

An ordinary meeting of Pulborough Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 8 December 2005 at 7.30 PM

Present: Mrs J Botting (Chairman) Mr L Ampstead
Mr M Foster Mr D Boulton
Mrs H Black Mrs A Lawson
Mr M Longridge
Mr B Vincent Mrs N Hompstead
Mr I Kiverstein

District Councillors

Mr B Donnelly

County Councillor

Mrs P Arculus

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs H Grey

Mr N Bransden

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Black declared an interest in items relating to Pulborough Village Hall in her capacity as Chairman of the Trustees.

Mr M Foster & Mr I Kiverstein declared an interest as Trustees of Pulborough Village Hall.

Mr Boulton & Mr Vincent declared an interest as Chairman and Treasurer of the Sports & Social Club.

3 Minutes

Mrs J Botting proposed and it was agreed that the minutes of all meetings should be taken as read. Mrs Botting thanked the members for their work and support over the past year.

3.1 Full Council

Matters Arising

Mr Donnelly requested that he be advised as to the date of the meeting with HDC regarding the Control of Car Parking.

Mrs Black and Mrs Barnett also wished to be advised in order that they may attend.

The Clerk was requested to send an email to Tom Crowley regarding the lack of street cleaning and the unresolved matter of a rebate from HDC.

The Clerk was requested to obtain Tenders for the street cleaning of the village before the next Finance meeting in January.

ACTION

3.2 FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meetings held on 20 October & 10 November were presented. The minutes from the 10 November were inaccurate and the Clerk was asked to correct and to present again at the meeting on 12 January 2006.

CLERK

3.3 PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr Ampstead questions the objection to the removal of the plastic recycling facility as it would 'free up' much needed spaces in the car park.

Mr Kiverstein enquired as to whether anyone from the planning committee would be attending the meeting with Horsham District Council to discuss the application for Coppice Hanger. Mr Donnelly advised that he would keep the Parish Council informed of any decisions.

3.4 RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

It was requested that the Clerk should obtain an alternative quote for the proposed new street light to the car park of the main recreation ground.

CLERK

4 PRECEPT

Mr Kiverstein gave an overview of the Parish Council's financial situation and outlined the savings made throughout the year. He recommended that a fund should be started with a view to refurbish the Sports Pavilion. Mr Kiverstein reported that the Finance & Policy committee suggested that the Precept should be raised by 4.5% to £120,175. Mrs Botting proposed and Mr Denison seconded and the decision was carried unanimously.

Mrs Botting thanked Mr Kiverstein and asked him to pass on her thanks to Mrs Hearn for the excellent work carried out by them both.

5 SPORTS PAVILION TOILETS

Mr Boulton presented the two quotations for the work and outlined those problems. Mr Ampstead proposed that the local firm was the preferred option, Mrs N Hompstead seconded. Mr Boulton agreed to instruct the contractors to begin the work as soon as was possible.

Mrs Botting asked for volunteers to form a sub committee to discuss and drive forward the rebuilding of a new sports pavilion. The following members agreed to form a group:

Mr Ampstead, Mr Boulton, Mr Vincent and Mrs Barnett. The members agreed that they would report back to the Full Council with any developments.

6 106 MONEY

Mr Kiverstien reported of the progress of this outstanding issue. Mr Donnelly advised that the internal audit of HDC highlighted this issue and that they were not happy with the findings.

The Councillors expressed their discontent with the situation and welcomed the opportunity to meet with Mrs Conlon. This meeting will take place in the new year when suitable times and dates can be arranged.

The members agreed that a more proactive approach should be made now that there is a new system in place when identifying projects for the village and securing Pulborough's share of 106 money. Mr Kiverstein offered to assist the Clerk with the process

and will meet with her at his earliest convenience.

The members agreed that the following items should be included in a request for funding: **CLERK**

Refurbishment of the toilets to the Sports Pavilion, the flooring at the pavilion, purchase of new chairs for the committee rooms, the light for the car park and the resurfacing of the car park.

7 LICENSING ACT 2003

The members received the information and instructed the Clerk to put the contact number in to the next addition of the newsletter. **CLERK**

8 HDC SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW WORK PROGRAMME

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The Clerk was instructed to add the following items to this:

106 Money

Street Cleaning

The Community Strategy

9 PPI FORUM

Mrs Botting requested that Mrs Hompstead should write a piece for the next newsletter. **NH**

10 GRANTS 2005

After much discussion the Grants for 2005 were agreed and the Clerk instructed to allocate payments. **CLERK**

11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Mrs Black reported that at the last meeting of the Village Hall Trustees the decision was made to increase the hall hire charges, this was due to the increase in the bill from the utility companies. The Trustees were hosting an open evening (30 January) in order to publicise the facilities offered by the village hall and it was further hoped that new tenants could be found to replace the nurses when the new surgery opens at the Tesco's site.

12 PAYMENTS

EDF Energy	Electricity	£ 189.54
WF Electrical	Xmas Lights	£ 214.82
DJ Flynn	Maintenance	£2937.50
RBS Auditing	Audit	£ 376.00
Maudesport	Line marker	£ 611.00
J Randall	Bowls Club	£ 450.03
Royal British Legion	Wreath	£ 50.00

The meeting closed at 10.25 PM.

..... Chairman

..... Date

