

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 30th October 2010 at 6pm in
the Parish Church at Southease

1. Apologies were received from Pippa & Howard, Dom & Sian, Carolyn Orchard and Henry Wyndham

14 residents attended the meeting, John Hart, Susannah Hart, Jillian Harrison, Adrian Orchard, Jane Orchard, Alexander Pett, Rebecca Hanks, Sara Gilbert, Andrew Grassie, Rachel Wyndham, Roger Leach, Susan Kyriakides, Neville Harrison (chair), Ian Barugh (clerk).

2 Non residents attended the meeting, Martin Brickell, Susan Brickell

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. Village Web Site

Chair explained that the village web site had been in existence for seven years, had been maintained by the clerk since its inception and asked the clerk to explain the current status.

The clerk gave a summary of the web site;
receives an average 10-11k hits and 1200 visits per month
currently registered privately in the name of the clerk, so technically not owned by the parish
clerk happy to continue maintaining it but felt its ownership needed to be formalised as official contact emails for the parish were on the web domain. Only the clerk currently has access to the domain.
Clerk asked the questions;
Does the parish meeting want to continue to have a web site?
Does the meeting wish to take ownership of the web site?

Meeting stated it did want to continue to have a web site and were happy to take ownership.

Chair explained that in addition, funding the web site needed to be considered as it had been paid for up to now by the clerk.

Meeting agreed it would take on responsibility for funding the site.

Susie Kyriakides offered to be a back up for the clerk.

5. Village funds

currently are unchanged at £354.39

Clerk explained that since the Portman was taken over by the Nationwide,

the account type the Parish Meeting had was no longer supported, was currently in suspense and what did the meeting wish to do with the funds in the account.

After discussion of the possibilities, during which the chair gave examples of uses parish funds had been put to including the recent repair to the notice board, it was agreed that the meeting needed to continue to have an active account and asked the current signatories to the account, Jill Harrison and the clerk to find a suitable institution to move the funds to.

Sue Brickell suggested Nat West as the PCC held its account there

Martin Brickell asked how the notice board repairs had been paid for yet funds remained the same?

Clerk explained that the cost of the notice board repair for time and materials had been £90, £40 of this had come from Applefest funds and £50 had come from a donation received from Sephie Deacon for the loan of Parish equipment.

6. Southease to Rodmell footpath

The Chair reported that progress had been made. Two of the three signatures from landowners had been received and the final signature was expected in the next week. Work would then need to start quite quickly as there was a time limit on the funding that had been secured.

Rachel Wyndham asked what the finalised route was, the chair offered to make a copy of the route available.

7. Southease Bridge Restoration

Clerk reported that the EA had advised the bridge was expected to be fully open to all traffic on Friday 5th November and would seek confirmation of this in the coming week and advice the village by email.

The meeting wished to minute its appreciation of the EA having listened to the concerns and wishes of the community regarding the restoration work, the comprehensive communication of bridge closures etc and the helpfulness of the contractors on site.

Roger Leach enquired if access to slip way on the west bank of the river adjacent to the bridge would be available to residents on completion of the restoration work. This was not known but enquiries will be made with the EA.

8. Itford Farm House

Chair provided an update. Had been in contact with Peter Masters, of Active Lewes and project manager and the YHA. There is currently a funding shortfall which they are seeking to address, but all funding bodies are committed to completion of the project.

It will be called “YHA Itford Farm – South Downs”

9. South Downs National Park

Chair explained that SDPNA had been in existence for 6 months, still another 6 months before it assumed responsibility. A lot of the initial setup work for the authority was going on in the background. Leaflets about the Park were available in the church and chair happy to answer questions or hold a separate meeting if wanted.

10. Village Events

Chair asked the clerk, as one of the organisers of chilli day, for an update;

This year’s chilli day had been a great success and had raised £956.07 after expenses. Organisers feel that the event has become a victim of its own success and has become as large as the village can cope with, they therefore do not propose to hold the event next year in Southease in its current format.

From the profits, £100 has been donated to the PCC, £50 set aside for the parish contribution to the Southease-Rodmell footpath and refreshments for the SCCU Christmas event would be provided from funds. The remaining balance would be held until a need for funds was identified. From previous years profits the organisers had bought a substantial amount of equipment which they wished to formally donate to the Parish Meeting. The meeting accepted the donation of the equipment. An asset register will be created and maintained of equipment owned by the Parish Meeting.

Chair gave the dates of upcoming village events;

SCCU Christmas “Do”	Saturday 18 th December
Spring Plant Fair	Monday 2 nd May (TBC)
Open Gardens 2011	11/12 th June

This year’s Open Gardens raised £4561.13

Alex Pett enquired about a village bonfire evening, Martin Brickell happy for the previous site to be used, Alex to look at possibly organising an event this year.

11. Parish Tree Warden

Pippa Johns has now taken over as village tree warden. Rachel Wyndham enquired about the possibility of another tree walk Roger Leach asked about possible removal of the large amounts of ivy around the village, a number of different views were suggested> Chair suggested that for trees within private land it was up to the occupier as to what action to take and unless there was a danger from the weight of

ivy, it wasn't normal practice to remove it.

12. Traffic calming measures

John Hart raised the issue of *cyclists* going through the village at excessive speed, in particular in relation to the blind spot adjacent to Black Lamb house and with regard to the increasing number of children now resident in the village and suggested a warning sign. Susannah Hart pointed out that the blind corner at Brookside Cottages was of equal concern.

The discussion widened out to include a number of concerns regarding traffic in the village, including the national speed limit, the southern exit from the village and maintaining the lines of sight at exits from the village.

The chair and clerk were asked to make enquiries from our district and county councillors and the SDW Officer and report back on safety issues.

13. Any Other business

John Hart raised the issue of "lost" delivery drivers looking for houses in the village and the possibility of having direction signs.

The feeling of the meeting was that this was not necessary.

The next meeting will be held in April 2011, the date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 7.pm