

At a meeting of Trotton with Chithurst Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th March, 2008, at the Southdown Hotel at 8.00p.m.

Those present: Mrs C. Brown(Chairman) Mr Hodgson Mr Dawtrey Mr Knight
Mrs Paddock Mrs Robertson

County Councillor Ms Hendon, District Councillor Mr Shaxson and 1 member of the general public

1) **Apologies of absence** - Mrs Stiles

2) **Declaration of Interest** - none were received

3) **The Minutes of the meeting held on 9/01/2008** were confirmed and signed as correct.

4) **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

a) **Chithurst Churchyard** - Mrs Bolt has instructed the gardener to fell the ash tree.

Mr Swansborough has given a quote of £200 for clearing the little closed churchyard. This will entail cutting back all the overhanging branches, clearing brambles and cutting back the hedge of the northern boundary. It was agreed that the work should not commence until the bulb flowering plants have all died back and the birds have finished nesting. This work will allow more light into the graveyard which should encourage the bulbs to multiply.

Sussex University report on Chithurst Churchyard. Mr Hodgson has placed the report on the Trotton web site. The Clerk is to place a notice on Chithurst notice board to this effect. The actual document will be circulated to those persons wishing to read the report and then held by the Clerk.

b) **New proposed boundaries for South Downs National Park.** The Inquiry is taking place. There are 3 proposals

(i) the original suggested area encompassing the area of the Southdowns extending up to Liss, Haslemere, Petersfield. Etc.

(ii) An Area taking in the escarpment slope and an area at the foot of the Downs

(iii) An area just of the chalk ridge of the Southdowns

c) **Highway Matters** Some extra warning signs have been erected at Corner cottage on the A.272. The dangerous potholes near Trotton Farm have been repaired - yet again - It remains to be seen if this repair stands the test of time. Potholes have been repaired Terwick Lane and Chithurst Lane. The Highway Engineers accept that potholes must be repaired with hot asphalt if the repair is to last. Complaints have been received from Lovehill concerning traffic speeds and noise on the A.272. The complainant is in communication with Chief Constable and Steve Johnson of WSCC.

d) Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Adam is the local co-coordinator. It was decided that as little information was reaching the council or parishioners Mr Adam be asked to attend the next meeting and the annual donation to be withheld until then.

6) County Councillors report - Ms Hendon stated that education is high on the agenda. The closure of Rogate School is being resisted and the future of Midhurst Grammar School There is a proposal that a new Academy under the United Learning Trust and Winchester College is formed. Discussions are being held to ascertain if the Academy should be on the present Midhurst Grammar School site or on the Midhurst Intermediate site. Three venues for the 2012 Olympics training camps will be in West Sussex.

District Councillor Mr Shaxson - the CDC budget will be 3.5% which is an increase of 1%. Open meetings will be held prior to large planning developments submission to Council for planning permission . At the Policy Development meeting 'schools' will be on the agenda with a speaker from WSCC.

7) Financial Matters.

Mrs Bentall - salary and expenses for 07/08 £477 - 01

The Clerk is trying to secure a cheaper insurance cover (about 19%) with the same cover of Insurance and a no claims bonus.

8) Planning Nothing to report

9) Correspondence.

Rogate Parish Council would like to know the views of Trotton Parish Council on the proposal to introduce 'Quiet Lanes' on minor roads with under 1,000 vehicle movements per day in the Rogate/Milland/Trotton area. It was agreed that as the Width Restriction signs were already completely ignored the introduction of further vehicle lane restrictions was a non starter.

It was brought to the councils attention that F/P 874 at the Dumpford end had a collapsed stile and a fallen over finger post . The clerk to report this matter.

10) Any Other Business - Mr Hodgson reported that the Trotton web site had recorded 23.5 thousand hits with an average of 3-4thousand per month.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Chairman

Date.