

## **SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

**Present:** Mr C Bulbeck (Chairman), Mrs S Cecil, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mr R Hayes, Mr J Jennings, Mrs L Leader, Dr P MacDougall, Mr R Rolfe.  
County Cllr M Dunn, District Cllr B Finch, District Cllr G Hicks.

Apologies: Mrs M Bulbeck, Mrs M Hemmings.

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

496. None.

### **Minutes**

497. It was resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters Arising**

498. Min 468. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS). A group of people had been found who would maintain the SIDS. It was agreed the Council would delegate authority to the group to site the devices in suitable places.

499. Min 470. CDC food outlet inspections. District Cllr Hicks reported there had been an improvement in the service and the District Council was now meeting targets.

500. Min 478 & 483. Footpath 212. Mr Everson updated the meeting on events concerning the footpath. The matter was now in the hands of the County Council Legal Department. (Mr Hayes declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion)

### **Open Forum**

501. Nothing raised.

### **County Councillor Comments**

502. Cllr M Dunn had nothing he wished to report but invited any questions. Mr Jennings inquired about the future of the Youth Centre at the Bourne Community College and the prospect of the parish funding a youth worker. Cllr Dunn was uncertain what the future held for the Centre. Dr MacDougall asked who County would be appointing to the Health and Wellbeing Board. Cllr Dunn had no information at this time.

### **District Councillor Comments**

503. Cllr B Finch reported a new tenancy strategy was moving voluntarily to 5 year tenancies for new tenants. Sound finances had enabled Chichester to have the lowest Council Tax in Sussex. There was a 5 year plan with a financial reserve and a £5m housing investment reserve. There would be a new homes bonus from the Government if new homes were built. Chichester had exercised discretion to make war widows and invalids pensions not considered when Council Tax benefit was being assessed.

The Novium had received 19,000 visitors. Cllr Lintil would be carrying out a review in January into options for making best use of the museum and Cllr Finch suggested that hiring out to commercial organisations, using the example of London museums which successfully did this, often out of hours, should be part of the review.

Katy Bourne had been elected the new Police and Crime Commissioner and would be keeping the current Police plan for another year.

Mention was made of the Localism Act and the restrictions on development which remained in place until the Local Plan was completed in early 2013.

### **Correspondence**

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

505. List item 1. The new Community Wildlife Officer would be invited to speak at the 2013 Annual Parish Meeting and also to be involved in the Neighbourhood Development Plan process.

506. List item 4. Mr Reynolds would be recommended to attend the next Neighbourhood Management Panel meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February to raise matters direct with the PCSO.

### **Additional Correspondence**

507. NALC. Notice of a Members Policy Lunch in London of interest to parish councillors interested in the new Community Right to Bid to buy and take over assets of value to a local community.

508. WSCC. Copy of statement and map deposited under S.31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 concerning MOD land at Thorney Island.

509. WSCC. Details of the Community Flood Prevention Fund.

### **Bourne View Close Access Roadway**

510. A letter had been received from the Secretary of Bourne View Management Ltd to say they were agreeable to the quote from B&M Plant Hire for repairing the roadway to be accepted. B&M Plant Hire had confirmed they would include repairing the footpath which ran alongside the road.

The Secretary had queried responsibility for the footpath and it was confirmed the Parish Council was not responsible for the footpath.

It was resolved to accept the quotation from B&M Plant Hire dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the sum of £1034.00 plus VAT.

### **Councillor Vacancy**

511. The vacancy for a councillor had been advertised on the parish noticeboards and in the recent edition of Clippings but so far no applications had been received.

Mr Everson informed the meeting he believed two members of St John's Church were considering putting themselves forward.

Dr MacDougall suggested the Council considered forming a Youth Council to engage with young people in the parish and stimulate interest in becoming a parish councillor in years to come. The Council agreed he could explore this further.

## **Parish Boundary with Chidham & Hambrook**

512. The papers from the District Council setting out the procedure that would be followed in conducting a review of the boundary had been circulated to all members. It was noted stage 2 of the Boundary Review would commence on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 when the relevant parishes, residential properties and businesses would be informed the Boundary Review was taking place and requesting their comments.

If Southbourne was to resist the proposals put forward by Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council a case would need to be made why the existing boundary should not be changed. A Working Group comprising Mr Bulbeck, Mr Feltham, Mr Hayes and Mrs Leader was formed to draft a paper setting out Southbourne's position, which would be put before the next Parish Council meeting.

## **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

513. The Lead Officer from AIRS had suggested to the Clerk having a preliminary meeting with perhaps two or three Councillors and the Clerk to decide on the first steps to be taken to initiate the process getting started. Consequently a meeting had been arranged for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm at the St John's Church Centre.

It was agreed the Core Group to attend this meeting would be Mr Bulbeck, Mr Everson, Mr Hayes, Dr MacDougall and the Clerk.

## **Damaged Bus Shelter Near Thorney Road**

514. The bus shelter near Thorney Road had been damaged again. The supplier had been to inspect the shelter and found it was beyond repair and would require replacing, save for the perch seat which could be used again. The cost of removing the damaged shelter and replacing it was £2489 plus VAT. An insurance claim had been made and the insurance company had given the go ahead to replace the shelter. Consequently a new bus shelter had been ordered. The new shelter would be coloured red to try to make it more visible and less prone to damage by vehicles.

## **Report of Bournes Forum 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

515. The meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November had been attended by Mr Everson, Mr Jennings and the Clerk. Southbourne District Cllr R Hayes had been appointed by the District Council as District Councillor to serve this Forum.

Presentations had been given on the District Council budget for 2013/14 and by the Police on the Sussex Police policy for dealing with travellers and their use of powers under S.61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. There was general feeling by parishes that the Police policy precluded use of their powers in all but exceptional cases and parishes were forced to go down the civil route to remove travellers from their land. It was proposed by Southbourne and carried by the meeting that the Forum should write to the newly appointed Police and Crime Commissioner to ask for the Sussex Police policy to be reviewed.

## **Report of Events Committee**

516. The Christmas Bazaar held on 1<sup>st</sup> December had been well supported. Unfortunately it had clashed with an event put on by Southbourne Sea Scouts. The 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013 had already been booked for next year. It was suggested professional caterers should be employed to do the refreshments next year.

The Council agreed the surplus funds from the event should be donated to the Apuldram Centre.

**Finance – Payments for Approval**

517. 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**

518. Mr Feltham reported pot holes in Garsons Road and The Drive.

519. Mr Hayes reported there had been a meeting of residents at Southbourne Club regarding nuisance from noise, dust and smells from a factory unit at Clovelly Road. He had taken the matter up with the Environmental Health Department at the District Council.

520. Mr Jennings had attended a meeting of WSCC Community Action Project. Youth Services had been a topic under discussion. He asked for an agenda item for Youth Services at the next Parish Council meeting.

521. Dr MacDougall asked for an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss the Annual Parish Meeting and how to attract more members of the public to attend.

522. The selling of cars from laybys had been raised at the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Management Panel.

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