

**An ordinary meeting of Pulborough Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Mrs J Botting (Chairman)  
Mrs C Barnett  
Mrs H Black  
Mr D Boulton  
Mrs A Lawson

**District Councillor**  
Mr B Donnelly  
**County Councillor**  
Mrs P Arculus

**In attendance:** Miss K Quested - Pulborough Traders Group  
Mrs J Radley – Locum Parish Clerk  
Mr H Barrett – Assistant Clerk

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr L Ampstead  
Mr J Denison  
Mr I Kiverstein  
Mr B Vincent  
Mr R Paterson (District Councillor)

**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 Boulton declared his interest as Chairman of the Sports & Social Club.

**3. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

The Parish Council considered the application of Mr Jim Noble and;

RESOLVED: that Mr Jim Noble be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

On signing the Acceptance of Office, Mr Noble declared interests as a member of the Nutbourne Village Design Team and a Village Hall Trustee.

**4. PULBOROUGH TRADES' GROUP**

The Parish Council received a presentation from Miss K Quested on the aims and objectives of Pulborough Traders' Group for the Parish. A list of areas to be addressed was circulated at the meeting which included car parking in the village, signage improvements, general design to improve the street scene including Christmas lights, promotion of tourism, etc.

Miss Quested reported that the Traders' Group met monthly and the above were, as yet, purely ideas to promote and improve the village scene although car parking was of major concern to local traders. Some activities in the Village Hall caused an over spill of parking on to the main car park making it difficult, at times, for passing trade and residents to use.

Mrs H Black reminded members that the Parish Council did not own the Village Hall car park and it was for the users of the Hall only. She felt that more parking should be allowed on the main road or even a pinch point installed which, in her view, would help to reduce the speed of the traffic through the village.

The Council acknowledged that the issue on the use of the car park would have to be addressed.

Members commended the proposed action of the Group and the Chairman thanked Miss Quested for her report and attendance at the meeting.

## **5. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006 of the full Council be noted and signed.

### **5.1 Full Council**

#### **Matters Arising**

Mrs Black reported that the school had invited her to attend the first presentation of the Late Councillor Mrs H Grey Memorial Shield to a pupil for kindness to others.

The Chair raised the issue of a need for a litter picker and was reminded that at the last Finance & Policy meeting it had been agreed a notice should be placed in local shops and noticeboards. However, the Clerk reported that she had since spoken to Mr Danny Flynn who maintained that he had submitted a quote for this work earlier this year and would still be interested in providing this service. The Committee agreed that the Clerk should pursue Mr Flynn's offer for a 3 months trial subject to costs being reasonable.

The Clerk also reported that a response had been received from Horsham District Council regarding street cleaning and that the Environmental Services Manager, Mr John McArthur had expressed an interest in attending a meeting to report on the Council's programme.

Mrs Barnett reported that she and the Assistant Clerk, Mr H Barrett had visited the 'Wendy House' above the Snooker Club room in the Sports & Social Club and the light switch had been difficult to find. The Clerk added that she had contacted the County Archivist regarding the parish records stored in the 'Wendy House'. It would seem that the County

Records Office have only recorded minutes and accounts of the Parish Council up to 1985/86. The Clerk stated that a major sort out was required of the records held in the 'Wendy House' and a company called Shredaway could shred papers and documents that needed to be disposed of on site.

The Clerk reminded members that at the last meeting, Mr L Ampstead asked if it were possible to pay childminding fees to councillors, which would encourage younger people of the community to consider joining the Parish Council. Members were informed that in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, Town and Parish Councils could not make this type of payment. However, Horsham District Council's Legal Department had advised that the only way this may be achieved was for the Parish Council to reconsider adopting members' allowances which were determined at £250 a year in 2003 plus travel and subsistence. Councillors would then have the option of claiming the allowance and using it for this purpose if they wish.

The Chairman felt that this issue should be considered further next year after the May 2007 elections.

Reference was made to the electronic noticeboard being out of action and Mr J Noble agreed to investigate this with the Assistant Clerk.

Mrs C Barnett and Mr D Boulton reported on the recommended improvements to Masons Way Play Area agreed at the meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee. Mrs Barnett agreed to visit the main recreation site as the gates had been reported to be damaged.

## **6. Planning & Services Committee**

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Services Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

### **6.1 Matters Arising**

Mr D Boulton reported that before he undertook the work of clearing the land adjacent to the Sports & Social Club he would need sight of a boundary plan. He added that there was a substantial amount of rubbish on the site and that costs for its disposal would be required.

Mr B Donnelly reported that the planning application DC/06/2679 for Coppice Hanger was to be considered shortly by Horsham District Council and a decision to refuse had been made on the application for land at Longlands, West Chilton Road (DC/06/1041).

## **7. Planning & Services Committee**

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Services Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006.

