

## **SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

**Present:** Mr C Bulbeck, Mrs M Bulbeck, Mrs S Cecil, Mr T Cunningham, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mr R Hayes, Mrs M Hemmings, Mr P MacDougall.

Apologies: Mr R Gowlett, Mrs O Hickson, Mr J Jennings, Mr R Rolfe.

### **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members**

794. None.

### **Minutes**

795. It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters Arising**

796. Min 772. The Chairman had seen the occupier of Clayhall in Stein Road and believed the hedge had been cut back sufficiently. However, some members were not satisfied the hedge had been cut back enough and it was decided to refer the matter to County Highways in the event that the hedge was not cut again.

797. Min 781. Parking in Smallcutts Avenue had been discussed at the last Neighbourhood Meeting and the PCSO confirmed they would ticket any illegally parked vehicles.

798. Min 786. The Council agreed St John's Church could apply for planning permission to erect a flagpole.

### **Open Forum**

799. The meeting was temporarily closed for public discussion. Upon reopening the meeting the Council noted the comments of Mr G Middleton with regard to signs for Hermitage. The Council agreed to consider the matter again after a period of six months had elapsed since making the decision at the October Council meeting not to introduce signage for Hermitage on the A259.

### **County Councillor Comments**

800. Cllr Mark Dunn informed the meeting the County Council was considering setting up a single County Local Committee for the whole of Chichester District. He believed the Committees performed useful functions including the distribution of small grants and nominating School Governors. If a single Committee came about it was important the Parish Council sent a representative.

Cllr Dunn enquired if members had found a reduction in speeding vehicles of late. The general feeling was that the problem appeared to be a little better. The Police Budget would be cut for the following year, but members were encouraged to keep bringing problems to the attention of the local PCSO.

Cllr Dunn warned the financial pressures would be very severe in the next financial year.

Mr MacDougall commented that he was amazed County should consider making the Local Committees bigger, which would mean less democratic. In his view they were dominated by County and District Councils.

Cllr Dunn explained the reasoning for introducing the Local Committees had been to increase the exposure of County Councillors to local issues.

### **District Councillor Comments**

801. Cllr Mrs Marrs had been concerned a rumour appeared to be going around that she had left Age Concern Southbourne and the District Council, which were completely untrue. The District Council was seeking feedback from the parishes on whether the Bournes Forum was useful. She believed it served a useful purpose. A site visit had been asked for with regard to the planning applications for Marshall's in Broad Road. It was a speculative planning application by Marshalls which would enable them to sell the land with the benefit of planning permission. However it would be a matter for whoever developed the land whether the planning application was subsequently altered.

Mr MacDougall had noted the District Council had decided not to go ahead with a new Museum in Chichester and he believed they were in danger of a fine from the EHR because the existing Museum did not meet required standards. Mrs Marrs confirmed this was under consideration by the District Council.

### **Correspondence**

802. A list of correspondence had been circulated with the Agenda, copy appended to the official minutes.

### **Additional Correspondence Received**

803. Action in Rural Sussex. Invitation to Rural Health Workshops and Database Training.

804. Chichester DC. Notice of Council Tax setting for 2010/11.

805. Chichester DC. Advance notice of Annual Meeting with Parishes to take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at East Pallant House from 6pm. Mrs Cecil and Mr MacDougall would attend for Southbourne Parish.

806. Kent County Council. Prices for grounds maintenance in 2010. To be considered at the next Council meeting.

807. St John's Church. Copy letter to Church Warden detailing the estimate for repair work to the gate piers at the Church. Referred to the Finance Advisory Committee.

808. Westbourne and Southbourne Joint Burial Committee. Notice of Precept requirement for 2010/11 in the sum of £17,789.

809. WSCC. The occupier of 131 Stein Road had been asked to remove the hedge planted on the verge at the front of the property.

810. WSCC. Update on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework - Informal Engagement on Options.

### **Report of Events Committee**

811. The Bazaar held on 28<sup>th</sup> November had been successful with a good number of organisations involved. It was a little disappointing not a great number of the public had attended. The Events Committee would be looking at extra publicity for future events and would start

planning for the next Summer Fete. The Committee was hopeful of keeping organisations on board for next time.

The Chairman thanked all those who had helped with the Bazaar.

### **Report of Bournes Forum**

812. Mr Everson and Mr Jennings had attended the meeting of the Bournes Forum on 26<sup>th</sup> November at Funtington. The main topics under discussion had been Local Development Framework update, the new National Park for the South Downs and the District Council Budget for 2010/11. It was noted the next Bournes Forum would be hosted by Southbourne on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

### **Finance – Payments for Approval**

813. 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**

814. Pot holes were reported in Garsons Road and The Drive.

815. A Parish street light o/s 20 Breach Avenue was not working.

816. Mr MacDougall asked for an agenda item in April to reconsider Hermitage name signs

817. Mr Cunningham enquired if there were arrangements for Parishes to cope with emergencies. The Council noted that some time ago the District Council's Emergency Planning Officer had given a presentation to the Bournes Forum to explain the role parishes could take to supplement the Emergency Services of the District and County Councils. The Clerk would pass to Mr Cunningham relevant details to enable a Parish Emergency Plan to be drafted. Mr Cunningham would act as Emergency Planning Co-ordinator for the Parish.

818. Mr Cunningham drew attention to an item in a local newspaper as an example of a means of communication with local people and raised discussion on the ways information could reach residents. It was noted that the County Council and District Council produced their own newspapers for circulation to all residents and the Parish Council, on its part, produced the 'Clippings' newsletter circulated within the parish.

819. Mrs Hemmings commented the Council could consider putting items in the Downland Magazine as an alternative to Clippings.

820. Mr Hayes reported a horse rider was using the public footpath in Prinsted. It was agreed the Council would send a letter to the offending person if their name and address could be established.

821. Mr Hayes reported the Village Hall sign in Stein Road had still not been straightened. The Council decided to ask for a direction sign for the Village Hall at the Main Road / Stein Road junction.

822. Mr Everson expressed his concern that re-opening the question of name signs for Hermitage could lead to other parts of the parish with local names asking to be separately identified.

823. The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the parish website, which showed two e-mail addresses for the parish council. The Clerk preferred to continue to use the southbourne.parishcouncil@virgin.net address, which had been in use for many years and was widely known by all those who communicated frequently. Mr Hayes proposed this email address

be discontinued and info@Southbourne parishcouncil .com should be adopted instead. Upon being put to the vote, this proposal was not carried.

Mr Feltham proposed the e-mail address southbourne.pariahcouncil @virgin.net should continue to be used as the Council's e-mail address. Upon being put to the vote, this proposal was carried.

Mr Hayes wished it to be minuted that he objected to the Clerk interrupting him when he was speaking.

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