following verbal report:

- The District Councillor has replaced the County Councillor on the LDF panel.
- **St Richards:** Fit for the Future and County Health Committee will receive a presentation from Western Hospital Trust on its Clinical Strategy and Foundation bid.
- The County Councillor has been appointed to the Sussex Police Authority and other committees. He attended a Sussex Police conference on neighbourhood policing and the question of Neighbourhood Management Panels was raised.
- To prevent HGVs travelling along Churchwood Drive and City Fields Way, a request for the sign on Meadow Way to be moved further up Meadow Way had been submitted and was recommended. However a Traffic engineer had said that it would not be appropriate to move it. The County Councillor will try and progress the project.

The District Councillor had produced a written report which was circulated to members and members of the public (see Minute Book for copy):

- **Tangmere Nurseries Planning Application:** permission has been granted and re-planting is one of the conditions.
- CDC is to carry out a service review in October.

Members' Questions

One councillor was concerned that the appointment of the District Councillor to the LDF committee would be a disadvantage as he may be unable to stand clearly in support of Tangmere. The County Councillor said it would be an advantage and that the Councillor is not obliged to go along with the panel's views.

Another Councillor asked, with regard Fit for the Future, what is a deliberative event. Under Section 242 of the Health Care Act, any change to the legislation requires consultation.

The floor was opened to members of the public and the following issues were discussed:

(e) Residents Questions

The following issues were raised:

St Richards Hospital: it was queried why, with the opening of the new cancer centre, do cancer patients need to travel to Portsmouth for treatment. The County Councillor informed the meeting that the Foundation Trust publishes its clinical strategy in two weeks.

Signs - City Fields Way: should the companies on the business estate be responsible for proper signage as it is extremely dangerous for the number of children who live and play on Churchwood Drive. The County Councillor will pursue the matter. The meeting noted some lorry drivers have an incorrect delivery address which only states Tangmere Airfield.

Multi-Use Games Area: concern was expressed about the Parish Council's proposed MUGA project. Some of the objections listed were that it would not increase the number of facilities, would be a waste of S106 monies, increase traffic along/on Malcolm Road and exasperate flooding on Malcolm Road. The meeting was informed that the Parish Council had submitted two grant applications and a planning application for the MUGA - all three will be determined in the next few weeks. The grant applications will obtain best value for the leisure S106 monies arising from the Blenheim Park development. The success and size of the project is dependent on the three applications. Residents can comment on the planning application via CDC.

The CW and PCSO left the meeting.

Open Space, Churchwood Drive: the area was last cut three months ago and the grass has grown too long for the children to use the only public open space in this area of the village. As the space has not been passed back from the Developers to the Owner, the Developer is still responsible. The Finance Chair is to liaise with the developer. The meeting noted that the Developer is to install a suitable entrance to the space.

Skid Pan: ten skips have been removed and a small open one left. Two additional large Biffa skips have now appeared along with piles of broken tarmac. The CW is investigating the matter.

Internet Connection: BT has stated that the low speed of the internet in Tangmere is due to the village being 7.3km from the Chichester exchange and the signal has to travel along copper wire. Fibre optic cable would solve the problem. The Parish Council AGREED that it would campaign for a faster internet connection for the village.

Five members of the public and County Councillor left the meeting.

2310. COUNCILLOR VACANCY – TO RECEIVE CLLR BARLOW'S RESIGNATION

The meeting received Cllr Barlow's resignation and noted that as no by-election had been requested by electors to fill the vacancy the Council may now co-opt.

2311. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2009.

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 9 July 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

2312. MATTERS ARISING

Walnut Tree Planning Application: the meeting noted that a TPO had been placed on the tree at the property.

Adoption of Child Protection Policy: the amended draft is to be circulated for comments.

2313. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

Portfield Railway Bridge Refurbishment A27: the closures may result in traffic using Tangmere as a short cut. The PCOS will be asked what measures will be put in place to prevent HGVs going through the village.

2314. TO REVIEW MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES INCLUDING ELECTION OF ENVIRONMENT CHAIR

Cllr Anscombe was proposed and seconded as Environment Chair. The Parish Council APPROVED the membership of the committees as follows:

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Roy Anscombe – Chair
 Andrew Irwin
 Helen Punnett
 Roger Birkett
 John Perry
 Jayne Sansby
 Beverley Smith
 Brian Wood

VILLAGE CENTRE COMMITTEE

(plus Users' Group Representatives)

Roger Birkett – Chair
 Jayne Sansby
 Beverley Smith
 Brian Wood

Users' Group Representatives - Users' Group Chair plus three representatives nominated at Users' Group Meeting and Youth Club representative.

