

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Tuesday 13th October 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 P MacDougall.

Apologies: Mrs S Cecil, Mr M Everson, Mr R Rolfe.

Presentation

Before the start of the Council meeting Kenrick Galloway, Assistant Director Economic Development and Tourism, and George Smith, Local Business Support Officer, Chichester District Council, gave a presentation on the assistance the District Council could give to local businesses.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

749. None.

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

751. Min 722. Mr Hayes reported a meeting with residents had been held to discuss traffic problems in relation to the Infant and Junior Schools in New Road. The meeting had decided not to go forward with a voluntary one way system for Mosdell Road and New Road

Open Forum

752. The meeting was temporarily closed for public discussion. Upon re-opening the meeting, the Council noted the comments of residents regarding parking problems in Smallcuts Avenue caused by workers from Clovelly Road Industrial Estate parking their vehicles there. It was decided to have an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

Comment was made that the hedge at Clayhall in Stein Road had not been cut back sufficiently.

The new proprietors of the tea shop at the former St Wilfid's Hospice Shop introduced themselves. The Members of the Council were delighted to see the premises back into use.

County Councillor Comments

753. Cllr Mark Dunn believed the piece of land which had been fenced off west of The Thatched Cottage in Nutbourne belonged to WSCC and was former highway land.

The shortage of parking in Southbourne was noted. It was suggested a survey could be undertaken to look at where parking could be provided. The Marshall's planning application in Broad Road included some provision for parking, but for train users there was a limited number of trains stopping at Nutbourne. It was unfortunate the Southbourne Club car park could not be used when the Club was not open.

A press release was being issued to give information about a planned £40m reduction in County's expenditure. The statutory obligations would have to be undertaken and the discretionary expenditure would be targeted for cut backs. It was likely there would be significant shifts in the budget over the next few years.

In reply to questions raised by Mr Feltham, Cllr Dunn commented the financial loss suffered by County through the collapse of Icelandic banks was likely to be small. On the question of unitary authorities, he believed there was no political will at the present time, but that could alter in the future.

Mr MacDougall feared a reduction in the highways budget could lead to higher insurance claims. Cllr Dunn replied that regular inspections of County roads were undertaken with a system of priority ranking for necessary repairs which enabled claims to be defended.

Mr Gowlett remarked a high proportion of Council Tax went to pay for the pensions of Council employees. In response, Cllr Dunn explained existing employees had binding contracts which included pension entitlement which had to be funded.

District Councillor Comments

754. Cllr Robert Hayes reported the District Council was carrying out a major review of all services to achieve a saving of £3m. It was feared the Government might reduce the District Council's Grant Settlement for the coming year.

Correspondence

755. A list of correspondence received had been circulated with the agenda. Copy appended to the official minutes.

756. List item 6. There would be an agenda item for the next meeting to consider installing the traditional style street light, which had originally been ordered for Slipper Road, in Prinsted Lane.

Additional Correspondence Received

757. Hags Play Ltd. Completion of the Long Track Ride play equipment at the recreation ground. It was agreed the site completion and hand-over certificate would be signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council and returned to Hags Play.

758. Mrs J Pearce. Request for bus shelters at the Travellers Joy and New Road bus stops. It was noted the Council had installed five new and replacement bus shelters in the current year with another two already planned. It was decided not to provide any additional bus shelters for the time being.

759. Mr J D Staker. Quotation for cutting back the overgrown footpath Garsons Road/Second Avenue. The quotation in the sum of £72 was accepted.

760. WSCC. Invitation to a County Local Committee Workshop on 16th November at Edes House and a town and parish questionnaire for completion prior to the Workshop.

Hermitage Name Signs

761. Correspondence from Mr G Middleton requesting signs on the A259 to identify Hermitage was noted. Although it was accepted the present signage for Southbourne on the approach from the west was not ideal, after giving the matter full consideration, the Council resolved not to introduce signage for Hermitage on the A259 Main Road.

Bus Shelter – Junction of Lumley Road

762. The District Council had received a S.106 Developer Contribution specifically to fund a bus shelter on the A259 near the Lumley Road junction. It was agreed to install a new bus shelter from Queensbury Shelters to match the other new shelters that had been installed in the current year.

Speed Indicator Device – SID

763. PCSO Bruce Ives had been unable to attend the meeting but had informed the Clerk he was willing to arrange a demonstration of SID in Stein Road. The Council agreed to ask for a demonstration be organised.

Maybush Copse Friends

764. Mr MacDougall had attended the meeting of Maybush Copse Friends. A copy of their constitution had been obtained for the Parish Council. It was intended to have regular working parties and a planning application for change of use of the land would be made. It was agreed Mr MacDougall would continue to represent the Parish Council at future meetings.

Report of Bournes Forum – 17th September

765. Mr Everson, Mr Jennings and the Clerk had attended the meeting at Compton on 17th September. Presentations had been given on parking control in Chichester and emergency planning. A copy of the minutes would be circulated in the Information Folder. It was noted Southbourne would be hosting the meeting to be held at the St John’s Church Centre on 25th March 2010.

Finance – Payments for Approval

766. 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

767. A meeting of the Events Committee would be held at 7.30pm on 6th November at the Village Hall. It was planned to hold a Christmas Bazaar at the Village Hall on 28th November.

768. An overgrown hedge, west of Alfrey Close, was reported.

769. The Council agreed to purchase a chaplet of poppies from the Royal British Legion for the Chairman to lay at the Remembrance Service on 8th November.

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