

SUTTON-cum-LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 8th June 2011

Present Councillors: Rees (Chair), Beare, Cody & Mowthorpe

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Gough & Foster, Liz Yates and Harry Hopkins.

2 Declarations of Interest

Standing declarations of Interest

Cllr Rees Parish Plan Steering Cttee.

Other declarations of Interest

There were none.

3 Minutes of a Meeting of the Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 11th May 2011 were approved as a correct record subject to two minor amendments. Proposed by Cllr. Cody and seconded by Cllr. Beare

4 Matters Arising

Agenda item 6-Message left on P.S. Clayton's answerphone informing him of re-appointment as internal auditor.

Agenda item 8-Cllr Rees has responded to NCC clarifying the legal aspect and seeking the traffic survey results along with details of the Cabinet Member responsible.

Agenda item 11-Printer has now been purchased and the Clerk was instructed to arrange insurance.

Agenda item 16-Letter has been written to BDC with relevant photographs.

Agenda item 17- All Risk items removed from Insurance policy. One quote received for scrapping of steel container. Clerk instructed to proceed with best quote.

Agenda item 18-Jones & Co have responded to the Council's letter.

5. Co-option of David Mowthorpe

David Mowthorpe was co-opted onto the Council. Proposed by Cllr Rees and seconded by Cllr Cody. David was welcomed onto the Council.

6. Public participation period

No members of the public were present.

7. Safer Neighbourhoods Group and Neighbourhood Watch reports

Cllr Beare presented the NWG view on the County's street lighting proposals, wishing to see every other street light kept illuminated. Cllr Beare also reported that the Ringmaster System is now to be controlled by the Police.

8. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

1083	JA Close	£650-00	Printer & consumables
1084	SCL Village Hall	£ 37-50	Village Hall Hire
1085	Zurich insurance	£449-61	Annual Insurance premium
1086	Amberol	£842-40	Planters
1087	M Rees	£ 95-50	Expenses re plants
1088	SLCC	£ 90-00	Clerk's membership fees
1089	PPSG	£651-51	Bal. of Production Reserve.

9. Budget Monitoring Report

The Budget Monitoring Report was presented to the Council but was not accompanied with bank reconciliation as bank statements are not yet feeding through to the new Clerk's address.

10 Annual return

The Annual return was presented to the Council and duly approved.

11 Parish Council and Parish Plans outstanding items

The Clerk was instructed to take a proactive approach to outstanding actions rather than waiting for individual instruction from the Council. Clerk to research the background to outstanding items.

12 Sutton-cum-Lound School Questionnaire

The questionnaire was presented to the Council and the Clerk was instructed to present the views of members back to the School.

13 Street Lighting in Rural Areas and NCC's energy saving proposals

Council discussed the proposals and considered the views of the NWG referred to in agenda item 7. The Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's suggestions back to the County.

14 Affordable Housing in Rural Areas

It was agreed that Cllr. Rees would attend the event along with Cllr. Beare.

15. Report on Location of Street Furniture

This Report was taken to the Parish Plan Committee and the Chair gave a brief overview. The report will be brought to the next Council meeting.

16 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

With a disappointment that nothing was arranged for this year's Royal Wedding, the Council has decided that it wants to support an event in the Village to celebrate the Jubilee. The Council wants other interested bodies to get involved and the Clerk was instructed to write letters to various groups seeking interest.

17. Parish Clerk and Membership of SLCC

It was agreed that the Council would pay for the Clerk's subscription to the SLCC.

18 Chairman's Expenses

It was agreed that this item would no longer appear at the Annual Meeting and any expenses would be paid, when incurred upon the production of a receipt.

19. To report correspondence received after the agenda was printed

Letter had been received from NCC re hanging baskets and the requirement to obtain a license when over the highway.

20. Any other urgent business allowed by the Chairman

Council were informed of the resignation of Cllr Close and the Chair instructed the Clerk to write a letter of thanks for her valuable service.

21. To give consideration to any planning applications

47/11/000007 Extensions to 31 Sutton Lane were considered and no observations were made by the Council.

22. To note planning determinations

There were none.