

A MEETING of FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL was held at the Funtington and District Village Hall, West Ashling on Wednesday 6th April, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mr. J.M. Sewell, (Chairman), Mrs. J.V. Bateman, 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**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mr. D.A. Collet,

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd March, 2011, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING**

There had been no response to the information about the Clock Trust supplied under the Freedom of Information Act. Dr. Strickland had accepted the Council's invitation to talk about the Clock Trust at the Parish Annual Meeting later this month.

The Working Group of the Community Action Pilot Scheme would be meeting at Boxgrove on 11th April.

Mr. Boys had talked to the Bournes Forum about broadband services in the area.

**REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Mrs. Goldsmith said that the County Council would be putting in a bid for Government funding/help towards improving broadband. £240K is available in the Big Society Fund.

**REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

District Councillor Mrs. Tassell said leaflets were being distributed giving details of the AV Referendum. Arrangements are being made for a group to visit the recycling centre in September. Cllr. Knight expressed an interest in being included in the group.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Clerk asked councillors to let him have their reports for inclusion in the Annual Parish Report .so that the report would be available at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received:

- (a) Chichester District Council – Community Buildings Audit - *Noted*
- (b) Chichester District Council – District and Parish Council Elections - *Noted*
- (c) Ministry of Transport – Proposed Stopping Up of Highway at the Old Chapel, Funtington – *No objections, but comments*
- (d) Maverick TV – Mediation Services – *Noted. Notices placed on Noticeboard*
- (e) Home Starts – Application for Grant – *To be considered*
- (f) Chichester District Council – Glass Recycling Banks - *Noted*
- (g) Land Registry – Tinkers Mede : Claim for Adverse Possession - *Noted*
- (h) West Ashling Residents – Newells Lane Gypsies - *Noted*
- (i) VCAD – Appeal for Funds – *To be considered*
- (j) WSCC – Kingley Vale Car Park - *Noted*
- (k) Belcher Frost – Parish Meadow - *Noted*
- (l) AIRS – Evaluation of Community Action Pilots – *Replied to*

## FINANCE

### Accounts for Payment - March

		£	VAT
BVR Creative	Parish Newsletter	60.00	
SALC	Annual Subscription	414.35	12.94
B.W. Mann	Parish Clerk's Salary – March	369.00	
B.W. Mann	Parish Clerk's Expenses	57.49	
Chi. Community Transport	Annual Donation	350.00	

## 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. Cllr. Medlam said that the District Council will now act as the agent for the South Downs National Park Authority for the majority of the planning applications in the District. The SDNP will only become involved in major planning applications or those of special interest.

## WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Environment. The sewer adjacent to FP 263 is being upgraded, and this has meant the old gate being replaced by a new wooden one. A new Rights of Way volunteer scheme has been introduced – volunteers would be welcomed. Cllr. Mrs. Bateman is now a member of the SDNP Access Forum.

Speed & Traffic Management. There have been five traffic accidents in the parish during the past two months. This emphasises that a 20 m.p.h. speed limit is needed in rural areas. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr. Keech for his efforts in connection with the community SID. The SID has been used in the parish, with traffic slowing down as soon as they see it in action.

Parish Plan The Broadband Working Group is liaising with other parishes and conferring with two firms about installing broadband instead of relying on BT.

As this was the last meeting of the current Parish Council, the Chairman reviewed the Council's achievements during the last four years, and thanked the Parish Councillors (including the co-opted members), the County Councillor and the District Councillor for all their help over that period. He also thanked the Clerk for his help and guidance. The Chairman was then thanked by councillors for his leadership over the years.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18th May, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

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

Chairman  
18th May, 2011