

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Apologies: Mrs S Cecil, Mr P MacDougall.

Police Report

Before the start of the formal Council meeting PCSO Bruce Ives gave a report of Police matters affecting the parish.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

770 Mr Everson declared an interest in agenda item St John's Church.

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

772. Min 752. The Chairman would visit the occupier of Clayhall, Stein Road, to ask them to cut their hedge further back from the footway.

773. Min 763. A demonstration of a speed indicator device SID had been arranged for 13th December at 3.00pm at Tesco Express in Stein Road. Mr Bulbeck, Mr Everson, Mr Gowlett, Mr Hayes and Mr Jennings would be attending the demonstration.

Open Forum

774. Nothing raised.

County Councillor Comments

775. Cllr Mark Dunn was not present.

District Councillor Comments

776. Cllr Graham Hicks reported the District Council was carrying out a Service Review and every item of expenditure would be examined to achieve a £3m saving. Some senior executives were leaving and the cost of maintaining public conveniences was being examined, which accounted for £600,000 for cleaning in a year. A partner was being sought for Careline which had 19,000 customers of which 3,000 were in Chichester District. The cost of the Community Wardens service, which operated in parts of the District, was 50% funded by the District Council. Large capital expenditure items included the Grange Centre at Midhurst and the District Museum. Over the Christmas period park and ride would be operating again in Chichester. Cllr Hicks had been pleased to attend an award ceremony at the TA Centre in Brighton and believed it was important the local community should be seen to support the armed forces. A local initiative at Lavant had provided a post office service at St Nicholas Church. Unemployment in Chichester District was 2.6% which was better than the rest of the County and the national average.

Correspondence

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

Additional Correspondence Received

778. Chichester DC. Notice of formal consultation on the Draft Statement of Principles 2010 – 2013 Gambling Act 2005.

779. Havant BC. Notice of the consultation on the Draft Havant Public Service Village Supplementary Planning Document
Notice of the consultation on potential changes to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.

780. Reach Homes. Affordable homes for local people in the private sector.

Parking in Smallcutts Avenue

781. The difficulties experienced by residents living in Smallcutts Avenue were noted. The situation appeared to be exacerbated by workers vehicles from the nearby industrial estate being parked in this road. The agenda item had been initiated by a resident asking the County Council for a disabled parking bay. Information had been obtained about the provision of disabled parking bays on residential roads and in Clovelly Road there were two disabled bays and in Smallcutts Avenue there were four disabled bays, with two more in nearby Manor Road. The Council concluded, that on balance, the parking situation in Smallcutts Avenue shared the same problems as many other roads in the parish.

Street Lights

782. A new location was needed for the traditional ornate street light originally ordered for Slipper Road (Min 730 meeting 8th Sept 09 refers). The Council noted the recommendations included in a study of the Prinsted Conservation Area, which had been commissioned by the District Council some years earlier, had included replacing the existing mixture of street light types in Prinsted Lane with traditional style lanterns. The street light outside Three Greens was presently out of order, the lantern having burnt out. The Council decided to install the traditional ornate street light, originally planned for Slipper Road, to replace the faulty street light outside Three Greens.

783. The Parish Street light outside 64 Garsons Road had been knocked over by an unknown vehicle. Following the incident, the County Council had been called out to remove the column and make safe and had subsequently offered to replace the column and charge the work to the Parish Council. An insurance claim would be submitted by the Parish Council in due course.

Bus Shelter – Lumley Road junction

784. Mr Feltham and the Clerk had met with the engineer from Queensbury Shelters Ltd to determine the specification and position for a new bus shelter at the Hermitage Bridge bus stop. A quotation for supplying and installing the new shelter had been received from Queensbury Shelters Ltd in the sum of £2,795. The cost of the shelter would be funded by a Section 106 Contribution. Approval was given to proceed with the installation of a new bus shelter once authorisation had been received from West Sussex County Council.

St John's Church

785. A letter from Mark Everson (Church Warden) was put before the Council. The letter drew attention to the state of the stonework on the gate posts at the Church entrance which required substantial repairs. The Church believed the maintenance of the gate posts was the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The Council resolved that the gate posts and gates were not in the ownership of the Parish Council and the Parish Council had no responsibility for their maintenance. However, the Council would be very willing to consider a grant towards the cost of restoring the gate posts.

786. In the same letter to the Parish Council, reference was made to a suggestion made at the time of the Southbourne Fete, that a flag pole be placed in the churchyard . The Church would be able to provide the site provided that the Parish Council was prepared to fund the purchase, installation and maintenance of the flag pole, The Council decided to hold this matter over for the time being.

Mr Everson withdrew from the meeting for this agenda item.

Report of Events Committee

787. A meeting of the Events Committee had been held on 5th November to plan for the Christmas Bazaar to be held on 28th November. It had been agreed there would be a charge of £15 a stall for commercial businesses and £5 a stall for private individuals. The Bazaar had been advertised on the parish website. The Committee was still looking for someone to organise refreshments.

Finance – Payments for Approval

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

Matters Raised

789. Mrs Hemmings commented there had been some discontent from people in Prinsted about late delivery of Clippings newsletter. Mrs Hickson, who voluntarily delivered Clippings in the Prinsted area, felt this was most unfair because she had only received copies on the Thursday and had been away the following weekend. Mr Everson believed it might be helpful if Councillors were told by the Editorial Team when Clippings were likely to arrive from the printers, so that they could forward plan the delivery. Mr Hayes pointed out that Clippings was available on the parish website for anyone who could not wait to receive their copy.

790. Mrs Hickson had completed a questionnaire recording good service at Southbourne Station. She felt it right to give credit when organisations provided a good service.

791. Mrs Bulbeck reported the County street light No 19 in Stein Road was faulty.

792. The Henry Smith's Charity would shortly be distributing gifts to those in need within the Parish and Councillors were asked to let the representatives have details of anyone who might qualify.

793. The Council gave approval to purchase litter bag hoops for the Parish Council litter picker.

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