

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

PRESENT

Mr. J.M. Sewell, (Chairman), Mrs. J.V. Bateman, Mrs. A. J. Brooks, Mr. R.J. Goulding, Mr. J. Hepworth, 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 Mr. R.J. Hammond, Mr. T.E. Hoare and Mr. W. Vinall.

The Chairman announced that the Village Shop had now closed, but emphasised that this was solely a commercial matter and the Parish Council could not intervene.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 7th September, 2011, were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Village Hall. There had been a delay with the dealings with the two builders.

Football Pitch. Moving some of the trees in The Dell was being investigated.

Housing Numbers Consultation. The online consultation form had been completed.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Mrs. Tassell, mentioned the forthcoming resignation of John Marsland the District Council's Chief Executive Officer. Discussions were ongoing over whether to share the post with Arun District Council or share it between the other five Chichester Council Directors. The District Solicitors post has lapsed: the duties will be split between the other solicitors. The new District Museum will open shortly. The Tourist Centre will be housed in the museum building also.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Mrs. Goldsmith said that the County Council had been disposing of various buildings around the County. The new Community shop at Lodsworth was a good example of the Big Community in action

CHICHESTER SOUTH COMMUNITY ACTION PILOT

A meeting of the Community Action Pilots had been held at Boxgrove Village Hall on 29th September. There had been presentations on some of the projects, followed by discussion groups. The follow-on action had been agreed. The groups will now be known as Community Action Plans instead of Pilots. Sixteen highway schemes have been included for local action when funds are made available. West Stoke road has been included on that list.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received:

- (a) West Sussex County Council – Community Development and Big Society Team Organisation - *Noted*
- (b) Boundary Commission for England – 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England - *Noted*
- (c) Sussex Association of Local Councils – AGM 4th November, 2011 at Ardingly. - *Noted*
- (d) ISIS - Autumn 2011 Newsletter - *Noted*
- (e) CPRE – Guide : How to respond to Planning Applications - *Noted*
- (f) Chichester District Council – Annual Meeting with Parish Councils : 19th October, 2011 – *Chairman and Vice-Chairman will attend*
- (g) Chichester District Council – Highway Directional Signing to Dunreith Alpacas - *Objected to*
- (h) Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice Bureau – Decision not to Combine with Other Bureaux - *Noted*

FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

		£	
Play Safe Playgrounds	Play Area Refurbishment	667.20	111.20
B.W. Mann	Clerk's expenses	55.69	

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. The Group had considered the PCSO's report. There were no major problems in the parish. The Queen's Jubilee Working Group has been set up. The West Sussex Swing Band has been engaged and a Maypole Dancing Group is being arranged.

Community Planning. The Highways Winter Plan is being considered.

Countryside. A path has now been cleared between Southbrook Road and East Ashling.

Amenities & Services. Volunteers are still being sought for the South Downs National Park Online Forum. Parishioners have been invited to contribute towards the purchase of seats in The Dell to commemorate past relatives or friends.

Highways Management. There had been problems with the Community SID, but these were being investigated. However, the Police SID will be borrowed so that it can be used by those EATAG members, who have volunteered to man the SID's, once they have received highway clearance. It was agreed that a member of the EATAG be co-opted onto the Highways Management Working Group for six months.

Bournes Forum. Details were given of the discussions at the latest Bournes Forum meeting

OPEN FORUM

Parishioners asked whether the Bournes Forum minutes could be made available to the general public. The Clerk undertook to investigate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7th December, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.34 p.m.

Chairman
5th October, 2011