

Camber Parish Council
 Minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Tuesday, 17th November 2009
 at Camber Village Hall

Chair:

Julie O'Shaughnessy - Camber Parish Council

Present:

David Greenfield - Camber Parish Council
 Ann Young - Camber Parish Council
 Trish Lock - Camber Parish Council
 Terry Hovenden - Camber Parish Council

In Attendance:

Paul Osborne - Rother District Council
 Nicholas Ramus - Rother District Council

Apologies for Absence:

Adam Harkin - Camber Parish Council
 Richard Holt - Camber Parish Council
 Keith Glazier - East Sussex County Council

35 approx. Members of the Public

Secretariat:

Jennifer Childs

<u>Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>
	<p>During the extended ten minute public review the following issues were raised as serious matters of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious concern was raised that the parish council want to take over the running of the village hall instead of Terry and the committee – <i>council advised this was definitely not the case, clerk stated there where benefits for and against the village hall being run by the parish council but if the village hall remained a charity it has far more access to grant funding.</i> • Requests where made for the parish council to fund the village hall and where advised they are obliged to do so under the LGA Miscellaneous Provisions Act and under the code of conduct the council need to respect the resident views – <i>the chairman stated that support of the hall was an agenda item and that the parish have been supporting the hall and will continue to do so in an appropriate way.</i> • Pat Brazier asked why the precept was being raised as the council had reserve funds – <i>clerk stated that the running costs had risen considerably last year. The increase request was £9.13 a year; the precept hadn't been increased in the past three years to accommodate the increased number of residences. The increase was necessary because there had been a shortfall in the insurance cover for the playground, the insurance cover needs to be raised due to more assets, funds where required for the materials for the repair work at Johnsons Field and for more security lights etc.</i> • Concern was raised over putting slate or chips in Johnsons Field as they could be thrown at cars and houses – <i>clerk advised bark hadn't been ruled out and can be put down if this was preferred however it would need replacing every two years so would be more expensive in the long run and several other parks have used more permanent materials without any issues.</i> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr & Mrs Boardman of Links Way raised the issue of the three storey house built on the white sands development that not only encroaches on their property but was built instead of a double garage that was on the original planning application – <i>the council confirmed that they support Mr & Mrs Boardman and will do everything they can to get an amicable resolutions to the problem and Cllr Nicholas Ramus requested the clerk send him any information so that he can take it to the highest power in Rother.</i> Interest was raised in preparing a village plan and involving the residents committee etc so as not to under estimate the value of local resources – <i>clerk advised that the process was underway and will be on the January agenda as Rother are offering some match funding for plans submitted by March 2010.</i> 	
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.	
2.	APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2009. Resolved: Signed as a true record	
3.	TO DEAL WITH MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Resolved: None	
4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. Resolved: None	
5.	TO RECEIVE REPORTS – COMMITTEES, DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND POLICE. Cllr Ramus advised that as the ten minute review had overrun he had no urgent issues to discuss. Cllr Paul Osbourne advised that recycling was now at 45% and that he had spoken to the chief executive at Rother who had confirmed there was approx £4.5k in reserve funds for additional winter bins for Camber; he will talk to the CE again to find out what has happened.	
6.	PLANNING Resolved: No objections <u>Applications</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RR/2009/2543/P – Rye Golf Club demolition of cottage and replacement with a pair of semi-detached houses RR/2009/2630/P – 57 Denham Way porch extension 	
7.	FINANCES To approve the following items for payment: Continue paying existing direct debits, streetlight EDF Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monster Play Systems = £686.95 chq 101535 A Mitchell = £550.00 chq 101536 Hutt Imports Ltd = £179.99 chq 101537 Plant2501 = £175.00 chq 101538 Society of Local Clerks = £40.00 chq 101539 Direct Technical Services = £1370.29 chq 101540 HMRC PAYE (Nov & Dec) = £583.91 chq 101543 Chris Avery pay & expenses Clerks pay, expenses, office space, broadband & phone Resolved: Approved for payment. Income Noted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £100 clerk training bursary 	
8.	CORRESPONDENCE: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Council where invited to a meeting with White Sands Residents Committee to discuss: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Council services o Rubbish collection and summer season o Dog soil bins and collection o Police and security o Parking <p><i>It was agreed that issues where the same for all Camber residents.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Weekly Bin collections during the summer – Clerk to write a letter to RDC c) Email from Brigitte Bass re Data Loggers being used as bins – Brigitte advised the Environment Agency have put notices on the bins to advise they are not for rubbish, clerk to write another letter to RDC re urgent need for more bins. Requests where also made for as many residents, agencies etc to write to Rother as well expressing their views. d) Small log cabin at the gap being rented as holiday cottage but only had planning permission for a games room – house is being let as three flats and the games room is also being used for holiday lets, letter to be sent to RDC planning to check all safety procedures are adequate and whether the change of use has been approved. e) Memorial Hall support, rent and donations - Terry (Village Hall Chairman), will provide an audited set of accounts, and hold an AGM in January 2010. f) RDC Road Traffic off street parking – no objections but concern was raised about through traffic g) DTS renewal fixed at this years rate for 12 months if a 36 month contract is signed h) Email from R Gray expressing disappointment at PC not continuing to use his service and re mowing being paid by equal monthly instalments for 44 sessions a year so £613.00 is outstanding– invoice requested i) Email from Brigitte Bass re Dungeness Press Release and Flood Defences – concern that Camber is in threat from flood from both the front and behind and with Dungeness closing there is a real threat to the proposed sea defence wall j) Ltr from Allianz asking what we are doing to prevent future vandalism of play equipment etc – clerk to advise we are looking into adding more security lights and cctv cameras. k) RDC precept request letter – form returned requesting £45625 precept l) Email re NALC's Local Councils Award seeking nominations – Trish Lock recommended that no nominations where appropriate at this time. m) Clerks Certificate for passing Working With Your Council n) Clerks Certificate for passing CiLCA 	
9.	<p>ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO ON NEXT AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parish council donation to Village Hall 	
	<p>Jennifer Childs (clerk) November 2009</p> <p>THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2010 AT CAMBER MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Draft Vers. 1</p>	