

TANGMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 10 JANUARY 2008

Present: Andrew Irwin (Chairman), Christine Baker (Vice Chair), George Barlow (Environment Chair), Roger Birkett (VC Chair), Andrew Grice (Finance Chair), Dominic MacKinnon, John Perry, David Poulter and Helen Punnett.

Also present: Three members of the public, Jayne Sansby (LAT Chair), Tony Chipps (Memorial Woodland Designer), District Community Safety Officer and CWs Sue Long and Carol McClung.

Apologies: Roy Anscombe and Chris Punnett ó unwell, Andrew Smith ó prior engagement and Paul Neary.

2178. PUBLIC SESSION

(a) Community Safety Officer's Report

The Community Safety Officer gave a brief overview on drinking control zones and the alternatives to the introduction of control zones. The Safety Officer stated that the manager of the local shop is willing to work with CDC and agreed to have bottles marked last October although no marked bottles were found in Tangmere. The meeting was informed that the areas targeted on the Clean up Day had been reviewed and a continued effort to maintain them noted. A number of youths had received home visits and had signed acceptable behaviour contracts ó the breaking of the contract can result in an ASBO.

Community Wardens' Reports

Community Warden, Sue Long, had produced a breakdown of incidents broken down into roles performed which was circulated to members. She also gave the following verbal report:

- The Parish Council was thanked for its continued financial support of the CW scheme.
- The phone problem has hopefully been resolved although the other CW's phone is still not working. A new office telephone number will be circulated via the Clerk.
- Damaged street signs at Hampden Place and Garland Square have been reported and repairs are in hand. The phone box on the village green had also been damaged and subsequently repaired.
- The Jr Wardens will become involved in the Memorial Woodland by decorating the container and adopting a tree.

Community Warden, Carol McClung gave the following verbal report:

- The appointment of a designated PC to the area has made a significant difference.
- Behaviour and alcohol problems have reduced over the last few weeks and this has allowed more time to be dedicated to child protection issues.
- The Community Warden requested permission to display in the Parish Council's bus shelters the laminated posters designed by the second place prizewinners of the Making the Commitment campaign. The Parish Council AGREED to permit the display of the laminated posters in the village's bus shelters. A map of the sites for the permanent posters was presented.

(c) Police Community Support Officer's report

The PCSO gave the following verbal report:

- The red car abandoned in City Fields Way will be removed shortly.
- The new dedicated PC sent her apologies as she is on holiday. A number of arrests have been made for drunk and disorderly behaviour and possession of cannabis. A drug raid was carried out and an arrest for possession and cultivation was made.
- A large number of home visits have been carried out and the number of ASBOs given reduced to only four.
- The motorbikes on the airfield are not such an issue.
- All residents were asked to be aware that lead thefts within the district are on the increase. Anybody acting suspicious is to be reported.

(d) Local Action Team Report

The LAT Chair gave the following verbal report:

- Oving Parish Council has sent a request to LAT for financial assistance towards community safety works totalling £700.
- A draft report of the LAT review had been received. The main change will be funding - £3k will be given to LAT to spend and any amounts above will have to be applied for.
- Still awaiting the completed posters for the Making the Commitment campaign.
- Spitfire Court Plan: a draft report will come before the next LAT meeting for initial approval and then to the Executive Board for final approval.
- A new Youth Area Manager has been appointed and has recommended that the Youth Club apply for charity status.
- The next meeting of the LAT will be held in Oving on 23 January.

(e) County and District Councillors' Report**County Councillor's Report**

The County Councillor had submitted a brief report (for copy see Minute Book).

District Councillor's Report

There was no report from the District Councillor

One Councillor queried the criminal intelligence item in the CWsø report. The meeting noted that this information is from residents who do not wish to be identified.

Another Councillor stated that it was encouraging that reports of underage drinking were down but that the time of year may be a factor in the decrease and it may increase again in the springtime. The meeting was informed that there is funding available for specific operations for times when there is likely to be more problems. The PCSO stated that the Police had gained a good insight as to those individuals involved in last summer's incidents and this knowledge will hopefully help prevent reoccurrences of the antisocial behaviour.

