

RUSTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: of the Annual Meeting held on 19 May 2008

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs C Broomfield, J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, T Field, R Grevett, Mrs S Lines, D Murphy, S Perry, D Rogers, G Tyler and M Warrington

145/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Harrison and Steward (District Council Business), and Councillor Akbar (Indisposition). These apologies were accepted by the Council.

The Council asked the Clerk to convey its best wishes to Councillor Akbar for a speedy recovery.

146/08 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was Proposed and Seconded that Councillor Warrington be elected Chairman of the Council until the Annual Meeting in 2009.

The Council RESOLVED that Councillor Warrington be elected Chairman of the Council until the Annual Meeting in 2009.

147/08 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Warrington made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He thanked the Members of the Council for re-electing him for a second term and said that he was extremely honoured to be given the opportunity to continue in the position for a further 12 month period. He said that he was looking forward to the next year and assured the Council that he would do his best throughout the year. He said that he was proud to be able to be working with such a dedicated team of Councillors, whose first and foremost thoughts were for the benefit of the local community.

He then expressed his thanks and appreciation to Councillor Mrs Lines for her unceasing support and encouragement during his first year term as Chairman.

148/08 SUSSEX POLICE

(a) Report from PCSO Wilson

The Chairman of the Meeting reported the receipt of apologies from Acting Sergeant Ottery, PC Banham-Brown and PCSO Wilson.

The Clerk said that she had previously circulated a copy of PCSO Wilson's Monthly Report. A copy of this Report is attached and forms a part of these Minutes.

The Chairman then reported on his recent Meeting with PCSO Wilson, when the issue of the new Tesco Store had been discussed. He said that once the Store was open PCSO Wilson and himself would visit the Manager of the Store and introduce themselves and voice their concerns in respect of youths gathering, litter and other associated matters.

(b) Community Safety Representative's Report

Councillor Mrs Lines said that as previously advised by PCSO Wilson in his Report, she would be attending the Environmental Audit on 27 May 2008 for the Allangate Estate area, and would report back to the Council in this regard at the next Meeting.

149/08 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was Proposed and Seconded that Councillor Mrs Lines be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council until the Annual Meeting in 2009.

The Council RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Lines be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council until the Annual Meeting in 2009.

Councillor Mrs Lines expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Council for re-electing her as Vice-Chairman for a second term of office, during which she would support the Chairman in every way possible, and represent the Council to the best of her ability.

150/08 **CHANGE OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

At the request of the Chairman, the Council AGREED to change the order of the Agenda to facilitate reports from the District and County Councillors.

151/08 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

The Clerk reported that an apology for absence had been received from Councillor Chapman.

Councillors Mrs Bower and Clayden reported on the following matters relating to the District Council:-

- (a) Lack of Government funding - Only 1% increase received - But have still managed to over-achieve efficiency targets set by Government - Importance of all three tiers of Local Government working together to make maximum savings in the current economic climate
- (b) Clean and Safer Working Party - Looking into possibility of providing public barbeques on beaches and also raising concerns with the Environment Agency regarding no water quality testing currently being undertaken between Rustington and Worthing
- (c) Development Compliance Seminar - 6 May 2008.

The Council NOTED this information, and the Chairman thanked Councillors Mrs Bower and Clayden for their attendance.

152/08 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Moor thanked the Council for allowing him the opportunity of commenting on matters relating to the County Council. He also congratulated Councillor Warrington and Councillor Mrs Lines on their re-election as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for a further 12 month period.

He referred particularly to the following:-

- (a) West Sussex Safer Routes to School Scheme - Matters finalised with Landowner - Works to commence on surfaces 20 May 2008
- (b) Proposed widening of access and introduction of Pedestrian Crossing - A259 in vicinity of Sainsbury's Superstore - Going ahead - Final decision to be made at Meeting of Working Party in June
- (c) Future of Abbotswood - Demolition of all buildings with exception of principal building now going ahead - Inspector's visit will be on 8 July 2008 - Decision expected within two months of date of Hearing

- (d) Sea Lane - Traffic Issues - Will be included as agenda item for next Meeting of Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee to progress this matter - Further correspondence received from Mr Grimes in this regard
- (e) Angmering Way Parking Problems - Highways Department now looking into ways of resolving this situation.

