

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on 12th May 2009.

Present: Mr C Bulbeck, Mrs M Bulbeck, Mrs S Cecil, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mr R Hayes, Mrs O Hickson, Mr R Rolfe.

Apologies: Mr Gowlett, Mrs Hemmings, Mr Jennings, Mr MacDougall.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

636. None.

Election of Chairman

637. Mr Bulbeck was proposed by Mr Feltham and seconded by Mr Hayes. There being no other nominations, Mr Bulbeck was duly elected Chairman.

Election of Vice Chairman

638. Mr Everson was proposed by Mr Hayes and seconded by Mr Feltham. There being no other nominations, Mr Everson was duly elected Vice Chairman.

Committees & Representatives on Other Bodies

639. The Committees and representatives on other bodies were appointed, list attached to the official minutes.

Minutes

640. It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

641. Children's Centre Presentation. Mr Hayes would keep the Council informed as this progressed.

642. Min 628. The new play equipment had been ordered in accordance with the scheme recommended by the Recreation Advisory Committee. The Steel Builder was presently being installed but the Contractor had found there was insufficient space in the toddler area for the Jacob's Ladder. The saving on the Jacob's Ladder could be set against the Cumulus Swing, which the Council had proposed installing as part of the second phase of new play facilities. The additional cost would be £1,134. This would just leave the Long Track Ride as the remaining item of equipment under the proposed second phase.

It was resolved to order the Cumulus Swing in place of the Jacob's Ladder. A grant application would be made to the District Council under their Rural Playground Grants Scheme for a grant towards the cost of the Long Track Ride.

Correspondence

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

644. List item 1. Mr Jennings had advised the Clerk he was willing to attend the Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust Stakeholder Forum on 18th May.
645. List item 2. It was decided to make an application under the WSCC Bus Shelter Grants Scheme for a new bus shelter outside Kuldana and The Haven in Main Road, Nutbourne.
646. List item 3. In response to the request from Nutbourne Park Residents, the Council proposed installing a new bus shelter outside Kuldana and The Haven in Main Road, Nutbourne. (see also 645 above)

Additional Correspondence Received

647. Action in Rural Sussex. Notice of Forum on Climate Change, the role of communities tackling climate change issues in rural areas, to be held in Ashington on 2nd June.
648. Mrs L Almond. Request from resident in Bourne View Close to have two conifer trees on the boundary of the recreation ground cut back. A tree surgeon had inspected the trees and recommended removing them altogether and the Chairman had received a quotation in the sum of £600 to cut down and remove the trees. The Council decided to obtain a second quote and approval was given to the Chairman to accept the lowest quote.
649. Bourne View Management Ltd. Request for a contribution of £14.67 towards the cost of repairs to the Bourne View Close access road, which also served the recreation ground. It was agreed to pay the contribution.
650. Chichester DC. An update on the S.106 communities facilities contributions. With regard to Prinsted Beach, it was noted the District Council might consider a contribution if the resurfacing of the car park was part of a project to improve the whole area of the car park for better community use, and not just general maintenance. The District Council had also asked for suggestions from the Parish Council how a possible future contribution, in the region of £25,000, could be used from a proposed development on land at South Lane. The information was required urgently in conjunction with the recent planning application. District and Parish Councillor R Hayes spoke strongly against the District Council having approached the Parish Council prior to the planning application being determined and urged the Parish Council not to accede to the request. He wished the Minutes to record his opposition to the District Council's action. The Council decided not to put forward any suggestions how the funding could be used which might be derived from this planning application.
651. Mr S Johnson . The Council's attention was drawn to a possible opportunity to acquire some parking adjacent to Nutbourne Station with the closure of the Marshall's factory in Broad Road.

County Councillor Comments

652. County Cllr Mark Dunn had visited the Cemetery in Westbourne and found it was looking very good and well maintained. With the closure of their factory in Broad Road, Marshalls were consulting locally prior to submitting a planning application. There were opportunities for housing, business or light industrial use. There could be extensive parking for rail users as a result of new development on the site. It was noted most of the site was concreted over at present. A meeting with Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council and residents was being held. Mr Feltham commented that he was disappointed the County Council had been against a National Park for the South Downs when the parishes had been in favour. Cllr Dunn responded that those people living on the coastal plain outside the National Park would be at

greater risk of development, being sandwiched between the National Park and the Chichester Harbour AONB.

District Councillor Comments

653. District Cllr Mrs Marrs commented the planning officers covering the Southbourne area were excellent and did a good job. There were not many planning applications being made at the present time due to the depressed economic climate.
Regarding Age Concern Southbourne, the meeting was informed Southbourne Players had kindly given some funds. The Parish Council was thanked for the grant it had given.

Open Forum

654. There were no members of public present.

Southbourne Fete

655. The next meeting of the Southbourne Fete Steering Committee would be held at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 13th May. All Councillors were urged to attend.

Finance – Payments for Approval

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

Accounts for Year Ended 31st March 2009

657. The accounts for 2008/09 were received. It was resolved the accounts be approved and approval was given for the Chairman and Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to sign the Annual Return statement of accounts and annual governance statement. The Clerk reported the internal audit by WSCC Audit Section was due to take place on 29th May.

Matters Raised

658. Mrs Cecil questioned whether it would be possible to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Prinsted Lane. It was noted this had been raised by the Parish Council some years ago but had not met the criteria for a 20mph limit. Mrs Cecil was advised to discuss this with County Cllr Mark Dunn.

659. Mr Hayes had started to develop a website for the Parish Council and demonstrated what had been done so far. Some ideas of what could be included on the website were suggested. There would be an on going charge of £8.99 a month for maintaining the website.

660. Mr Hayes reported the District Council was being given new powers to control parking.

661. Mr Hayes commented he proposed to attend a Westbourne Parish Council meeting and believed it would be beneficial to establish a link with the neighbouring parish.

662. Mrs Bulbeck reported County street light numbers 25 and 29 in Stein Road were day burning and the first light in Cheshire Way was not working.

CHAIRMAN.....

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