

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2010 AT 7.30 PM
AT HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Mrs Archer, Mr Baker, Mrs Clark, Mr Davis, Mrs Gander, Mr Harmer, Mr Hart, Mrs Holmwood, Mr Hough, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Kerby, Mr Newnham (Chairman), Mrs Oakes, Mrs Plant, Mr Smith, Mr Waterhouse and Mr Wood.

The Clerk was in attendance.

Also present: County Councillor Dowling
District Councillor Mrs Kirkpatrick
3 members of the public
1 member of the press

10/22 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

10/23 **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Dowling gave apologies for Cllr Simmons. He stated that the budget increase was 2.7% but ESCC faced severe spending cuts next year. A review was taking place of winter highway maintenance policies and procedures which should be complete before next Winter. He gave an update on traffic issues at Possingworth and the B2102.

In response to questions about potholes, he stated that 7500 had been filled so far on a temporary basis, with permanent repairs taking place later in the year. A and B roads were being prioritised but hopefully minor roads would be addressed in due course.

District Councillor Mrs Kirkpatrick gave apologies for Cllr Angel. She asked for the Council's support on behalf of the Domestic Violence Forum's initiative to plant a tree in the parish on white ribbon day. The Chairman stated that if a letter was sent outlining the proposal, the Council would consider the matter.

The meeting commenced at 7.52 p.m.

10/24 **HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECT**

Ms Eggar explained that she was the Co-ordinator for the volunteer project based at Heathfield Fire Station. It was a one year pilot which commenced on 1 August 2009 and 5 volunteers had been recruited so far. It was hoped to promote fire safety in the community with information and advise about smoke alarms and home safety visits. It was hoped that the project might also lead to an increase in numbers of retained fire fighters. It was confirmed that a stand would be available at the Annual Parish Assembly.

The Meeting commenced at 7.57 p.m.

10/25 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Chambers, Mrs Muddle and Mr Woodhouse.

10/26 **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

10/27 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2010 having been previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10/28 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

10/29 **CCTV FOR HEATHFIELD**

The Council considered a report regarding a proposal from the Police for central monitoring of the Wealden town CCTV systems either at Hailsham Police Station or Eastbourne. It was noted that there would be an ongoing cost implication for the Council in respect of a telephone line and broadband facilities, in the region of £26.95 per month for a 24 month contract.

It was requested that the Council's appreciation be passed on to the Safer Wealden Partnership and Sussex Police for the funding contribution of £10,000 and that County Councillor Simmons also be thanked for his efforts.

It was not known whether the cameras would pick up illegal parking in the town and this query would be raised at the next Local Action Team meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed central monitoring arrangements and the cost implication for the Council in respect of telephone line and broadband provision.

Mr Wood asked that his name be recorded as voting against this proposal.

10/30 **REPORT OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman reported on the Launch of the No Cold Calling Zone and asked County Councillor Dowling to pursue the provision of licences to enable the signs to be erected on highway land. He had attended meetings with Sussex Police regarding CCTV for Heathfield, with Greg Barker MP regarding the proposed swimming pool and AGM meetings of the Millennium Green Trust and the Twinning Association.

10/31 **CLERK'S REPORT**

A correspondence list as at 2 March had been circulated to Members.

10/32 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

10/33 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

10/33a **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 March 2010.

10/33b **Highways, Planning and Street Lighting Committee**

Mr Newham gave a report in respect of meetings held on 18 January, 1 and 15 February and 1 March 2010.

10/33c **Burial Grounds Committee**

The Chairman reported on the meeting held on 8 March 2010.

10/33d **Recreation Grounds and Properties Committee**

Mrs Plant reported on the meeting of 16 February 2010 and on the meeting of the Waldron Recreation Ground Management Sub-Committee which was held on 20 January 2010.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings reported above be approved and adopted by the Parish Council.

10/34 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr Smith as representative on the Wealden District Association of Local Councils.

10/35 **LIST OF PAYMENTS - 1 TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

A list of payments for this period had been circulated to all Members and it was **RESOLVED** that they be approved.

10/36 **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Members were asked to note that the Parish Assembly would take place on Tuesday 13 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall, Heathfield Community Centre.

10/37 **CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17 – TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

The Council considered that the proposed CCTV would have a positive effect on crime and disorder in the town.

10/38 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Council noted that matters raised following a fire safety inspection at the

Heathfield Community Centre would be pursued.

10/39 **TO CONSIDER MOTIONS**

None received.

10/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 May 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

The meeting closed at 8.23 p.m.

Signed

Chairman

Dated