The Council NOTED this information, and the Chairman, on behalf of the Council, expressed his appreciation to Councillor Moor for his detailed Report.

153/08 APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Council RESOLVED that Committees be appointed until the Annual Meeting in 2009 as follows:-

(a) Allotments Committee

Councillors Mrs C Broomfield, J Ceiriog-Hughes, T Field, Mrs F Harrison, M Warrington (ex-officio) and Mrs S Lines (ex-officio) plus two members from the Rustington Horticultural Association

(One Vacancy held in abeyance)

(b) Finance & General Purposes Committee

Councillors A Akbar, J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, D Murphy, D Rogers, G Tyler, M Warrington (ex-officio) and Mrs S Lines (ex-officio)

(c) Leisure and Recreation Committee

Councillors T Field, D Murphy, D Rogers, R Steward, G Tyler, M Warrington (ex-officio) and Mrs S Lines (ex-officio)

(d) Lighting and Amenities Committee

Councillors A Akbar, T Field, Mrs F Harrison, D Murphy, S Perry, M Warrington (ex-officio) and Mrs S Lines (ex-officio)

(e) Planning Committee

Councillors J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, R Grevett, S Perry, M Warrington (ex-officio) and Mrs S Lines (ex-officio)

(One Vacancy held in abeyance)

The Council RESOLVED that authority be delegated to this Committee to act between Meetings of the Council in view of the need for urgency in dealing with the weekly lists of Planning Applications.

(f) Emergency Planning Committee

Councillors Mrs C Broomfield, J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, R Grevett, S Perry, R Steward, G Tyler, M Warrington (ex-officio) and Mrs S Lines (ex-officio)

(g) Internal Audit Committee

The Council RESOLVED that the appointment of this Committee be held in abeyance until after the Chairman of the Committee is elected at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

154/08 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council RESOLVED that the following Representatives be appointed to serve on Outside Bodies until the Annual Meeting in 2009:-

(a) Management Committee - Rustington Museum

Councillors Mrs S Lines, D Rogers, G Tyler and M Warrington appointed on 28 January 2008 until the Annual Meeting in 2011

(b) Management Committee - Rustington Youth Centre

Councillors J Ceiriog-Hughes, T Field, R Steward and M Warrington

(c) Management Committee - Neighbourhood Youth

Councillor J Ceiriog-Hughes

(d) Management Committee - Rustington Sports and Social Club

Councillors T Field and R Grevett

(e) Sussex and Surrey Associations of Local Councils

Councillors Mrs S Lines and M Warrington

(f) Management Committee - Littlehampton and District Citizens' Advice Bureau

Councillors A Akbar and Mrs C Broomfield (Deputy)

(g) Arun Neighbourhood Watch Association

Councillors Mrs S Lines and M Warrington (Deputy)

(h) Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee

Councillors G Tyler and Mrs S Lines (Deputy)

(i) Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce

Councillors R Steward and Mrs C Broomfield (Deputy)

(j) Eastern Neighbourhood Management Team (Sussex Police)

Councillor Mrs S Lines

(k) West Sussex Primary Care Trust - East Arun Community Hospital Forum

Councillors J Ceiriog-Hughes and Mrs S Lines.

155/08 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL WORKING PARTIES

The Council RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed to serve on Internal Working Parties until the Annual Meeting in 2009 unless otherwise indicated:-

(a) **Zachary Merton Community Hospital and Land**

Councillors J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, Mrs S Lines, D Rogers, R Steward and M Warrington

(b) **Opportunity Purchases**

Councillors J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, R Grevett, D Rogers and M Warrington

(c) **Parishioners' Award**

Councillors Mrs C Broomfield, D Rogers, G Tyler and M Warrington

(d) **Traffic Issues**

Councillors J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, Mrs S Lines and S Perry

(e) **Newsletter/Website**

Councillors J Ceiriog-Hughes, T Field, Mrs S Lines and M Warrington

(f) **Casual Vacancy Interviewing Panel**

Councillors Mrs C Broomfield, D Murphy, G Tyler and M Warrington
(Deputy Members - Councillors Mrs S Lines and D Rogers)

(g) **Sports Facilities**

Councillors J Ceiriog-Hughes, Mrs S Lines, D Rogers, G Tyler and M Warrington

(h) **Recycling and Sustainable Energy**

Councillors A Akbar, J Ceiriog-Hughes, S Perry, D Rogers and M Warrington

(i) **Village Memorial Hall 70th Anniversary**

Councillors A Akbar, Mrs F Harrison, D Rogers and G Tyler appointed on 23 July 2007 to progress Event to conclusion.