The floor was then opened to members of the public.

(f) Residents Questions

Residents raised the following issues:

Underage drinking: the cheap price of alcohol, even cheaper than soft drinks, has fuelled underage drinking. The resident had written to his MP on the subject. Although a lot of lager is drunk in the village only one marked bottle has been found. The meeting noted that the amount of alcohol purchased by an adult could be restricted. Another resident had found a number of bottles in the cricket training net.

S106 monies: a resident had contacted CDC querying the prospect of the community facilities monies from 2005 being increased in line with inflation. If the resident does not receive a satisfactory response from CDC the Parish Council will pursue the matter.

Memorial Woodland: a resident queried if the Museum were to relocate would the Woodland remain in its own right and if it were to open 24 hours would it become a magnet for antisocial behaviour as unauthorised access can be gained from the back of the Museum? The Woodland would be able to exist in its own right and the Museum has been contacted regarding access via the rear of its building.

Village Centre Car Park: a quote for the remedial work on the rest of the car park has been requested.

Two members of the public, the CWs, the LAT Chair and the PCSO left the meeting.

2179. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2007.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 November 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

2180. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

2181. URGENT MATTERS ARISING

There were no urgent matters.

2182. BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL WOODLAND UPDATE INCLUDING SITA GRANT DETAILS.

The Designer of the Memorial Woodland was welcomed to the meeting. The Allotment Steward sent his apologies. The meeting noted that the Woodland design had been changed from the original after the site was cleared and the actual contours, slopes and levels were revealed. A copy of the new design was circulated to members for consideration. The Designer explained the changes.

SITA grant: the meeting noted that the grant will be paid retrospectively and that there may a three to four week delay from the Parish Council paying an invoice to being reimbursed by SITA. The Council AGREED that the appointment of suppliers/contractors need not be restricted to local companies. The meeting discussed the tree-planting schedule. The Council AGREED that the tree specification containing all English native whips drawn up by the Designer, should be adopted. Maintenance quotes for the Woodland are to come before the Environment Committee. The Committee noted that the topsoil required might be obtained cheaper from a local contractor.

The Designer and the last member of the public left the meeting.

2183. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- (a) Resident's letter regarding the smoking shelter at Bader Arms and the untidy state of its garden. The meeting noted that planning permission is required for the shelter and that a planning application should be submitted. The meeting discussed the condition of the car park. The Council AGREED that the Environment Chair should draft a letter to the Brewer outlining the litter problems.
- (b) InterRoute: response to PC's request for additional signage to make drivers aware of traffic congestion at Crockerhill Junction & minor improvements are to be carried at the junction as one of the requirements from the proposed new housing development within the area & noted.
- (c) CDC: Lavant Valley Partnership meeting on Tuesday, 15 January at the Village Hall in East Dean & noted.
- (d) CDC: Minutes of the special joint meeting of both North and South Area Development Control Committees held on 28 November 2007 to approve the review of Key Development Control and Committee Procedures & passed to Environment Chair.
- (e) WSCC: Bus Shelter Grants Scheme & 2008/9 - noted.
- (f) 2nd Tangmere Scout Group application for financial assistance. The matter is to come before the Finance Committee for consideration.

2184. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 20 November 2007.

The Council AGREED that the letter requesting a developing brief for Tangmere be sent to the leaders of the District and County Councils.

2185. VILLAGE CENTRE COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Village Centre Committee held on 11 December 2007.

The Chair gave a brief overview of the minutes.

- The small works contractor had been tried out on a number of small jobs.
- Wifi: the web designer had carried out a site visit at the Centre to identify any potential problems in installing wifi. He will produce a report on the steps involved with the installation.

2186. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Council received the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 18 December 2007.

Item 434. Draft Budget for 2008/09

The Council considered and discussed the recommendations for the 2008/9 Budget (see Minute Book for a copy of the draft revenue estimates, statement on capital, earmarked reserves and budget notes.). The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the recommendations.

2187. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

The Environment Chair is to attend the next LAT meeting.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 13 March 2008