

Draft Minutes to be ratified at next meeting.

TANGMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 8 JULY 2010

Present: Cllr Irwin (Chairman), Cllr Wood (Vice Chair), Cllr Birkett (VC Chair), Cllr B Smith (Finance Chair), Cllr Beach and Cllr Perry.

Also present: County Cllr A Smith, District Councillor C Punnett, PCSO Moorey, Mrs M Monachan (Clerk) and five members of the public.

Absent: Cllr Grice

2398. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from the Community Wardens, Cllr Anscombe, Cllr Poulter, PCSO Lemm and PC Stanley.

2399. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

2400. PUBLIC SESSION

(a) AGENCY REPORTS

Community Wardens

The Vice Chair read out a written report from the Community Wardens (for copy see Minute Book).

Neighbourhood Management Panel

The PCSO reported to the meeting that issues identified by the Panel are being dealt with robustly. The Speed Watch Scheme is in place which members can use. PC Stanley is organising a day of action which will target speeding, non-wearing of seatbelts and the use of mobiles when driving within the village.

Police Community Support Officer

The PCSO gave an overview of local recent incidences including a burglary in Chestnut Walk, graffiti damage around Gamecock Terrace, traffic sign damaged on Meadow Way and damage to the cricket training net.

The PCSO and the Finance Chair left the meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The meeting noted that there are now 22 active members and the scheme is working successfully. Bulletins are issued regularly to keep co-ordinators up to date.

Tangmere Action Group

The Vice Chair gave the following verbal report:

- Community Garden: the orchard will be planted in November/December and there are thirty plus members. Polytunnels and chickens are planned.

- Perimeter Track: continuous correspondence.
- Rangers have cleared the path between the Church and Chestnut Walk.
- **30mph sign:** the hedging blocking the sign will be cut back.

(b) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

The County Councillor gave the following verbal report:

Cutbacks: there is to be a £2million cut in Youth Services – details not available as the link to the site doesn't work. Over the last few weeks the focus has been on the ramifications of cut backs in the public sector, as the NHS is protected other services will be cut. The Police will have to make savings of £75-90 million over the next few years. Details will be announced in the autumn. Major activities will be stopped. The Police Pledge has been abolished and the NMP will carry on until told otherwise.

The District Councillor gave the following verbal report:

- **Perrymead:** the planning application will come before the Area Development Control Panel on 28 July. He will request that the Panel conducts a site visit. The knotweed is still an issue.
- **LDF:** CDC has put its preparation of the Core Strategy on hold. Partly to do with the A27 and the capacity at the Appuldram Waste Treatment Plant. Natural England has objected to any development feeding into the Appuldram Plant and CDC has a verbal agreement to refuse any development of ten dwellings or more which will feed into the Plant. The 9,600 houses proposed for Chichester was questioned in light of the scrapping of the Regional Spatial Plans. CDC is to review the numbers as to what is the local housing need. Meetings of the LDC panel are suspended to September.
- **Budget:** a 25% reduction of budgets has been announced which will hit local government harder than any others and sooner. CDC will lose out from grants received from Government. Initiatives such as free swimming will stop. Base line information which will class services as statutory, essential to quality of life and those that are desirable but not essential but will impact on residents.

The floor was opened to Members and the following issues discussed:

- **Cutbacks:** the Police proposed savings were clarified - £75-90 million over four to five years. The meeting noted that as local authorities have been working together to benefit from the economies of scale if one party withdraws it will have a knock-on effect. Community Wardens were given as an example of a multi-agency project. The PCSOs filled the gap when the number of front line officers was reduced. The meeting noted that PCSOs are categorised as staff under employment law.
- **Section 106:** at the Local Council Committee meeting it appeared that WSCC was interested in what Highways Section 106 is available and what it can be used for. It was noted that Section 106 funds are legal agreements and that villages that have a village plan are better situated to benefit from Highways Section 106. WSCC are investigating if it is legally possible for Section 106 funds to be used to upgrade the waste treatment system.
- **LDF:** All indications are that it will be up to CDC to determine housing numbers. Next year's election of district councillors is important.

(c) RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

Residents raised the following issues:

- **LDF:** the process is in abeyance until September and clarification is required from the Government regarding the five-year housing supply. Residents expressed concern of incremental development in the village without structure and an opportunity for

landowners and developers to cherry pick. The District Councillor stated that he will fight for what will benefit the village.

