

A MEETING of FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL was held at the Funtington and District Village Hall, West Ashling on Wednesday 6th October, 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 and Mr. B. Oakley-Smith

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mr. N.G. La Hive, Mr. P.O.H. Medlam and Mr. W. Vinall

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 8th September, 2010, were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

There had been no action to trim the overhanging trees in Southbrook Road. The County Councillor undertook to chase up the necessary action.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Mrs. Goldsmith said that County Council were already working on their finance figures in anticipation of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review. The SCCLC had approved a grant towards the refurbishment of the War Memorial. The consultation of the possible closure of Bosham Fire Station ends this week. It would appear that some of the NHS tasks may come back to the County Council. This will mean more co-ordination and be easier to understand.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The Chairman reported on behalf of District Councillor Mrs. Tassell (who presented her apologies) that the District Council's financial situation was still being reviewed ahead of the Spending Review, but things did not look good.

AIRS CONFERENCE

The Chairman reported of the AIRS presentation that he and Cllr. Hammond had attended. They had provided a stall at the conference displaying items about the parish, the affordable housing in particular. There had been much interest in the display.

FUNTINGTON WAR MEMORIAL

The appeal is going well and arrangements for the refurbishment are in hand. Opportunity will also be taken to gravel some of the paths and tidy up some of the old trees and bushes.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received:

- (a) Chichester District Council – Annual Parishes Meeting : 17th November, 2010
- (b) West Sussex County Council – Audit of Parish Funds
- (c) West Sussex County Council – Connections
- (d) West Sussex Local Involvement Network (LINKS) - 'Enter and View' Teams
- (e) Kingley Vale Greening Campaign – Appeal for Funds – *It was agreed that a grant of £100 could be made subject to the organisation having a bank account.*
- (f) Belcher Frost – Registration of Parish Meadow – *Still progressing*

FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

		£	VAT
AIRS	Conference Fee	41.13	
BVR Creative	Parish Newsletter	60.00	

WSCC	Audit Fee	176.25	26.25
B.W. Mann	Clerk's Salary – June	369.00	
B.W. Mann	Clerk's Salary – July	369.00	
B.W. Mann	Clerk's Expenses	90.58	

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

Cllr. Medlam gave details of the revised arrangements for the new Village Hall. The new plans will be on display shortly for members of the public to inspect them. The proposed business plan can be viewed on the Village Hall's website. Planning approval will be sought in due course.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Affordable Housing. At the Registration Event, 35 people registered an interest in acquiring one of the new houses. This included 10 new names not already on the register. The builder will hand over the houses on 7th December, to be followed by the Opening Day. All the new tenants should be in by Christmas.

Community Safety: The siting of the grit hippo bags is still to be finalised.

Environment. Cllr. Medlam will be asked to contact the maintenance team to get them to trim the play area hedges.

Speed & Traffic Management. An early meeting of the Joint SID Group is being arranged to finalise arrangements for ordering the SID and its subsequent deployment. Approvals for the SID sites are being hastened.

Parish Plan. The BT Infinity scheme is no help to rural communities. The County Council are chasing BT to provide a better service.

OPEN FORUM

The finger post opposite the Mill Pond needs straightening. The Highway Manager will be asked to arrange this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd November, 2010, at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman
3rd November, 2010