

**MINUTES OF THE EAST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009 AT EAST DEAN VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Max Davies (Chairman), Kate Shaw (Vice Chairman), Tim Calloway, Rob Chalmers, Lesley West

**In Attendance:** Mike Hall (County Councillor)  
Jason Lemm (PCSO)  
Henry Potter (District Councillor)  
15 parishioners  
John Langdon (Developer of Manor Farm)

**1. Apologies:** Karen Barrett (Parish Clerk), Tim Weeks, Peter West

**2. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 were read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising**

**New Bus Timetable**

The parish clerk has spoken to Compass Travel who have removed the old bus stop timetable panel and sent some timetable leaflets which are now on the windowsill at the Village Hall. When the new timetable and evening service have been printed they will send more leaflets and also replace the holder on the bus stop. The parish clerk will chase this up in a month's time.

**St Richard's Hospital**

Kate Shaw attended the Policy Development Committee meeting (CDC) at the Assembly Rooms on 16<sup>th</sup> January. She reported that no one could give assurances that St Richards A & E or maternity services would be guaranteed. However Henry Potter and Mike Hall were optimistic. A Foundation Board was being constituted. The service would be consultant led, which would mean the doctors moving between sites rather than patients. The Councillors seemed confident that St Richards would retain A & E.

**Bonfire Night**

This had passed off peacefully and was greatly enjoyed.

**Wood Fair**

This will take place on 20/21 June 2009.

**4. Correspondence**

Letters received from Action in Rural Sussex re the Village of the Year competition. It was unanimously agreed not to enter.

Letters received from the Samaritans and Citizens Advice Bureau, both requesting donations. It was agreed to donate £35.00 to each charity.

## **5. Financial Report**

Current balance in bank: £918.08. It was agreed to increase the annual precept to £800, an increase of £100, which equals £1 increase per household. Parish councillors were in full agreement for the increase.

## **6. Any Other Business**

### **Annual Meeting of Parish Councils**

Tim Weeks attended this meeting at the Assembly Rooms. There is a Community Action chest, which provides grants for projects which enable water to flow more quickly through villages. Discussion followed. The Environment Agency is now in charge of our bit of the River Lavant. However it was WSCC who dug out the catchpit and the culvert under the road by the pond. It was reported that the culvert needs repointing. It was not known who is responsible for this.

### **PCSO Report**

Jason Lemm, PCSO gave his brief crime report and then introduced Colin Porter as our Neighbourhood Management Panel member. Colin is a member of Farmwatch. If we have concerns eg anti-social behaviour, dog fouling or scramble bikes, it should be reported to Colin 811527. He will raise it with the panel and then it will be put forward to the police. This initiative will be advertised in the Valley Diary, and there will be poster and flyers.

A problem has been identified of anti-social driving between East Dean and Singleton. This will be monitored.

Jason had brought a Speed Indicating Device (SID) to demonstrate, time allowing. We can book this for a 2 week period if we thought it appropriate. West Dean PC will be installing one in the next few months.

### **Manor Farm Development**

The Chairman introduced Mr John Langdon who is the developer of Manor Farm. Mr Langdon will be submitting variations to the last planning application shortly. He will also be submitting a Landscape Plan for the site. He will be creating private garden areas for each of the 8 units. There will be no major grassed area within the quadrangle. He provided landscape plans and some building plans. There followed a free and frank discussion and the following points were raised:

- a. Concern about height and width of boundary to the north of site where car parking will be. Also concern of over planting on the boundary toward the east end of the north boundary.
- b. The slurry pit on the western side would be filled in and surface water taken away by the pre-existing ditch.
- c. The question of who owns the caravan next to Tim Calloway's workshop was raised. The caravan should be removed.
- d. The area to the south of the site (where silage pits have been) will be field open space maintained and used by the residents.
- e. There appeared on the landscape maps to be gates. These were proposed by the estate agents who felt security would be a priority. It was unanimously felt by those present

that it would make a gated community and a “them and us” situation which is not appropriate for East Dean. Mr Langdon agreed to remove them from the plans.

- f. Great concern was again expressed about the paddock. Mr Langdon reassured that meeting that this would be meadow open space and maintained by the residents.
- g. It was generally agreed that there should be no light pollution. Mr Langdon also agreed.

The Chairman said that perhaps a covenant should be placed when selling properties, stating that the Paddock should remain an open space *meadow* and not a manicured lawn.

The Chairman stated that when the planning variations are submitted the Parish Council would support the applications but will express the following concerns:

- 1. Number of car parking spaces
- 2. No light pollution
- 3. Height of hedging; and that design and height have the consent of the abutting neighbour.
- 4. Would like confirmation from planners regarding the Paddock and other grass areas as to whether they are open spaces.
- 5. No gates

The Chairman thanked Mr Langdon for answering questions.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

**7. Date of Next Meeting    Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May    7.30 pm    East Dean Village Hall**

following the **Annual General Meeting at 7.00 pm**

**Bank:    £918.08**

Cheques:	M Davies	£41.68	bus shelter material
	Covers	£1220.48	“    “    “
	Village Hall Trust	£500.00	maintenance costs