

At a meeting of Trotton with Chithurst Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th January 2007 at the Southdowns Hotel at 8.00p.m.

Those present :- Mr Hodgson (Chairman) Mrs Brown, Mr Dawtrey, Mrs Daborn, and Mr Knight

Chichester District Councillor Mr Shaxson and 3 members of the general public

1) Apologies of absence were received from WSCC Councillor Ms Hendon and Mesdames Robertson and Paddock.

2) Declaration of Interest - There were none

3) The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2006 were confirmed and signed as correct

4) Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Highways - Chithurst Lane - Has had a large areas of the lane resurfaced. Blocked drains from The Croft to Wembridge House (Highway aware). Also enquire if Dolly Posts can be placed on the east side of the junction of Chithurst Lane with A.272.

The road surface opposite Trotton Farm is delaminating and the drains are blocked. The Clerk to inform Mr Dare. It was suggested that a Highway Representative be asked to address the Council on the maintenance plans/programme for Trotton.

b) Chithurst church yard - The chairman will ask a Tree Surgeon to check all the trees in the closed churchyard as concern was expressed about the condition of the ash trees due to an adjacent ash tree falling and causing damage to property. The Wild Flower Project - A botanist-will contact the clerk with a view to looking-at Lichens/mosses etc. A follow-up inspection will be planned in the spring.

c) Autumn Report on Trotton Common - Mrs Daborn reported that some bird numbers are down and concern has been expressed about the collection of various fungi from the common. Mr Stickings reported that 4 wheeled quad bikes were being driven on the Common and on the grass triangle at the southern end of Chithurst Lane. The Clerk to report the matter.

5) District Councillor's Report - Mr Shaxson reported that next years Budget is under discussion. Improvements are planned for The Grange. The Car park charges for Midhurst were again discussed with all Councillors feeling that The Ruins Project should supply its own facilities and not impinge on the already stretched car parking in Midhurst Town.

6) Financial Matters The Clerk reported that the Bus shelter has been damaged around the-door frame and the glass in the Notice board had been broken. Mr Stickings kindly offered to make all repairs necessary and, if dry, paint the notice board's surround. The Chairman had prepared a spreadsheet showing past year's expenditure the current years

anticipated expenditure with a forecast of 07/08 years expenditure. The Clerk said that a donation of £ 150 for a new computer would be sufficient as it was also used for private usage. It was agreed that the old computer should be given to a recycling project for schools. Maintenance of council property was raised to £400 to cover any work necessary on Chithurst Churchyard and to reimburse Mr Stickings for repairs to Bus shelter and Notice Board. A sum of £1,000 to be set aside for Council elections. It was proposed by Mrs Brown and seconded by Mrs Daborn that a Precept of **£2,100** should be set to cover all these expenses. This was unanimously agreed.

Midhurst Community Bus - donation £50.00

6) Planning - There were no planning matters

7) Correspondence Notification of Chichester District Councils annual meeting with Parishes on 25th January 2007. All correspondence was laid out for inspection

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9.20p.m.