The Chairman and the Vice Chair are ex-officio members of the VC Management Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brian Wood – Chair
 Andrew Irwin
 Helen Punnett
 Roy Anscombe
 Roger Birkett

2315. NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT PANEL

The meeting was informed that Tangmere would benefit from having a Neighbourhood Management Panel (NMP) as it would bring together the Neighbour Hood Watch, CWs, PCSOs, PC and other local groups and businesses, the school and youth groups. These groups would meet every two months. At the meetings local issues would be discussed of which three would be selected as priorities. Action taken on these three would be reported back at the next meeting.

The Parish Council AGREED to support the establishment of an NMP for Tangmere. The Finance Chair is delegated the authority to move the project forward. The Public Session will be restructured so that the first three items will come under the Neighbourhood Management Panel.

2316. TO DISCUSS AND RESPOND TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS TG/09/03053/FUL RURAL URBAN ESTATES AND TG/09/03123/DOM TANGMERE HOUSE

The Parish Council AGREED not to object to either planning application.

2317. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- (a) St Andrew's Church: thank you letter for grant towards the maintenance of the graveyard – noted.
- (b) WSCC: Hate Incident Support Service; partnership programme between WSCC Harm Reduction Team and Victim Support Sussex to enable victims or witnesses of hate incidents and crime to report what has happened, in confidence and allow them access to any emotional or practical help they may require as a result of their experience – passed to Cllr Smith to review.
- (c) CDC: Consultation with regard to Car Parking Charges leaflet - noted.
- (d) WSCC: Three Harbours and Coastal Plain RDPE LEADER Grant Programme – the Programme aims to support rural communities and the economy by providing grants to help farms, small businesses and community groups grow and increase the range of services they provide – circulated to members.
- (e) CDC: LDF; proposal for a meeting with the Parish Council and District Councillor to discuss the emerging Core Strategy of the LDF and the potential impact of certain options on Tangmere. The Council discussed the implications of the new LDF on Tangmere and AGREED the following:
 - (i) Due to the importance of the LDF, all issues should be addressed by full Parish.
 - (ii) An evening meeting with CDC should be requested to enable all members to attend and the minutes to be recorded verbatim
 - (iii) To consider appointing a planning consultant to give professional advice throughout the process because of the high risk of Tangmere being the prime location for major development. The funding of a consultant is to come before Finance and the Environment Chair will compile a list of facilities wanted if major development takes place.
- (f) CDC: electric blanket safety testing on 5 October at St Paul's Church, Churchside, Chichester – passed to the CW.
- (g) Letter from resident regarding proposed MUGA and Parish Council's response – discussed in public session.

2318. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Environment Committee meetings held on 21 July and 11 August 2009.

Paragraph 506.2 PAP TAG Initiatives: three projects had been identified which are to be led by the Parish Council; Updating Website, Welcome Pack and improving the Gateways to the village – all being progressed.

2319. VILLAGE CENTRE COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Village Centre Committee held on 11 August 2009.

Paragraph 419.1: the contracts for the Village Centre Manager and Cleaner had been revised to ensure that they comply with her self-employed status.

The CW and PCSO rejoined the meeting.

2320. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 11 August and 1 September 2009.

Paragraph 550.2 (c) Appointment of MUGA Project Manager: the Committee AGREED that if both grant applications and the planning application are successful that Universal Consulting be appointed to manage the project.

Paragraph 564.2 Clerk's Hours: the Clerk's hours per week be increased from 15 to 17.5 as of 1 September 2009 and that 10.5 hours of flexitime be taken in October and that the flexitime balance of 35.5 be paid in full and that the Committee Chair be notified if work on any project may cause her to exceed her normal working hours.

The CW, PCSO and one member of the public left the meeting.

2321 TO DISCUSS COMPLAINT FROM RESIDENT REGARDING THE USE OF THE RECREATION FIELD.

Under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2 the public and press were excluded from the meeting whilst this item was discussed. Decision recorded separately.

2322. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

The meeting was informed the certificates for those members that had attended the Power of Wellbeing Training Course had been received and will be held by the Clerk.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 12 November 2009