

A MEETING of FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL was held at the Funtington and District Village Hall, West Ashling on Wednesday 3rd November, 2010, at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. J.M. Sewell, (Chairman), Mrs. J.V. Bateman, Mr. D.A. Collet, Mrs. T.A. Hall, 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

All councillors were present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 6th October, 2010, were approved and signed.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Speaking on behalf of County Councillor Mrs. Goldsmith in her absence, the Chairman said that County Council had seen the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review, but were awaiting detailed figures before proceeding further.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Speaking on behalf of District Councillor Mrs. Tassell in her absence, the Chairman reported that the District Council were also awaiting details of the Government Grant.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF PORTAL CLOSE

Cllr. Hammond said that the official opening will now be on 7th December. Councillors will be able to visit the new houses at 11.00 a.m. on Friday 3rd December. All the new tenants should be in place by Christmas, or the end of the year at the latest.

FUNTINGTON WAR MEMORIAL

The whole memorial has been cleaned and renovated. The dead cherry tree and old shrubs have been removed. Gravel will be laid on the path today, so that the whole area will be ready in time for the Remembrance Day ceremonies. Thanks are due to the parishioners who provided labour and also to those who provided cash contributions. A contract is being arranged for annual maintenance of the memorial

BT BROADBAND

The County Council are working with BT to speed the provision of adequate broadband service.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received:

- (a) Society of Local Council Clerks – Allotments : Setting up and Management – Reading 6th December Fee £120 + VAT. *No volunteers*
- (b) Sussex Print Ltd – Brochure. *Noted*
- (c) WSCC Community Safety Unit – Posters. *Noted*
- (d) WSCC – Reduction of Frequency of 700 Bus Service. *Noted*
- (e) Victim Support –Request for Grant. *Will be considered in due course*

FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

		£	VAT
Mazars	Audit Fee	158.62	23.62
BVR Creative	Parish Newsletter	60.00	
Cllr. Medlam	Refund of Website Expenses	70.96	
AIRS	Annual Subscription	40.00	
B.W. Mann	Clerk's Salary –October	369.00	
B.W. Mann	Clerk's Expenses	48.17	
Mr. R.C.A. Arnold	Annual Dell Maintenance	539.00	
Greening Campaign	Grant	100.00	
Sussex Memorial Care Ltd	Refurbishment of War Memorial	1204.00	

**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. .

**FUNTINGTON &
DISTRICT VILLAGE
HALL**

A meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held after the exhibition of the new plans. An application form is being completed for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

**WORKING GROUP
REPORTS**

Environment Cllr. Mrs. Bateman said that the Rights of Way Maintenance Team had done well in clearing the footpaths. Cllr. Knight reported that the problems with overhanging trees in Southbrook Road were now in the hands of the County Council's legal team.

Community Safety: Mr. Baird and Mr. Hoare were prepared to store the hippo bags containing the grit under cover, but, depending upon the weather, there could be problems in getting the grit to the right place at the right time. It might be necessary to purchase lockable grit bins and site them at strategic problem points, topping them up as necessary from the hippo bags.

Amenity Services. New rules had been brought in since the play area was constructed, which meant new conditions had to be complied with. As the play area was now over ten years old, consideration should be given to entering into an annual maintenance contract for the upkeep of the play area equipment.

Speed & Traffic Management. There have been delays in the site and risk assessments. Positive answers are needed to sites in sensible positions. Cllr. Keech will consult with his Group as to the next action. The Clerk confirmed that money is ready to pay for the SID as soon as a definite order has been placed.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Rooker, on behalf of the Greening Campaign, thanked the Council for their grant towards the Campaign's expenses. Councillors would be welcome to attend the Greening Campaign meeting which was due to follow the council meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT
MEETING**

Wednesday 1st December, 2010, at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.38 p.m.

Chairman
1st December, 2010