

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parish Council	Clymping	
Location	St Mary at Clymping Church Hall, Ford Road, Clymping, West Sussex	
Date/Time	Thursday, 11 September 2003 commencing at 19.30 hours	
Present Cllrs:	James Baird in the Chair Mr John Taylor Mrs Barbara Edge	Mrs May Byrne Mr Peter Tyrrell Mr David Biss (part)
Also Present:	Peter Bilbrough (Clerk) Cllr Mrs Freeman (WSSC) Members of the public	
ITEM	MINUTES	ACTION
29/03	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Biss for part of the meeting.	
30/03	MATTERS OF URGENCY NOT ON THE AGENDA Noise from Raves Cllr Mrs Byrne reported on the late night raves being held on Clymping Beach at weekends and the lack of positive response from either Arun DC or the Police. It was agreed to write to the Police expressing our concern about the lack of support and asking them to deal with the problem.	Clerk
31/03	MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 31 JULY 2003 The Minutes of the meeting of 31 July were confirmed with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note that Cllr Biss left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of items 26/03(a) or (b) • To substitute for 27/03(b) the following: "The Highways Group are considering two possible options. First, a 'left turn only' egress from the Park to direct all westbound traffic via the Tesco roundabout. Second, some form of central 'island' whereby traffic from the Park and Ferry Road can safely turn round each other and wait in the central reservation. It was noted that the turn arrow markings are faint and should be brought into the solution or else repainted." • To substitute for 27/03(d) the following: "There is a consultation on Policy Site 6 - the housing development and relief road around Bognor - in which Clymping is not included. However, in view of effect on local traffic and HGVs, members agreed to investigate further." • To substitute for 27/03(g) the following: "Cllr. Baird wanted the surface of the road of Church Lane, near Field Place, resurfaced. This has subsided due either to the runoff from adjacent fields or the laying of the sewage pipe. Highways Group to discuss with Mr. Eggleton." • To substitute for 27/03(h) the following: "The village traffic survey clearly showed that traffic speeds are too high. Possibility of a police traffic census or speed trap to be investigated by the Highways Group." 	
32/03	MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising	
33/03	COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC A discussion took place on the works to the pound, accidents in Horsemere Green Lane and Church Lane, rubbish in Bread Lane, the dumping of grass cuttings in highway ditches and the Junction with Clymping Park. Cllr Mrs Freeman agreed to pursue the question of the replacement of Gravetts Bridge.	Freeman
34/03	ADMINISTRATION (a) Co-opting of Councillor It was agreed to invite the two candidates to a meeting with Councillors at Cllr Mrs Edge's home on 25 September at 7pm.	ALL, Clerk

	<p>(b) Employment of Handyman Members felt that they preferred to try to get local working parties to do tasks to help build a sense of community and that therefore this matter be deferred.</p> <p>(c) Play Area Cllr Biss reported that this matter was now with Arun DC to progress but that the matter seemed to be proceeding well. Cllr Baird reported that the land in question had now been cleared.</p> <p>(d) Ford Prison Cllr Baird reported that there would soon be a new governor at the prison. Cllr Tyrrell reported on the lack of numbers to the last prison visit which had therefore to be cancelled and it was agreed to ask the new governor for a date in December or January and ask in the Newsletter for interested residents to attend that visit.</p> <p>(e) State of District Debate The Clerk reported on this forthcoming meeting and it was agreed to ask Cllr Biss if he would like to attend (he being absent at that time).</p> <p>(f) Consultation on Council Finance Members agreed not to make any comment on this consultation document.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
35/03	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>(a) Payment of Accounts It was agreed to pay: P Bilbrough (salary/expenses) £620.00 Mr Feist (audit) via Mr Taylor a gift of upto £ 25.00</p> <p>It was also agreed to set aside £250 for this years Christmas Party</p> <p>(b) Audit of Accounts On hearing from the Clerk and the internal Auditor it was agreed that the accounts for 2002/2003 be agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
36/03	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>(a) Planning Lists 30-35 (Cllr Biss was not present at the meeting while this item was discussed) CM23/03 Littlehampton Marina Caravan Site Members objected to this application: 1. The Environment Agency have already objected to an application for the creation of a nearby caravan park on the grounds that the access road (Ferry Road) is below sea level twice every 24 hours and there is serious potential for coastal flooding. 2. The access from Ferry Road onto the A259 is already incredibly dangerous owing to the huge volume of traffic using this road, especially in the rush hours and at the weekends. This junction is made even more dangerous by the exit from Climping Park on the other side of the A259. Any increase in the use of Ferry Road is to be strongly discouraged. Rat runners from Ferry Road are already racing down Brookpit and Crookthorn Lanes at high speeds trying to beat the queues waiting to get over the roundabout at the bottom of the road to Ford and Arundel. 