

A MEETING of FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL was held at the Funtington and District Village Hall, West Ashling on Wednesday 6th July, 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. R.J. Hammond, Mr. J. Hepworth, Mr. T.E. Hoare, Mr. G. Keech, Mr. N.G. La Hive, Mr. P.O.H. Medlam, Mr. B. Oakley-Smith and Mr. W. Vinall.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr. R.H. Knight.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs. A.J. Brooks declared an interest in the Landshare planning application. No other Councillors declared interests in any of the items on the agenda

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 1st June, 2011, were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Working Groups. The Chairman reminded Convenors of Working Groups that they needed to arrange for their groups to meet at frequent intervals.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Mrs. Goldsmith said that Balfour Beatty had now taken over as the County's Highways contractor. Potholes were of particular concern. The Community Action Plan teams are all at different stages in their project. £2½M is spent on bus subsidies each year but some routes are uneconomic, and these are the ones that are being considered in the latest review.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Mrs. Tassell reported that the District Council now had seven cabinet members. There are currently 5022 applicants on the Housing Register. The District Council is prepared to help parishes prepare Neighbourhood Plans. Training groups will be arranged in December.

FUNTINGTON & DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

Mr. Richard Tassell, the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, gave an update on the situation, following a useful meeting of the Liaison Group. No money was available to develop the new site, but it was hoped to find a builder who would be prepared to build the new hall, whilst the old hall was still in use. He would then be given the keys to the old hall to pull it down and build houses to sell on that site. The cost of the new hall would be almost covered by the sale of the old hall. The plans and a questionnaire will be on view at the forthcoming Village Fete.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received:

- (a) Southern Water – Water Resources Update - *Noted*
- (b) WSCC – Approved Traders Directory 2011 - *Noted*
- (c) Chichester District Association of Local Councils – Annual Meeting 27th June – Agenda - *Noted*
- (d) Chichester in Partnership Meeting – 4th July – Agenda - *Noted*
- (e) South Chichester County Local Committee Meeting 5th July – Agenda - *Noted*
- (f) Chichester District Council – Bournes Forum Meeting 23rd June – Agenda - *Noted*
- (g) Chichester District Council – Parish Council Election - *Noted*
- (h) Digital UK – TV Switchover - *Noted*

FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

		£
R & B Grounds Maintenance	Upkeep of Play Area	120.00
Chichester District Council	Election Costs	241.23

**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. The Planning Application for the Landshare Scheme in Newells Lane, West Ashling, was considered in detail. It was agreed to support the application, whilst commenting that there was a need for an agricultural link to be established between the new house and the Landshare Scheme.

**WORKING GROUP
REPORTS**

Countryside. The Group will consider the possible use of The Dell as a football pitch, subject to confirmation from Cllr. Medlam that it was large enough for such a pitch. The Group would also consider which funds could be approached for grants. Cllr. Goulding will expedite the repairs to the Play Area equipment. The County's footpath maintenance team have been given details of the work needing to be done to the footpaths in the parish.

Highways Management. The SID scheme is working well.

Bournes Forum. The Chairman gave a brief report on the recent Bournes Forum meeting. He suggested that the Architectural Expert who had spoken on that meeting be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting next April.

OPEN FORUM

It was reported that the noticeboard at the end of Heather Close is falling apart and needs repairs.

**DATE OF NEXT
MEETING**

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.03 p.m.

Chairman
7th September, 2011