

A MEETING of FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL was held at the Funtington and District Village Hall, West Ashling on Wednesday 7th September, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. J.M. Sewell, (Chairman), Mrs. A. J. Brooks, Mr. R.J. Goulding, Mr. R.J. Hammond, Mr. J. Hepworth, Mr. T.E. Hoare, Mr. G. Keech, Mr. R.H. Knight Mr. N.G. La Hive, Mr. P.O.H. Medlam, Mr. B. Oakley-Smith and Mr. W. Vinall.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs. J.V. Bateman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Councillors declared interests in any of the items on the agenda

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 6th July, 2011, were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Village Hall. The two candidates for building the new hall had no objection to the concept of build and sell for it. The cost was likely to be higher than anticipated. The details are still being considered.

Football Pitch. The Dell, as it is at present, is not large enough for a football pitch. The possibility of enlarging it would be investigated.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Mrs. Goldsmith said that the County Council had been successful in bidding for broadband funds and had been awarded £6M. Match funding would be required.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The Chairman read out the gist of a report from District Councillor Mrs. Tassell, who had commented on the amount of Government directives and consultations that were being issued, with the resulting increase in paperwork. She highlighted Chichester's Big Weekend 9th – 11th September and all its associated activities.

CHICHESTER HOUSING NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS CONSULTATION

After discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would complete the questionnaire for forwarding to the District Council.

CHICHESTER SOUTH COMMUNITY ACTION PILOT

The Chairman said that a meeting was to be held next Monday to discuss the current stage of the scheme and then consider moving on to Stage 2. There was to be a meeting of all Parish representatives at Boxgrove Village Hall on 28th September.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received:

- (a) Chichester District Council – Annual Meeting with Parish Councils : 19th October, 2011
- (b) Chichester District Council – Housing Numbers and Locations Consultation
- (c) Chichester District Council – Chichester Rural Housing Partnership Newsletter
- (d) Royal Horticultural Society – Britain in Bloom
- (e) Southern Planning Practice Ltd. – Old Place Farm – A Sustainable Urban Extension for Chichester
- (f) Action in Rural Sussex – Annual General Meeting 4th November, 2011 at Ardingly.

FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

		£	
Action in Rural Sussex	Annual Subscription	50.00	
WSCC	Audit Fee	180.00	30.00
B.W. Mann	Clerk's expenses	233.51	

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors considered the list of planning applications attached to the Agenda. The Planning Working Group's recommendations, as shown on that list, were agreed and approved.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Finance & General Purposes. It had been agreed that a Parish Jubilee Party would be held on Monday 4th June, 2012, in the Rectory grounds. A Working Group consisting of the F&GP and the Vicar plus two parishioners is being set up to organise the party. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the party

Community Planning. The Parish Emergency Plan needs to be revised. The Parish Plan also needs to be updated to include details of the new South Downs National Park and the affordable housing in Portal Close.

Countryside. Copies have been made of the map showing the footpaths and the South Downs National Park boundaries. New reports by volunteers now go direct to the County Council. Funtington Walks leaflet No. 3 has been completed.

Amenities & Services. The Play area repairs have been completed. It was agreed that the "Up to 12 years" users sign should be retained, but that discretion should be used in enforcing it. The state of the trees/bushes and the fence will be investigated. It was agreed that three seats should be provided in The Dell: Councillor Goulding would investigate relatives funding them as 'commemorative' benches.

Highways Management. A proposal will be submitted for works to the roads in West Stoke and East Ashling. Councillors Vinall, Keech and Knight will attend the meeting of the East Ashling Traffic Action Group (EATAG) to inform them of the actions that the Parish Council had taken about traffic speeding through East Ashling.

More volunteers were needed to man the mobile SID, both the parish's one and the Police two. Their deployment to date had proved very effective. Large tractors cannot be banned from public roads, but Councillor Hoare undertook to contact local farmers to remind their drivers against excessive speed.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Baird was thanked for his maintenance of some of the footpaths in the parish.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5th October, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.44 p.m.

Chairman
5th October, 2011