3. The Local Plan encouraged Marina related activities which would enhance the</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>viability of the riverside and yet maintain a working and boat-related area in the harbour. This would obviously not include the construction of a static caravan park as this is not in keeping with the local plan and would do nothing to enhance the west bank of the river. This bank is essentially for the use of leisure boats with an unspoilt rural hinterland.</p> <p>CM25/03 Unit D Rudford Estate Members objected to this application: 1.Despite assurances from the Planning Dept. at Arun District Council that WSCC Highways state that ten smaller units generate exactly the same amount of traffic as one larger unit Members felt that this did not make sense and could not be guaranteed, especially if one had no idea in advance to whom the units might be let. The volume of traffic and especially of HGV's, using the Rudford and Ford Industrial Estates, Church Lane, Climping and the A259 in Climping is already so heavy that any potential increase in traffic in this area is a serious hazard. 2. Members were extremely concerned about the drainage systems on the airfield and did not feel happy with assurances that pollution from industrial units can never reach the River Arun via the storm drains. This has happened in the past and could be another serious hazard. 3.As Members have no idea in advance to whom these units are to be let it is very difficult to assess exactly what type of hazard, noise or light pollution might be created.</p> <p>CM28/03 Bailiffscourt Hotel Access Drive Members made no comment on this matter.</p>	
37/03	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>(a) Horsemere Green Lane Cllr Taylor outlined the details of the Highways Group proposal for a pair of locked gates as a means of controlling traffic on the Lane and indicated that they would be located between May Close and Appletree Walk. The Group had a site meeting with Mr Egleton of WSCC to explain its proposal. It was now awaiting a reply from WSCC but concluded that the arguments had been accepted in principle. A letter of objection to the proposal from a resident in Yapton Road was noted.</p> <p>(b) Clymping Park access Cllr Mrs Edge reported that the residents on the Park overwhelmingly favoured a left turn only no right turn from the Park and Ferry Road. Some residents had wanted at 40mph speed limit on the A259 but that the best that could be hoped for was a 50mph limit. Others wanted a roundabout or lights but it was felt that the cost of such a scheme would mean that WSCC would not implement it. WSCC agreed to look in detail at the problem in this area and in the meantime residents were asked to tell Cllr Mrs Byrne of any accidents or near misses in the area. It was generally agreed that the poor visibility to the west, the junction with Ferry Road and the reaction times of the predominately elderly population of the Park exacerbated the problems.</p> <p>(c) Arundel Bypass cancellation It was agreed to refer the question of the highway implications of this cancellation to the Highways Group for them to consider and refer back.</p> <p>(d) Comet Corner The Clerk referred to a letter from Middleton Parish Council asking for support for some sort of traffic controls in the area of Comet Corner and it was agreed to</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>give such support and respond to the Council accordingly.</p> <p>(e) RT Page Appeal Cllr Tyrrell explained that RT Page had won their appeal, basically on economic grounds rather than pure planning issues. He felt that both Arun DC and the Parish Council would need to learn lessons from this. He also explained that WSCC had not objected on highway grounds provided the traffic came south from the Estate. Cllr Tyrrell said that Mr Page had invited members to a meeting at the site and it was agreed that Cllrs would find a suitable date for such a visit.</p> <p>(f) SITA Cllr Tyrrell explained that SITA had sold its operation to Sussex Skips (a management buy-out) and that therefore there would be unlikely to be any developments immediately, although the Group would keep the matter under review.</p> <p>(g) Downland Committee Minutes Cllr Mrs Edge reported on the now received minutes of the meeting on 21 July and mentioned in particular : The Arundel Bypass – The relevant parties had written to the Secretary of State on his decision to cancel the bypass. This would mean that HGVs would be directed south through the parish and this will add to the problems in the area; SITA – That vehicle numbers were not enough for an environmental impact assessment but WSCC could impose a routing agreement which again would undoubtedly affect the parish; Light Pollution – The lights on the Littlehampton bypass part of the A259 impinges on the parish and WSCC now agrees that the lighting is not as it would now be provided. They have agreed that when maintenance is done cut off lighting will be considered.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>Highways</p>
38/03	<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>(a) Environment Group Cllr Biss reported on the minutes of the Environment Group, identifying in particular: Beach cleaning for 18th October Bulb Planting for 8th November Works to the village ponds on 20th September, 25th October and 15th November</p>	<p>ALL</p>
Dated	23 OCTOBER 2003	
Signed By Chairman		