

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE ANGMERING COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010.**

**Present:** Councillor Jon Allcock  
Councillor Jenny Bos  
Councillor Julia Graham  
Councillor Paul Hankinson  
Councillor Trish Stephenson  
Councillor Pat Turner  
Councillor Chris Verrinder  
Councillor Sylvia Verrinder

**In attendance:** Rob Martin (Clerk), Arun District Councillor Dudley Wensley, West Sussex County Councillor Deborah Urquhart, PCSO Neil Billingham and one member of the public.

**09/110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Paul Bicknell (Other parish council business), Philip Leverick (Personal), Steven Mountain (Personal), Nigel Nunn (Personal) and Tim Walder (Resignation). The reasons for absence were **Accepted**.

The Clerk stated that a letter of resignation had been received from Councillor Tim Walder caused by work commitments not allowing him to spend enough time on Parish Council business. The vacancy was declared vacant and the Clerk would put the process of finding a replacement councillor in hand.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Turner (Vice Chairman) took the chair.

**09/111 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

None

**09/112 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009.**

With inclusion of an adjustment to Minute 09/105 (Honey Lane Improvement) where 'aside' replaced 'side', on a proposal by Councillor Hankinson, seconded by Councillor Turner, it was **Resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish

Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 as a correct record and the minutes were duly signed.

**09/113      MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor Hankinson questioned the County Councillor on the statement that West Sussex had 40 consecutive days of salt stocks (Min.09/100), or whether it was 40 applications. County Councillor Urquhart confirmed that it was 40 days worth.

**09/114      CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor Turner wished to thank Rob Martin, the new Parish Clerk, for all the work done so far and the improvements made to the way that things were done. The attempt to employ two Environmental Wardens had met with little success to date, but the next step was to expand the advertising to include the local Job Centre.

**09/115      PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no public questions.

**09/116      REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Mrs. Urquhart outlined the current position on a number of matters:-

- Although the County Council had sufficient stocks of salt for its own purposes it had been required to bail-out neighbouring Authorities such as Brighton and Hove, Surrey and Hampshire. A supply of salt had been ordered, but this had been intercepted on Government orders and directed to other agencies in the national interest, before its delivery at Shoreham harbour.
- West Sussex County Council (WSSC) had concentrated its efforts on major roads only, meaning that many areas saw no clearance or gritting work throughout the bad weather. Some important town centres had seen delivery of 'Hippo-bags' of salt for general use, but this did not extend to villages such as Angmering.
- The Clerk mentioned that a petition had been organised within Angmering requesting more effort to grit the roads of the village. This had reflected the many visitors to the Parish Council office during the freeze making request that we 'do something'. The Clerk would contact WSSC and request that more consideration be given to local action in these circumstances.
- WSSC were considering the draft budget for 2010/2011 and, despite having to make £20million efficiency savings the Precept would increase by around 2.5% over the current year. The need to increase the Precept had been caused by another reduction in Government grants.
- It had been estimated that pothole damage caused by the freeze amounted to £5million. Budgets earmarked for pavement repairs together with additional borrowing had been allocated to pay for the £0.5million worth of repairs needing immediate attention

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**REPORT FROM ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

District Councillor Dudley Wensley reported that Arun District Council (ADC) had also seen a reduction in grant and that a number of redundancies were being considered. It was expected that the ADC Precept increase would not be greater than 3%.

Following a question from councillor Hankinson it was agreed that there were serious distribution problems with ADC's 'Arun Times' newsletter. The edition detailing Christmas waste collection arrangements had not been received by some people until mid-January.

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**REPORT FROM SUSSEX POLICE**

The Clerk had received a report from PCSO Billingham (copy attached as Appendix A to these minutes). In addition, he added that a number of incidents had occurred resulting in broken windows which he believed were caused by an individual with a catapult. This would be followed up.

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**REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

1. **Joint Downland Area Committee** – Councillor Christopher Verrinder had attended on behalf of the Parish Council and had made the request that a 7.5 tonne limit be placed on vehicles coming through the village. He believed that this would be progressed by the County Council.
2. **Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee** – nothing to report.
3. **Arun Eastern Parishes Group** – nothing to report.
4. **ASRA** – Councillor Turner reported that work was being undertaken under the Community Payback scheme.

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**MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

1. **Highways Committee** – The draft minutes of the Highways Committee meeting on 13 January 2010 were received.
2. **Planning and Conservation Committee** – the minutes of the Planning and Conservation Committee meetings on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and 15<sup>th</sup> December were received, as were the draft minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

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**HIGHWAYS PROGRESS REPORT**

Concerns had been expressed at the last meeting by members of the public about the perceived lack of progress on highway matters.

The Clerk explained that WSCC was the highway authority and that the Parish Council's role was to provide the local perspective to the provision of better roads and footpaths. To this end the Parish Council is currently active in the following areas of work:-

- **Extension of 20mph zones** – it has been consulted on the current proposal to extend the roads subject to the lower speed limits and has plans to encourage the County Council to impose such limits on all roads in the village.
- **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)** – it has requested that these are installed in Water Lane. The Parish Council has to pay for these to be provided from the Precept.

- **Honey Lane** – the Parish Council is financing and organising the surfacing and lighting of the footpath at the Northern end of this Right of Way.
- **School buses through the village** – it has made representations to WSCC to stop unnecessary bus journeys through the village.

**09/122 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 NOVEMBER 2009**

- 1. Income and Expenditure by Committee** – The analysis of comparison of expenditure and income against budgets had been circulated (see Appendix B attached). This was noted.
- 2. Virements to give effect to Council decisions** – No further virements were necessary.
- 3. List of cheques for December 2009** – the list of cheques had been circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix C attached). The cheque payments were noted.

**09/123 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS OF URGENCY, SO CERTIFIED BY THE CHAIRMAN.**

**Committee Representation** – on a proposal by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Bos it was **Resolved** that Councillor Leverick be placed on the Planning and Conservation and Highways Committees and that Councillor Sylvia Verrinder be added to the Environment Committee.

**South Downs National Park – Election of Parish Members** – the Clerk had received little response from members and it was **Agreed** that he complete the form voting for the two candidates that represent parishes closest to Angmering, Christopher Fullalove of Findon and Richard Jerman of Storrington & Sullington.

**09/124 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Angmering Community Centre.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

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Chairman

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