

A MEETING of FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL was held at the Funtington and District Village Hall, West Ashling on Wednesday 5th January, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. J.M. Sewell, (Chairman), Mrs. J.V. Bateman, Mr. D.A. Collet, 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 and Mr. B. Oakley-Smith.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. T.A. Hall and W. Vinall.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 1st December, 2010, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not already included in the Agenda.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Mrs. Goldsmith said that half of the County's supply of salt had been used this winter already. The price of replacement salt has increased from £28 per ton to £100 per ton. The Council's financial plans were laid out at a Council meeting in December. An appeal for increased funding will be made to the Government next month.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Mrs. Tassell said that 2011 was a challenging year. There will be District Council (and Parish Council) elections in May, and also a referendum on voting. The Localism Bill had had its first reading in the Commons last month. The District Council had been congratulated for its good refuse collection service during the bad weather.

PARISH PRECEPT 2011 – 2012

Councillors considered the proposed precept for 2011/2012 and studied the supporting figures provided by the Finance and general purposes Working Group (see copy attached in Minute Book). After discussion, a precept of £15,000 was agreed. It was also agreed that the Parish Clerk's salary be increased to £4,548 in line with national guidelines.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received:

- (a) Chichester District Council – Community Directed Support. *Noted.*
- (b) Birdham Parish Council – “So you would like to become a Councillor” : 20th January at Birdham Village Hall. *Noted*
- (c) The Samaritans – Request for Grant. *Will be considered with other charity requests.*
- (d) ICIS News – Issue no. 56. *Noted.*
- (e) Chichester District Council – Council Tax setting 2011/12. *Precept for 2011/2012 will be forwarded after meeting.*
- (f) WSCC – Winter Service – Pre Winter 2010/11 update. *Already overtaken by events.*

FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

Minutes 5/1/11

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| AIRS | Remainder of Annual Subscription | £ | VAT |
| | | 10.00 | |

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| B.W. Mann | Clerk's Salary – November | 369.00 |
| B.W. Mann | Clerk's Expenses | 99.02 |
| Sussex Memorial Care Ltd | Gravelling of War Memorial Path | 575.63 |
| Chichester District Council | Play Area Rent | 20.00 |
| BVR Creative | Parish Newsletter | 60.00 |

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. .

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Environment. The Tree Council had offered trees for planting. Mr. Baird will take up their offer.

Community Safety: The bags of salt had been received and were in use.

Speed & Traffic Management. More sites have been approved. A meeting will be held shortly with all the Parish Councils involved in the scheme to discuss the approved sites, to agree which SID to purchase and to place an order.

Parish Plan. The focus for the provision of fast broadband is now on BT 'Race to Infinity'. The Bosham exchange is now No 3 in the County for registered interests.

Affordable Housing. 11 of the 12 new houses were occupied by Christmas. All occupants, bar one, have local connections. As there were no local connections to occupy the four bedroom house, it was allocated to a Westbourne connection.

OPEN FORUM

Cllr. Knight will investigate the condition of the lockable gate at The Dell.

The Chairman had no information on the future of the village shop, but in any case this was a private matter in which the Parish Council could not interfere.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.28 p.m.

Chairman
2nd February, 2011