156/08 APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE

The Clerk reminded Members that it was necessary to appoint a Community Safety Representative for the ensuing year.

The Council RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Lines be appointed as the Council's Community Safety Representative for the ensuing year.

157/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ceiriog-Hughes declared a personal interest in Minute 163/08(b). He remained in the Meeting during the consideration of this item and took part in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Tyler declared a personal interest in Minute 181/08. He remained in the Meeting during the consideration of this item and took part in the discussion and vote thereon.

158/08 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 28 April 2008 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

159/08 **REPORT OF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

(a) Grant Aid - Littlehampton and District Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks and appreciation from the Littlehampton and District Citizens' Advice Bureau for the recent Grant Aid of £1,200.00 awarded by the Council, and for the provision of the Village Information Centre for the outreach in Rustington.

The Council was pleased to NOTE this information.

(b) Grant Aid - Rustington Parochial Church Council

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks and appreciation from the Rustington Parochial Church Council in respect of the recent Grant Aid of £1,000.00 awarded towards the upkeep of the Parish Churchyard.

The Council was pleased to NOTE this information.

(c) Grant Aid - Friday Under 8's Club, Under 12's Club and Tuesday Club for Children with Learning Difficulties

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks and appreciation from Mr J Savage, in respect of the recent Grant Aid awarded to cover the annual employment costs associated with the continued operation of the Friday Under 8's Club, Friday Under 12's Club and the Tuesday Club for Children with Learning Difficulties, at the Rustington Youth Centre.

The Council was pleased to NOTE this information.

160/08 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman said that he had not attended any social events or functions since the last Monthly Meeting.

The Vice-Chairman then reported on her attendance, on behalf of the Chairman, at The Littlehampton Concert Band's 20th Birthday Concert at The Woodlands Centre on 17 May 2008.

The Council NOTED this information.

Councillor Tyler then requested that a Vote of Thanks be recorded for both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for all of their hard work over the past year. This was AGREED by the Council.

161/08 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Council NOTED the Report of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2008. (Copy previously circulated).

162/08 **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The Council received and considered the Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2008. (Verbal Report from the Chairman of the Committee).

The Council RESOLVED that the Recommendations contained in the Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2008 be APPROVED.

163/08 RUSTINGTON YOUTH CENTRE

(a) Progress Report

The Clerk reported that she had been advised that the main perpetrator of the recent vandalism damage had been apprehended by the Police, and was being dealt with accordingly.

The Council was pleased to NOTE this information.

(Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillor Ceiriog-Hughes had expressed a personal interest, as he was involved as a Coach for the Wrestling Club)

(b) Littlehampton and Rustington Freestyle Wrestling Club

The Council considered a letter received from Mr John Savage, requesting permission to have two sleepovers on 27 and 28 June 2008, at the Youth Centre, for a group of wrestling students, coaches and teachers from Wigan and Bolton. The group would be completing in the British Junior Championships which were being hosted by the Rustington Wrestling Club.

Following a brief discussion, the Council RESOLVED to agree to Mr Savage's request, with no charge being made, subject to the Coach being parked in an official Coach Park overnight on both evenings, and not in the Woodlands Centre Car Park or any of the surrounding roads in Rustington.

164/08 RUSTINGTON MUSEUM PROJECT

(a) Progress Report

Councillor Tyler reported that Phase 2 of the Project had commenced earlier in the day, which would include the construction and fitting out of the Café. He said that the landscaping of the garden would be progressed when the construction works were nearing completion.

He advised the Council that the Management Committee would be discussing the lease arrangements and all other matters pertaining to the Café, at its next Meeting on 2 July 2008.

He then referred to the proposed wrought iron decorative gate for the side entrance of the Cottage, and said that an estimate had been received from a local Blacksmith in the sum of £1,500.00. He confirmed that the Architect had been asked to progress this as soon as practicably possible in the interest of the security of the Cottage. He also reported that the CCTV system, alarms, telephones and computer facilities had now been installed at the Cottage.

