

A MEETING of FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL was held at the Funtington and District Village Hall, West Ashling on Wednesday 2nd February, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. J.M. Sewell, (Chairman), Mrs. J.V. Bateman, Mr. D.A. Collet, Mr. J. Hepworth, Mr. G. Keech, Mr. R.H. Knight, Mr. P.O.H. Medlam, Mr. B. Oakley-Smith and Mr. W. Vinall.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mr. R.J. Hammond, Mrs. T.A. Hall, Mr. T.E. Hoare and Mr. N.G. La Hive.

The Chairman informed councillors that Country Fare and The Richmond Arms had both reopened under new owners. The Clerk had received a request under the Freedom of Information Act to supply copies of minutes and correspondence received by and sent from the Parish Council in connection with the Clock Trust/Time Machine at the Old Chapel, West Ashling. The information is being gathered and will be sent to the applicant, who is not a parishioner, also inviting him and Dr. Strickland, the owner of the Old Chapel, to attend the next Parish Council meeting to air their comments or queries.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 5th January, 2011, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Knight confirmed that the gate at The Dell is being dealt with.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Mrs. Goldsmith said that 101,700 potholes had been reported to the County Council since 1st January. 18 gangs are working at filling in the pot holes. A new highways maintenance contract will be negotiated soon. Proposals have been made to change schools' catchment areas but this has led to many objections. The MP Nick Herbert will be holding a broadband summit meeting in April.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Mrs. Tassell said that the Localism Bill had proved to be very complicated and was still being studied. The District Council budget has yet to be decided.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received:

- (a) Chichester District Council – Localism - Community Action Pilots – *See item below*
- (b) Chichester District Council – Chichester South Community Action Pilot – Next Meeting. – *Chairman and Clerk will attend.*
- (c) Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend. - *Noted*
- (d) West Sussex County Council – Connections Newsletter - *Noted*
- (e) West Sussex County Council – Infrastructure Works Programme 2011/12 and Forward Programme. – *No works for Funtington.*
- (f) Chichester District Council – Play Area Insurance. - *Noted*
- (g) Mr. Cathie & Miss Small – Wedding Marquee in School Dell. – *No objection, subject to agreement of neighbours, sight of insurance policy and arrangements for adequate toilet facilities*

FINANCE**Accounts for Payment - February**

		£	VAT
BVR Creative	Parish Newsletter	60.00	
Mazars plc	Audit Fees (Replacement Cheque)	158.62	23.62
B.W. Mann	Clerk's Salary – February	369.00	
B.W. Mann	Clerk's Expenses	57.89	

**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. Cllr. Medlam gave details of the back history to the planning application for The Orchard, and the reasons for recommending an objection.

**WORKING GROUP
REPORTS**

Environment. The Rights of Way Team has just finished their regular maintenance visit. Part of the bridleway in Kingley Vale will be closed whilst fencing works are taking place adjacent to the bridleway. Parish Walks Leaflet No. 3 is progressing.

Speed & Traffic Management. The SID has been ordered and should arrive in 3 – 4 weeks. The Police and County Council have differed on the sites to be approved, but a final letter showing all the approved sites is due to be issued shortly. Cllr. Keech was congratulated on his efforts in connection with the SID's.

Affordable Housing. The official opening of Portal Close will now be on Friday 18th February.

OPEN FORUM

Improvements to the drainage in Watery Lane are due to start in March. The Parish Plan needs to be updated. Mr. Nigel Brown volunteered to help. The Church Parish Magazine will be printed in-house as from May, and will have a new picture cover each month. The Parish Newsletter will also be printed in-house and will continue to be included in the magazine, but councillors will need to fold the Newsletter and place it in each magazine.

**DATE OF NEXT
MEETING**

Wednesday 2nd March, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20 p.m.

Chairman
2nd March, 2011