

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Monday 8th September 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 P MacDougall.

Apologies: Mrs S Cecil, Mr J Jennings, Mr R Rolfe.

Presentation

Before the start of the Council meeting Keith Morgan from Chichester District Council gave a presentation on S106 Developer Contributions.

Police Report

Before the start of the Council meeting a report of Police matters affecting the parish was given by PCSO Colin Booker.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

718. None.

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

720. Min 699. The Council was pleased to note there was some activity at the former St Wilfid's Hospice Shop to bring the premises back into use.

721. Min 714. Questions were raised concerning the ownership of the piece of land adjacent to The Thatched Cottage which had been fenced off. It was agreed to ask County Cllr Mark Dunn for clarification.

722. Min 715. Cllr R Hayes confirmed he had been approached by residents concerning the introduction of a one-way system for New Road and Mosdell Road. He would arrange another meeting with those concerned to which all Parish Councillors would be invited.

Open Forum

723. The meeting was temporarily closed for public discussion. Upon re-opening the meeting, the Council noted Mr Townsend from Slipper House, Slipper Road was agreeable to the defective street light being removed from the corner of his property and concurred with the view that a new street light was not necessary at this location.

County Councillor Comments

724. County Cllr Mark Dunn was not present.

District Councillor Comments

725. Cllr Mrs Marrs reported that Development Control meetings had been less stressful over the last two months as a result of the depressed economic climate and fewer applications. Irresponsible parking of vehicles on various roads continued to be a problem and WSCC had been informed.

Overgrown hedges had been reported to the owners.

Several potholes in New Road had been reported to County Highways.

Mrs Marrs believed it was important for Councillors to liaise with one another so that everyone knew what was happening, but feared that this was no longer the case.

Age Concern Southbourne had not been asked to any meetings regarding New Road, or any other meetings concerning Age Concern and the Schools.

Correspondence

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

727. List item 4. It was agreed Councillors should respond to the District Council's consultation on car parking charges as individuals and the Parish Council would make no comment.

Additional Correspondence Received

728. Mr G Middleton. A request to have road signs on the A259 for Hermitage. The Council decided to have an agenda item for the next meeting to consider this further.

729. Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association. Grant application. Referred to Finance Advisory Committee.

Street Light – Slipper Road

730. The Council had proposed installing a new street light outside 7 Slipper Road to replace the defective lantern attached to the corner of Slipper House. No 7 Slipper Road had just recently changed hands and the new owners had advised the Council alterations to the property had made it impossible to install a new street lighting column in the position as planned. Subsequent inspection had revealed there was no other suitable position for a street light in the immediate vicinity. The new owners had also expressed a view there was no need for a street light at the location which was well lit by the light coming from numerous street lights in Main Road. It was resolved not to install a new street light outside 7 Slipper Road.

Bus Shelters

731. A grant of £5,454. 40p had been received from the County Council under their Bus Shelter Grant Scheme towards the cost of the five new bus shelters installed along Main Road.

A grant of £1,312 had been offered by the County Council under their Bus Shelter Grants Scheme towards the cost of a new bus shelter outside Kuldana and The Haven in Main Road, Nutbourne.

A Section 106 Developer Contribution was available for a new bus shelter near the junction of Lumley Road. A photograph of the bus stop was circulated at the meeting to show the position for a new bus shelter. This item would be raised again at the next Council meeting.

Following the installation of the new bus shelters, the Council decided to ask the Council's Caretaker to periodically clean the bus shelters so that they could be maintained in good condition.

Speed Indicator Device

732. It was agreed a demonstration of a speed indicator device would be arranged.

School Safety Zone

733. Proposals to introduce a school safety zone for the area around the Infant and Junior Schools had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting. It was resolved to support the introduction of a school safety zone.

Report of Recreation Advisory Committee

734. A report from the Recreation Advisory Committee, 18th August had been circulated with the Agenda. In accordance with the recommendations of the Recreation Advisory Committee it was resolved:-

735. Teen Shelter: The Teen Shelter would remain in its present position but the council would be willing to reconsider moving the Teen Shelter should problems arise in the future.

736. Long Track Ride: A Long Track Ride on Technix safety surface would be ordered for the recreation ground at a cost of £4,983.

737. Litter: A new litter bin would be purchased for the recreation ground from the District Council at a cost of £446 installed, plus VAT.

738. Shrubs: The offer by a resident to plant shrubs at the recreation ground would be accepted, the species to be agreed.

739. CCTV: The provision of CCTV coverage for part of the recreation ground would not be taken further, in view of the high cost and limited coverage that could be provided.

Pitch Hire

740. A football team from Hayling Island had enquired whether it would be possible to hire the pitch at the recreation ground without including the pavilion. The Council agreed the team could hire the pitch without the pavilion during the remainder of the year at a cost of £20 a game but thereafter the pitch, including use of the pavilion, would have to be hired and normal charges would apply.

Finance

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

742. Fete. A statement of receipts and payments for the Southbourne Fete held on 13th June was circulated to Members.

743. Budget Control. A budget statement showing the expenditure in the current financial year up to August was circulated to Members. In order to allow for the anticipated overspend in the new equipment budget for the recreation ground, which would be incurred in order to secure the grant on offer from Hyde Martlet only in the current year, the Council approved virement from unspent provision for street light improvements to recreation ground new play equipment.

744. External Audit. The external audit for the year 2008/09 had been completed by Mazars. There were no matters the Auditors wished to raise.

Matters Raised

745. Mrs Hickson suggested the Council could consider providing allotments in the future. It was noted there were some allotments in the Parish which were managed by Hyde Martlet.

746. Mr MacDougall reported a Management Committee was being set up for Maybush Copse, the piece of land recently purchased by Chichester Harbour Conservancy Trust. Southbourne Parish Council would be able to appoint a representative and the constitution of the new body would need to be determined. It was agreed to have an agenda item for the October Council meeting and in the meantime Mr MacDougall would attend the next meeting as the Council's representative.

747. Mr MacDougall reported the meeting of the Events Committee planned for 7th September had been cancelled but another meeting was being arranged. The suggestion of holding a Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall had been made. The Council agreed to this in principle.

748. Mrs Bulbeck reported WSCC street lights numbered 10, 20, 22 and 27 in Stein Road were not functioning.

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