He then referred to Minute 121/08 and said that Ms Jessica Campbell had been selected for the Curator position and would be commencing her employment on 23 June 2008.

The Council was pleased to NOTE this information.

(b) Management Committee

The Council NOTED the Reports of the Meeting of the Management Committee Meetings held on 1 May 2008 and 15 May 2008.

Councillor Ceiriog-Hughes expressed his concern regarding the possibility of a large section of one of the upstairs rooms being used for storage, as he was of the opinion that as much of the Cottage as possible

should be used for display purposes.

Councillor Tyler, in his capacity as Chairman of the Management Committee, said that the question of storage requirements was currently being discussed with the Architect, and any recommendations from the Management Committee, in this regard, would be placed before the Council for consideration in due course.

The Council was pleased to NOTE this information.

(c) **Raise the Roof Campaign**

The Clerk reported that in excess of £5,792.00 had now been received in respect of the Raise the Roof Campaign.

The Council was pleased to NOTE this information.

165/08 **RUSTINGTON-IN-BLOOM**

The Clerk referred to Minute 122/08 and reminded Members that the unannounced Britain in Bloom judging period had now ended. She said that details of the judging for the Britain in Bloom Competition had yet to be received, but would be sometime between 4 and 15 August 2008.

She said that the route for both Competitions had yet to be finalised, but would include the following roads:-

Ashwood Drive, Ash Lane, Broadmark Lane, Bushby Avenue, Chatsworth Drive, Cowdray Drive, Evelyn Avenue, Georgian Gardens, Glenville Road, Merton Avenue, Mill Lane, North Lane, Old Manor Road, Penfold Lane, Sea Avenue, Sea Lane, Seafield Road, Station Road, Sutton Avenue, The Street, Windsor Drive, Woodlands Avenue and Worthing Road.

She again reminded the Council of the forthcoming fund-raising events, as follows:-

Saturday 24 May - 10.00 am - Plant Sale in the Methodist Church Gardens (Junction of Claigmar Road and The Street)

Saturday 7 June - Grand Tombola Stall at the Rustington Carnival, Woodlands Recreation Ground, Woodlands Avenue

She said that donations of any suitable prizes for the Tombola would be gratefully received.

The Council NOTED this information.

166/08 **RUSTINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk referred to Minute 123/08 and said that she had previously circulated a copy of the proposed Constitution and the Memorandum of Understanding to Members.

The Council considered and APPROVED both the proposed Constitution and the Memorandum of Understanding. The Chairman was, therefore, AUTHORISED to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Council.

167/08 **COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES**

The Chairman reminded Members that it had previously been agreed that the Bi-Monthly Surgeries should be reviewed at this Meeting.

Following a brief discussion, it was AGREED that the Bi-Monthly Surgeries should continue on Saturdays, but with one Councillor in attendance. It was AGREED that a further review of the success of the Surgeries should again take place at the Annual Meeting in May 2009.

The Clerk said that she would send a list of proposed dates to all Members with a request for them to indicate if and when they would be available to man one or more of the Surgeries.

168/08 PARISHIONERS' AWARD

The Clerk referred to Minute 124/08 and reported that a date for the Meeting of the Working Party now needed to be convened.

Following a further brief discussion, the Council AGREED that the Meeting of the Working Party should take place on Monday 16 June 2008 commencing at 6.00 pm.

169/08 NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE WORKING PARTY

The Clerk reported that an approach had been received from a Media Company, regarding the production of the Quarterly Newsletter at no cost to the Parish Council, as the printing and distribution would be covered by the advertising.

Following a further brief discussion, the Council AGREED that the Meeting of the Working Party should be convened for 7 July 2008 commencing at 6.00 pm, to consider this approach further.

170/08 2008 GARDENS COMPETITION

The Clerk reminded Members that the Council had previously agreed that each Member should be asked to nominate at least one entry for the 2008 Competition.

