

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on 10th February 2009.

Present: Mr C Bulbeck, Mrs M Bulbeck, Mrs S Cecil, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mr R Gowlett, Mr R Hayes, Mrs M Hemmings, Mrs O Hickson, Mr J Jennings, Mr P MacDougall, Mr R Rolfe.

Apologies: County Cllr M Dunn, PCSO B Ives.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

557. None.

Minutes

558. It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

559. Min 527. Mr Everson had ordered the trees.

560. Min 539. Bourne Community College had offered use of Bourne International Community Centre free of charge for the Annual Parish Assembly on 17th March.

561. Mr Gowlett reported the District Council Engineer would be writing to the proprietor of Nutbourne Service Station concerning the drainage of their forecourt.

Open Forum

562. No members of public present.

County Councillor Comments

563. Cllr M Dunn was not present.

District Councillor Comments

564. Mrs Marris reminded members of the Parish Planning Committee of the need to register to speak at Development Control meetings four days before the date of the meeting. Planning had been quieter recently, with fewer applications following the economic downturn. There had been problems with parking in New Road, Mosdell Road and Stein Road caused by careless parking, with resident's drives being blocked by parked cars. Caravans parked on the verge outside Chichester Caravans caused a nuisance. Mrs Marris commented she had voted against the closure of Nutbourne Post Office but printed material put through the doors of some residents had been misleading. The Fraryhurst Nursing Home planning application had been approved; if District had refused the application it was believed it would have been won on Appeal. The meeting was informed Age Concern Southbourne would become very short of funds in the next few months.

Correspondence

565. A list of correspondence received had been circulated with the agenda, copy appended to the official minutes.

566. List item 1. The District Councillors serving on Development Control were asked to challenge the decision of the District Council Enforcement Section not to take any further action on the alleged breach of planning conditions at 24 Kelsey Avenue.

Additional Correspondence Received

567. Allianz Engineering. Report on the play equipment at the recreation ground. Copied to the Chairman of the Recreation Advisory Committee.

568. Chichester DC. The resident's complaint about the lack of surfaced footway within a section of Sadlers Walk had been referred to County Highways for investigation in respect of highway adoption procedures.

569. Chichester Harbour Trust. The various bidders who had offered substantially more than the Trust for the piece of land off Cot Lane had withdrawn their offers and the Seller had agreed to sell the land to the Trust for £215,000, which was £10,000 more than their previous offer. The Trust and Harbour Conservancy remained willing to contribute £50,000 each to the project and the way was open for Chichester Harbour Trust to purchase the freehold of the land. In June 2008 the Parish Council had pledged £10,000 towards the cost of purchasing the land. It was resolved the Parish Council would contribute £10,000 towards the purchase of the land off Cot Lane by Chichester Harbour Trust.

Review of Parish

570. In 2005 a Parish Plan was produced for Southbourne. The Council decided to undertake a review of the Parish Plan and a meeting would be held at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 25th February. Mr Bulbeck, Mrs Cecil, Mr Cunningham, Mr Feltham, Mr Gowlett, Mr Hayes, Mrs Hickson, Mr Jennings and Mr MacDougall would attend.

Clippings

571. The next addition of Clippings newsletter was almost ready for publication. Mrs Hickson suggested Clippings could be used to promote local businesses, especially during the current depressed economic climate. It was agreed this could be considered for the next issue and Mrs Hickson was invited to draft a suitable article for future publication.

S106 Contribution SB/98/03023/OUT Development at Orchard Lane / Lumley Road

572. Chichester District Council had authorised a community facilities contribution of £19,612. 24 to be used as follows: new and replacement bus shelters £7,703.81, Southbourne Village Hall provision of new shower facilities £8,570, new seating £3,338.43.

Playground Project, Recreation Ground

573. The District Council Play Development Officer had been in contact with Bourne Community College, Southbourne Infants and Junior Schools and all play groups operating in the Parish to consult on proposals for new play facilities at the recreation ground. Sixty four questionnaires had been completed by children and those involved with young people. A paper from the Play Development Officer summarising the findings was circulated to all Members of the Council.

Risk Assessment

574. A risk assessment for the Parish Council had been carried out by the Chairman.

Finance – Payments for Approval

575. A list of payments for approval was presented to the meeting, copy appended to the official minutes. It was resolved the payments be approved.

Report of South Chichester County Local Committee

576. Mr Jennings attended the meeting at County Hall on 28th January. The main items discussed had been Community Police Issues, WSCC Materials Resource Management Contract, a new pelican crossing in Salthill Road, Fishbourne and Developer Contribution Schemes. A number of residents had attended for the item on environmental impacts of traffic in Orchard Street, Chichester. The Proposed Highway and Transport Schemes 2009/10 had been received. Vinnetrov Road Runcton – A27 would be closed for a time for a speed management scheme to be introduced.

Matters Raised

577. Mrs Hemmings reported surface water on the footway outside 48 Stein Road during the recent period of exceptional rainfall. The drain was above the level of the surrounding ground which resulted in surface water standing and not draining away. County Highways would be asked to investigate and it was further agreed to write to County concerning inadequate maintenance of drains in the Parish generally.

578. A meeting of the Fete Committee was arranged for 17th February.

579. A Biodiversity Action Plan meeting would be held on 19th February.

580. Mr Hayes reported the Kelsey Avenue name sign required attention and the street light 21 Stein Road was defective.

581. Mr Cunningham informed the meeting a litter problem at the Station had been taken up by the District Council and a litter pick was subsequently carried out. Horse droppings on the footway in Stein Road had been a nuisance.

582. Mr Gowlett had attended the District Council Annual Meeting with Parishes on 3rd February and a meeting of the Bourne Community Education Committee. The Bourne Youth Wing would be opening extended hours and extra days. There had been no further decline in adult education numbers. The litter problem at the College had been discussed and was a great concern.

583. Mrs Bulbeck reported defective street lights in Breach Avenue. Attention was drawn to the danger to road users caused by vehicles parking outside the car sales area near the junction of Inlands Road and Main Road.

584. Mr Rolfe believed a cycle route sign near the Slipper Road junction had been poorly sited.

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