- **Appuldram Waste Treatment Plant:** the possibility of a waste pipe from the treatment plant which would discharge three miles out at sea was discussed. The pipe would have to go through the Manhood Peninsula and Southern Water would have to obtain permission from its asset management panel – the earliest that this permission could be obtained would be 2015 and this would involve approval from the Environment Agency.
- **Richmond Award:** congratulate the village on winning the award and that the chairman was the rightful recipient for the award.
- **Traffic:** a request for the 30mph signs to move further along Meadow Way to avoid the signs being blocked by vegetation. Large HGVs are continuing to incorrectly use Churchwood to gain access to the Nurseries. The Highway Rangers have been asked to cut back the foliage around the sign and it is on their schedule but not sure when it will be done. Photographs of a number of lorries trying to reverse in Fulmar Way were shown to Members. The Nursery has changed its postcode so that sat navs will show the correct route but it does not appear to have solved the problem. The Chairman agreed to contact Highways regarding additional signage for the entrance of Churchwood Drive. The meeting noted that the cycle sign at the roundabout for Tangmere points to Boxgrove.
- **Open space on Churchwood Drive:** the lack of maintenance of the area by the developers was raised. It was noted that the area will revert back to Seawards once the development is complete.

The County and District Councillors and four members of the public left the meeting.

2401. CO-OPTION OF CASUAL VACANCY

One application of interest had been received for the casual vacancy. The application had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The Council RESOLVED that Mr Philip Thomas be co-opted onto the Parish Council. As the applicant had been unable to attend the meeting the Clerk will ensure that his declaration of acceptance is signed as soon as possible.

2402. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2010

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2010, a copy of which had been circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2403. CLERK'S REPORT

Village Fete and Richmond Award: an article on each featured in the West Sussex Gazette Of 30 June. The meeting was informed that the Fete had gross receipts of £4,200: once all expenses have been paid Help for Heroes will receive £1,500 and each of the three local youth groups £700. The Parish Council expressed its thanks to the organisers of the Fete for all their hard work. The Fete pamphlet distributed throughout the village was a success.

2404. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

There were no urgent matters.

2405. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK UPDATE

As discussed earlier in the meeting the LDF's consultation on the Core Strategy has been put on hold. The Council was congratulated for its defence of the village in the first LDF which has left it in a strong position at the moment. As the onus may be on CDC to decide housing allocations it should be asked to protect local villages.

2406. TO DISCUSS SETTING UP A YOUTH FORUM

An initial meeting has been held to discuss the forum. Those who attended were charged with identifying young people to come to the next meeting at the end of July who may be interested in becoming members. The next meeting will be held in the top room at the Bader Arms on Thursday, 29 July.

2407. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- (a) CDC: Leader or Directly Elected Mayor – the choice for CDC; a Mayor and Cabinet (comprising a directly elected Mayor and from 2 up to 10 councillors appointed to the executive by the Mayor) or a Leader and Cabinet (comprising a councillor elected as leader of the executive by the Council and from 2 up to 9 councillors appointed to the executive by the Leader). The Parish Council view is sought as part of a consultation with the public and interested bodies. Responses due by 6 August. The Parish Council discussed both options and AGREED that its preference is for a directly elected Mayor.
- (b) District Councillor: response to Parish Council's letter re representing Tangmere within the LDF – noted. The Parish Council AGREED that at the next Annual Parish meeting there should only be one table with the PC Chairman, County and District Councillors and the Clerk seated at it to ensure a clear differentiation is made between the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting.
- (c) Chichester Observer Community Awards: details of how to nominate. The Parish Council AGREED to submit nominations for the Shirley Hughes Award and the Special Achievement in the Community.
- (d) West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service: consultation with residents and businesses across the county regarding its draft Service Plan for 2011-12. The consultation process starts on 19th July 2010 and closes on 8th October 2010 - noted.
- (e) Email from Oving Parish Councillor regarding forming a working party of representatives from nearby councils to campaign for better broadband for the area – the Chairman volunteered as a member of the working party.
- (f) Action in Rural Sussex: invitation to attend AiRS Conference on 23 September – the VC Chair and the Clerk are to man a stall at the conference.
- (g) The Museum will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain on 8 August. The Vice Chair and the Finance Chair are to attend.

2408. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Environment Committee meetings held on 25 May 2010.

- Paragraph 578.2 Allotment Hedges: quotes had been received for the cutting of the allotment hedges. Due to the cost the Parish Council approved the purchase of a petrol hedge trimmer and agreed that the two designated users should be fully trained in the safe use of the hedge trimmer and should wear the appropriate safety equipment when using it.

2409. VILLAGE CENTRE COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Village Centre Committee held on 8 June 2010.

- **Booking Forms:** the new booking form is to include the condition that no smoke machines be used in the main hall as it sets off the smoke alarm.

2410. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 22 June 2010.

- **Paragraph 638.2 VC Drainage:** Members discussed using a channel from the two existing soakaways to a new third one which would be 2 to 2.5m deep. The topsoil from the excavation could be used in the Community Garden.

2411. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

The Finance Chair is to look at the work of the volunteers and apply a monetary value to be included in the next budget.

The condition of Spitfire Court and the Memorial Woodland were discussed. The Chairman and the Vice Chair are to review the signs in the Memorial Woodland.

The meeting noted that the Clerk is on holiday from 13 to 31 August inclusive. Councillors were asked to provide the Clerk with their holiday dates.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 9 September 2010