She then confirmed the arrangements for the 2008 Gardens Competition as follows:-

(a) The Competition to be divided into six Classes:-

Class 1 - Window boxes, balconies, patio tubs etc. (residential)*

Class 2 - Window boxes, balconies, patio tubs etc. (commercial)*

Class 3 - Gardens of any size (residential)*

Class 4 - Gardens of any size (commercial)*

Class 5 - Schools Competition

Class 6 - Community Garden

*(Nominations to be clearly visible from the road)

(b) Entries to be nominated by members of the public, with nomination forms being available from local shops, the Parish Council Offices and the Village Information Centre, as well as being included with the Council's Annual Newsletter mail-out in May

(c) The closing date for nominations be set as 25 June 2008, with the short-list being produced by the In-Bloom Committee on 27 June 2008, and final judging taking place during the week commencing 30 June 2008

(d) The judging of the short-listed entries to be by external judges, namely the Chairman of the District Council (if available), two members of the East Preston and Kingston Horticultural Society and a representative from Ferring Nurseries

(e) The prizes to be as follows:-

Class 1 Winner	-	£50.00 plus The Brand Trophy
Class 1 Runner Up	-	£25.00
Class 2 Winner	-	£50.00 plus The Taylor Trophy
Class 2 Runner Up	-	£25.00
Class 3 Winner	-	£100.00 plus The Championship Cup
Class 3 Runner Up	-	£25.00
Class 4 Winner	-	£50.00 plus The Menage Trophy
Class 4 Runner Up	-	£25.00
Class 5 Winner	-	£50.00 plus The Michael Harwood Cup
Class 5 Runner Up	-	£25.00
Class 6 Winner	-	£50.00 plus The Rustington Resident's Association Trophy
Class 6 Runner Up	-	£25.00

In addition, each prize winner to receive a small shield for retention

- (f) The Presentation of Awards to be made at the Reception following the Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on 21 September 2008.

The Council NOTED this information.

171/08 FAMILY FUN FAIR - NORTH FIELD

The Council considered a request from Mr Peter Shayler, Showtime Amusements, to hold a Family Fun Fair on the North Field at the Woodlands Recreation Ground on the following dates and times:-

Thursday 9 April 2009	-	6.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Good Friday 10 April 2009	-	2.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Saturday 11 April 2009	-	2.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Easter Monday 13 April 2009	-	2.00 pm - 10.00 pm

The Clerk suggested that in view of the fact that Showtime Amusements intended to arrive three days before the Fun Fair was due to operate, the Council might wish to levy a similar charge to that charged for the day prior to the opening, namely the Wednesday, for the Monday and Tuesday. She said that in previous years the hiring charge had been £120.00 per operational day, plus a one-off payment of £50.00 to cover the setting up period.

Councillor Murphy expressed his concern at the extensive amount of damage that had been caused as a result of the heavy vehicles both arriving, leaving and parking on, the North Field when Showtime Amusements had held the Fun Fair in March 2008 which, he was aware, was due in the main to the adverse weather conditions and the fact that Easter had been much earlier in the year.

Following a further discussion, the Council RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The request received from Showtime Amusements to use the North Field for a Family Fun Fair be AGREED in principle, subject to the Council's usual terms and conditions in respect of such an event, on the following operational days:-

Thursday 9 April 2009	-	6.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Good Friday 10 April 2009	-	2.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Saturday 11 April 2009	-	2.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Easter Monday 13 April 2009	-	2.00 pm - 10.00 pm

- (b) The hiring charges should be:-

£120.00 per operational day
£ 50.00 per non-operational day, from date of arrival

£200.00 refundable deposit

- (c) That Showtime Amusements should be requested, as far as practicably possible, to park any heavy vehicles associated with the Fun Fair on the perimeter of the North Field in an effort to minimise the damage caused to the ground.

172/08 EAST ARUN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FORUM

The Council considered a letter received from the Town Clerk, Littlehampton Town Council regarding the reformation of the East Arun Community Hospital Forum. Attached to the letter was a chart setting out the structure for the delivery of the hospital and some draft terms of reference, including the determining of the name of the building. The first Meeting of the Forum was to be held on 29 May 2008, and the Council was invited to send one representative to the Meeting.

Following a brief discussion, the Council RESOLVED that Councillor Ceiriog-Hughes should represent the Council at the first Meeting of the Forum, and that a request should be made for two representatives to attend all future Meetings.

173/08 ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL - CONSULTATION ON DRAFT DOG ORDER

The Council considered a letter received from the Assistant Solicitor, requesting the Council's views and comments on the District Council's draft Dog Control Order.

