

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr C Bulbeck, Mrs M Bulbeck, Mrs S Cecil, Mr T Cunningham, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mr R Gowlett, Mr R Hayes, Mrs M Hemmings, Mr J Jennings, Mr R Rolfe.

Apologies: County Cllr M Dunn, Mrs Hickson, Mr MacDougall.

Tony Odell

The Chairman was saddened to record the death of Tony Odell who had been a former member of the Parish Council. The Council's condolences would be sent to his widow.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

585. None.

Minutes

586. List of members present – add Mr T Cunningham. Subject to this addition, it was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

587. Min 559. Mr Everson arranged a working party to plant the trees at the recreation ground on 21st March.

588. Min 566. Mr Hayes had taken up the alleged breach of planning conditions, 24 Kelsey Avenue, with the District Council's Planning Enforcement Officer. The Officer had taken the view it was not inappropriate to have a hedge at the front of the property and no further action was being taken. Mr Jennings commented the decision to take no action went against the Planning Inspector's findings at the Planning Appeal.

589. Min 571. It was agreed Mrs Hemmings would join the Clippings Editorial Team.

590. Min 581. Mr Cunningham reported Network Rail were undertaking a programme review at Southbourne Station. A useful contact had been made with someone who could be contacted on issues affecting the station.

591. Min 582. Mrs Bulbeck commented on the bad behaviour of children from Bourne Community College when at the Bourne Leisure Centre. Mrs Bulbeck and Mr Hayes would arrange a meeting with Mrs Eva the Headteacher.

Open Forum

592. The meeting was temporarily closed for public discussion. Upon re-opening the meeting, the following matters raised by the public were noted.

A resident who used an electric wheelchair found it difficult to use the footway between Smallcutts Avenue and Clovelly Road. Mr Hayes agreed to take this up with the District Council and County Council.

The Smallcutts sign had been knocked down.

The District Council no longer advertised planning applications in the Chichester Observer newspaper. Mr Hayes informed the meeting the newspaper used to provide the service free of

charge but then wished to charge the full commercial rate for advertising, which the District Council was not prepared to pay. In Southbourne, the Planning Committee minutes, which listed all planning applications, were in the Library but other ways of publicising applications locally would be investigated by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

The plaque was missing from the old milestone in Main Road, opposite Jubilee Mews.

County Councillor Comments

593. Cllr M Dunn was not present.

District Councillor Comments

594. Mr Hayes reported planning permission had been given for 750 new homes on the Graylingwell site in Chichester. The first stage of the development would be 110 affordable homes.

The District Council share of Council Tax had been increased by 3% for 2009/10.

The types of materials that could be recycled were being increased and District would be publishing a leaflet giving details.

Following the granting of planning permission for an extension to Fraryhurst Nursing Home, Mrs Cecil asked whether a 20mph could be introduced for Prinsted Lane. It was noted this had been put forward a number of years ago but had not satisfied the criteria for a lower speed limit than the present 30mph limit.

Correspondence

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

Additional Correspondence

596. Chichester DC. The S106 contribution SB/98/03023/OUT amounting to £19,612.24 had been paid to the Parish Council. It was agreed the share of the money allocated to Southbourne Village Hall would be released by the Parish Council upon receipt of relevant invoices.

Parish Plan

597. A meeting had been held on 25th February to review the Parish Plan. Mr Hayes would circulate notes from the meeting. It was not proposed to make any significant changes to the Parish Plan.

Street Lights Slipper Road

598. The street light attached to Slipper Cottage was not working and required complete re-wiring. The Lighting Engineer did not recommend repairing the existing light but instead replacing it with a new column to be installed on the eastern edge of Slipper Road, opposite the existing light, between number 5 and 7 Slipper Road. A quotation had been obtained to install a decorative lantern style street light, to be sympathetic with the particular location. The quotation was in the sum of £1980.59. It was resolved to accept the quotation.

The replacement of the other three street lights in Slipper Road was considered but it was decided to leave these lights unchanged.

Report of Southbourne Fete Steering Committee

599. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February would be circulated by Mrs Cecil. Further meetings had been arranged for 18th March and 1st April, both at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. An application for a Temporary Event Licence was being made by Mr Hayes. A suggestion to hold a ‘Design a Southbourne Logo Competition’ would be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Report of Southbourne Parish Biodiversity Working Group

600. Notes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on 19th February had been circulated with the agenda. The next meeting would be held on 9th April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Finance – Payments for Approval

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

Matters Raised

602. Mr Hayes had made enquiries with the District Council to see if there were any concerns about dangerous materials on the land in Cot Lane being purchased by Chichester Harbour Trust. It was believed clay had been removed many years ago but there was no threat of anything dangerous on the land.

603. It was suggested the Council should provide the spouse of the part-time litter picker with a reflective jacket and litter picker tool because he helped with the work on a voluntary basis.

604. The Village Hall sign in Stein Road had been bent.

605. Tesco delivery vehicles parking in Stein Road at school starting times caused a nuisance.

606. Approval was given for Mr Hayes to arrange the creation a website for the interim period until the District Council could provide a parish council website for Southbourne.

607. Mr Rolfe drew attention to cars parked in the entrance to Slipper Road and causing a danger. It was suggested cars seen obstructing the entrance should be reported to the PCSO or Police.

608. Mrs Hemmings commented a parish diary of dates/events would be helpful.

609. Mr Everson reported that by chance discussion with a District Council Officer about Tree Preservation Orders, he had heard about proposals for development in New Road. There were rumours going round but the Parish Council had received no formal notification and received no information from the other authorities, which he felt was very unsatisfactory.

610. On 19th March there would be a meeting at Eades House in Chichester with interested parties to discuss the purchase of the land at Cot Lane by Chichester Harbour Trust.

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