

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Tuesday 14th July 2009.

Present: Mr C Bulbeck (Chairman), Mrs M Bulbeck , Mr T Cunningham, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mr R Gowlett, Mr R Hayes, Mrs M Hemmings, Mr J Jennings, Mr P MacDougall.

Apologies: Mrs S Cecil, Mrs O Hickson, Mr R Rolfe, District Cllr G Hicks.

Police Report

Before the start of the formal council meeting PC Andy Rossier gave a report from the Police.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

688. None.

Minutes

689. It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

690. Min 665. Bus shelter. The bus shelter outside 288 Main Road had been moved and an invoice received for the work.

691. Min 668. Prinsted carpark. The grass had been cut at a cost of £60.

692. Min 677. Play equipment. A grant application had been made to Hyde Martlet and an Officer had visited to view the recreation ground and discuss the application.

693. Min 685. Hedge at Clayhall, Stein Road. It was agreed to send a letter to the occupier of Clayhall to ask for the hedge to be cut back further.

Open Forum

694. The meeting was temporarily closed for public discussion. Upon re-opening the meeting the Council noted the following matters raised by the public.

695. Parking problems in Lodgebury Close during school start and finishing times were discussed. It was agreed to arrange another meeting with the Local Highway Manager to look at parking problems in the vicinity of the schools.

696. It was reported the PA system at Southbourne Station was excessively noisy. Mr Hayes commented there had been a similar problem at Bosham Station which had been resolved; he would pass details to the resident. Mrs Hemmings declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting during discussion of it.

697. The Council's attention was drawn to the lack of sufficient car parking spaces at the Doctor's Surgery in Main Road.

698. A resident had offered to cut back the overgrowth to expose the old milestone in Main Road, west of Alfrey Close.

699. It was noted the former St Wilfrid's Hospice Shop, which had previously been advertised to let, was up for sale. It was agreed to invite an officer from the District Council to the October meeting to discuss ways District might be able to encourage local businesses.

County Councillor Comments

700. Cllr Mark Dunn was not present.

District Councillor Comments

701. Cllr Graham Hicks was not present and had sent his apology. He had sent a written report which was read to the meeting.

At the meeting in July he promised to contact the Economy section of the District Council concerning the premises previously occupied by the Hospice Shop. He had discussed this matter with George Smith at CDC who promised to look into this matter and report back as soon as possible.

At the Council meeting on 23rd June, the leader of the Council announced his intention to view the whole democratic process and the support system for councillors. This included support for ward members, a review of panels and forums and scrutiny. This review would be done alongside the service reviews which were taking place across the Council with the objective of achieving a saving of £3m over the next three year period.

DEFRA had appointed Dr Richard Shaw as Interim Chief Executive for the South Downs National Park Authority. This was for the purpose of preparation for the arrival of the new National Park from April 2010.

The District Council Customer Service Centre had recently taken delivery of a new telephone system. This would provide voice recording, the ability to manage calls to provide options for customers such as to request a call back at busy times, text messaging etc. The system presents calls to the team through their headset rather than traditional ringing 'phones which was a great improvement.

The Housing Intervention team held an open evening for landlords and tenants across the District on 18th June. This event launched the Council's new rent in advance and deposit team and gave landlords and agencies the opportunity to meet the new team and colleagues in Housing Benefit, Housing Improvements etc.

The Annual Chichester Triathlon and Junior Aquathon was taking place on Sunday 19th July from Westgate Leisure Centre. The first wave of swimmers for the adults race started at 6.30 am with the junior race starting at 2.30 pm. Entry numbers currently exceeded 200 adults and 70 juniors and by the closing date 400 adults and 150 juniors were expected. Volunteers were required for registering the athletes, counting the required number of lengths for each swimmer and marshalling at various points of the bike and run section of the race.