Following a detailed discussion, the Council RESOLVED to request that the Woodlands Recreation Ground be included in the District Council's proposed Dog Control Order.

174/08 ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL - DEVELOPMENT COMPLIANCE SEMINAR

The Chairman reported on his recent attendance at the Development Compliance Seminar/Presentation held in the Council Chamber, Arun Civic Centre.

He said that the Seminar/Presentation had been most interesting, and was mainly focused on the performance of the Compliance Team, the powers available to be used, and on PPG 18 'Enforcing Planning Control'.

**175/08 ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL - ARUN LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP -
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Councillors Mrs Lines and Tyler reported that they had been unable to attend the above mentioned Local Strategic Partnership Meeting due to the fact that the Annual Meeting of the Council was being held at the same time.

176/08 ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY BOWLS TOURNAMENT

The Council NOTED the receipt of an invitation from the Chairman's Assistant, inviting Members to attend the Chairman's Charity Bowls Tournament at Pagham Bowls Club on 1 June 2008.

177/08 ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL - BT'S PROPOSAL TO REMOVE PAYPHONES

The Council considered emails received from the Head of Strategy and Partnership/Economic and Cultural Developments' Office, together with a copy of the BT Consultation letter in this regard.

The Clerk said that the only payphone to be removed in Rustington was in Sea Lane.

Following a brief discussion, the Council RESOLVED to take no further action in this regard.

178/08 WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - DIRECTIONAL ROAD SIGNS - AVALON NATURAL HEALTH CENTRE

The Council NOTED a copy of a letter from Mr J Wyeth, Signs, Structures & Telematics to Mr Eschbaeher in this regard, together with the Parish Council's letter referred to therein.

179/08 WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - WEST SUSSEX STREET LIGHTING OPERATION TIMES CONSULTATION

The Council considered a letter and supporting documentation received from the PFI Manager, Street Lighting, in this regard. The letter was advising that the County Council was proposing a specification for the dimming of street lights, by up to 50%, in the early hours of the morning when highway use was minimal, whilst providing higher levels of lighting when use was high in the early hours of the evening. The letter was requesting the Council's confirmation as to whether it wished to reconsider its response to the original consultation, when it had opted to stay with part-night lighting in the interests of energy efficiency, or change to all night lighting, whereby dimmed lighting would be provided for the period when lights were currently switched off.

Following a discussion, the Council RESOLVED to confirm to the County Council that it was happy to stay with part-night street lighting only.

180/08 SOUTHERN WATER - DRAFT RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Clerk reported that Southern Water had now published its Draft Water Resources Management Plan for public consultation. She said that the consultation period would last for 12 weeks, concluding at midnight on 25 July 2008.

Following a brief discussion, the Council RESOLVED that Councillor Rogers' offer to scan the document and report back to the next Meeting, be ACCEPTED.

(Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillor Tyler had expressed a personal interest, as the Chairman of the District Council's Select Committee)

181/08 PROPOSALS FOR AN ECO-TOWN AT FORD

The Council NOTED a copy of a letter from the Town Clerk, Littlehampton Town Council in this regard, and the Chairman reported in detail on his attendance at the Meeting on 14 May 2008.

The Clerk said that she had also previously circulated a copy of the Agenda and associated documentation, for the Meetings of the Arun District Council's Select Committee on the ECO Town Proposals at Ford, to be held on 27 May 2008 and 4 June 2008 for Members' information. She confirmed that she would circulate future Minutes of the Meetings of the Select Committee to all Members for information.

182/08 JOINT EASTERN ARUN AREA COMMITTEE - MEETING ON PRIVATE ROADS

Councillor Tyler reported on his attendance at a Meeting at County Hall, Chichester, regarding the County Council's responsibilities and powers in respect of private roads.

183/08 RUSTINGTON FESTIVAL - 7-15 JUNE 2008

Councillor Rogers reminded Members that the Rustington Festival would be taking place between 7 and 15 June 2008, and confirmed that the Free Programme of Events would be available in the very near future.

He referred particularly to the Carnival, which was being held on 7 June 2008. He said that the major event, which was the Solent Eagles Motor Cycle Display Team, would be most spectacular this year.