## **7.1 Matters Arising**

Mrs H Black reported that it had been drawn to her attention that the development at Blackgate Lane (DC/06/1130) had already taken place.

Mr B Donnelly reported that he and Mr R Paterson had been invited to a site inspection at Old Valentines Barn, Old Place (DC/06/1173 & 1177)

Mrs A Lawson reported a resident's objection to the proposed development at the former Pumping Station, Nutbourne Lane (DC/06/1245)

## **8. Recreation & Open Spaces Committee**

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

### **8.1 Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Bowls Club Treasurer, Mr Ray Queded who had agreed that there were some outstanding issues that needed to be discussed with the Parish Council and, he and the Club Secretary would be happy to meet members. He had confirmed also that the Bowls Evening with the Parish Council would commence at 7.00 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

## **9. Public Speaking**

There were no public speakers.

## **9. Nutbourne – 20 mph Speed Limit and Signing**

The County Councillor, Mrs P Arculus reported that the County Council Officers were disappointed at the Parish Council's decision not to support the proposed scheme particularly as the Nutbourne Village Design Statement stated residents wanted a speed limit imposed.

Members felt that more notice should be given of the speed restriction and the main section of the road through the village should be subject to 20 mph but the remainder to be 30 mph. The Chairman explained that Mr Harper had indicated that we either accepted this scheme or would get nothing.

Mrs P Arculus agreed that now she was aware of how the Parish Council felt, she would negotiate with the County Council for a 20 mph zone and painted road markings to reduce the proposed signage in the village which should be sympathetic to the rural environment.

## **10. Nutbourne Village Design Statement (Final Draft)**

In view of a number of apologies received from members, it was felt that those members should be given the opportunity to make their views known on the Statement. This item was therefore deferred until the next full Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

**11. Bus Shelters**

The Council was very pleased to receive the report of the Assistant Clerk, Mr H Barrett that the scheme to erect four new bus shelters in the village would take place the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

**12. Purchase of Benches**

The Council noted that the scheme to purchase three benches had been given approval by the Finance & Policy Committee and that Bloor Homes had agreed to pay the cost of the fourth bench. However, as it was proposed to be sited at the car park over Swan Bridge in Coldwaltham Parish, the approval of the Parish Council had been sought. It was to be considered by Coldwaltham Parish Council on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006. In the meantime, the views of the Council on the siting of the benches were being requested.

RESOLVED: that the three benches should be sited: (i) on the grass verge at the Glebelands, (ii) in Rectory Close, opposite the MSF and (iii) on land opposite Holme St. Manor.

**13. Crime Reduction Update**

The Council received the crime figures for the previous 12 months supplied by Horsham South NPT.

**14. PAYMENTS**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised and the cheques drawn:

Nat West	£19.46
EDF Energy	£87.50
Allianz Cornhill	£119.86
D J Flynn	£63.45
Burgess & Randall	£24.85

**15. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Mrs P Arculus reported her attendance at a Local Action Team meeting recently and the ideas and suggestions put forward regarding parking and speed in and around the school. It is hoped that with suggestions of the Traders' Group some sort of plan could be developed.

The Chairman reminded Mrs Arculus that the Parish Council was opposed to any use of the playing field as additional car parking.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE/ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**16.1 Handrails in Swan View**

The Clerk reported that funding had been confirmed and the contractor Charlton Ironworks had been instructed to proceed with the installation of the handrails including the cost for the clearance of the area.

**16.2 Planning for Waste in West Sussex**

Mrs H Black presented her report on her attendance of a meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2006 on the proposed future waste management in West Sussex. She expressed her concern that West Sussex would be expected to provide facilities for waste from London and that the County Council was strongly opposed to this suggestion.

The report was received and noted and the Clerk was asked to send a copy to those councillors absent from the meeting.

**16.3 A Walk Through Pulborough’s History**

The Council noted the proposed walk arranged by Mr Rob Aylott for Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

**16.4 South Horsham County Local Committee**

The Chairman reported that the Local Committee sought any issues specifically affecting the community and asked for this item to be considered by the Planning & Services Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

**16.5 Relocation of Speed Camera**

The Chairman reported that she had met Mr Hendy of Horsham? on site on the possible resiting of the camera to face towards the traffic speeding into the village on the A.29. Consideration had been given to siting the camera the other side of the bridge but for safety reasons it would be unacceptable. Residents of two properties at London Road had lodged an objection on the grounds that the flashing white light at night would be seen from their bedrooms. It was therefore felt that the most appropriate siting would be outside the shop conversion opposite the telegraph pole.

The Council raised no objection to the proposed new site for the camera and agreed that the Chairman should confirm this with Mr Hendy.

**16.6 Road Repair**

The Clerk agreed to report the breaking up of the road surface between the reservoir and Redfold Farm in Nutbourne Lane.

**The meeting closed at 9.50 pm**

..... Chairman

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