The West Sussex Arts Partnership had been able to fund creative dance sessions for the elderly across the County and one of these sessions was proving popular at Lund House at Petworth (a Hyde Martlet development). The idea was to expand this activity across the District and other venues were being looked at in this respect. The benefits of creative dance for the elderly included encouraging mobility, preventing falls, combating social isolation and, of course, enjoyment.

During the last month the District Museum had been pleased to welcome 87 children from schools in Chichester and further afield. The pupils had worked with the curatorial team handling items from the Museum's collection to learn how Chichester's buildings had changed over the last 500 years. Local history studies were popular in schools during the summer term and there had been 12 sessions so far for children to learn about these changes. The Museum was expecting a further 60-80 children to visit them with their schools before the end of the summer term.

Correspondence

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

703. List item 1. It was decided to take no action with regard to the complaint from the Chair of Victoria Gate (Prinsted) Ltd concerning the fair recently held on land west of Jubilee Mews.

Additional Correspondence Received

704. Bourne Community College. Quotations for extending the CCTV coverage. Referred to Recreation Advisory Committee.

705. Chichester DC, Community Safety Officer. Report on the Teen Shelter at the recreation ground. Referred to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

706. Ruth Heelan. Organisation of the Southbourne logo competition. The Council confirmed it concurred with Mrs Heelan's choice of logo. Mrs Heelan was thanked for running the competition.

707. WSCC. Bus Shelter Funding Agreement in respect of the grant for five new bus shelters. Approval was given for the Chairman to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.

Southbourne Fete

708. Following the holding of the Fete on 13th June, a 'Wash Up' meeting was held at the Village Hall on 22nd June. It was generally agreed the Fete had been a great success enjoyed by the many local people who had attended. The Council planned to make the Fete an annual event for Southbourne. It was decided to change the name of the Fete Steering Committee to Events Committee. A letter of thanks would be sent to those people involved with organising the Fete.

Litter

709. Mr Gowlett reported the Co-op shop in Emsworth had a policy of not giving out plastic bags to customers, it was hoped the same policy could be introduced at the Co-op shop in Southbourne.

The litter at the recreation ground had increased very considerably following the introduction of the new play equipment. It was decided to install another litter bin at the recreation ground, which would be organised by the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Distribution of Clippings Newsletter

710. Mr Everson had prepared a new distribution list for Clippings. Priors Leaze Lane presented a particular problem, not being an easy location for hand delivery. It was decided Clippings could be sent by post to households in that area.

2008 Pay Settlement for Local Council Clerks

711. The Clerk reported notice had been received from NALC of the final salary award for clerks applicable from 1st April 2008. Following the arbitration, there had been an increase of 0.3% on the interim salary award published in October 2008.

Finance – Payments for Approval

712. 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

713. Mrs Hemmings reported the surface water drain outside her house was still blocked. The Railway Station had been badly littered recently.

714. Mr MacDougall informed the meeting there would be a meeting at the land purchased by Chichester Harbour Trust at 3.00pm on 26th July to celebrate the successful purchase of the land.

The Neighbourhood Management Panel had discussed speed indicator devices. The estimated cost was between £6,000 and £7,000. An agenda item to consider installing a device was requested for the next Council meeting.

It had been noted fencing had been erected again on the piece of land west of The Thatched Cottage in Nutbourne.

It was suggested the Pavilion Caretaker be invited to a future Council meeting.

715. Mr Hayes reported the Tony Wavish memorial had been taken from Prinsted Beach but subsequently found and replaced.

Mr Hayes asked the Council to re-visit the question of a one way system for New Road and Mosdell Road as a means of alleviating the parking problems near the schools.

It was suggested the Parish Office could be linked to the Bourne Community College broad band service.

716. Mr Gowlett had made contact with Phil Harper at the Bourne Community College to set up liaison with the School Council. He would be attending a meeting of the School Council in September.

Date of Next Meeting

717. It was resolved the next meeting would be on Tuesday 8th September.

CHAIRMAN.....

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