

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Tuesday 14th February 2012.

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

District Cllr G Hicks.

Four members of public.

Apologies: Mrs S Cecil, Mr R Humphrey, Mrs L Leader, Mr P MacDougall, District Cllr B Finch.

Presentation

Before the start of the formal council meeting, Ruth McKeown and Natalie Starmer from Hallam Land Management gave a presentation on proposals for development on land north of Alfrey Close.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

230. None.

Minutes

231. It was resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

232. Min 208. Hermitage name sign. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk had met with a Highways Engineer to identify a site for a sign when approaching from the east. The position most favoured was outside 178 Main Road but the owner of this property had subsequently advise the Clerk his boundary extended to the footway and there was no county verge available for a sign. Two other sites had been identified, east of the Police Office near the field entrance or on the verge at the entrance to Penny Lane. It was agreed to consult further with County Highways when the officer who had dealt with it earlier returned from sick leave. The Hermitage sign approaching from the west could go ahead as planned.

233. Min 210. District Council Report. Referring to the comment of Mr MacDougall at the last meeting, Mr Hayes wished to record a lot of work was being done on the City Centre Partnership to help businesses in the City.

234. Min 229. Relief Caretaker. Unfortunately the person who had expressed an interest in the job had decided not to apply for the position.

Open Forum

235. The meeting was temporarily closed for public discussion. Upon re-opening the meeting, the Council noted the arrangements Ruth Heelan was making for Southbourne Celebrates weekend to mark the Queen's Jubilee. All the information could be seen on the new community website southbourneonline set up by Mrs Heelan. The website had gone live on 14th January and received a tremendous response. Mrs Heelan was congratulated for all the work she was putting in on behalf of the community.

County Councillor Comments

236. Cllr Mark Dunn was not present.

District Councillor Comments

237. Cllr R Hayes reported there had an e-petition on the District website against car park charging on Sundays, supported by a paper version. The full council meeting on 24th January had decided to introduce car parking charges on Sundays.

The Business Improvement District (BID) for the City centre was going ahead to commence in April 2012.

A Section 106 briefing had been held and notes would be made available to go in the parish information folder.

The Corporate Information Team had updated the ward profiles for each area within the District to give more information to help with understanding the issues at a local level.

At a meeting on 20th December members voted in favour of increased member's allowances to take effect from April 2012. Cllr Hayes had voted against the increases.

Mr Feltham questioned changes to delegated powers in relation to planning. Cllr Hayes replied that members would be given more powers to become involved in planning applications at an earlier stage.

Correspondence

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

239. List item 1. The resident would be advised to contact County Highways regarding damage to the verge or the PCSO if a traffic offence was committed.

240. List item 5. An agenda item would be made for the next meeting to consider the request for funding made by Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association.

241. List item 9. Mrs Bulbeck, Mr Hayes and Mrs Hemmings would investigate possible ways the Parish Council might be able to assist WSCC Youth Support.

Additional Correspondence

242. Chichester DC. An information pack was available to help organise a 'Volunteer Clean Up Day' during 2012.

243. Moat Homes Ltd. Notice of a Homebuy Event at the Council House, Chichester, on 25th February.

244. SD Playground Services. Inspection report on the recreation ground. Copied to the Chairman of the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Letter Bourne View Management Ltd

245. A letter from Bourne View Management Ltd, handed in at the January Council meeting, and concerning the Circus in July, had been circulated to all members of the Council.

The Council noted the concerns of the residents but believed a small scale family circus at the recreation ground for three days in July would cause minimum disturbance to neighbouring residents whilst providing some entertainment for local families and children. A similar circus had visited the recreation ground on several occasions some years earlier without causing any problems.

The Council was satisfied it could allow the circus to use the recreation ground and the fee charged would help towards the running costs of the ground.

A copy of the letter from Bourne View Management Ltd would be sent to the proprietor of Circus World Entertainments.

Prinsted Carpark

246. The Chairman had met with the Contractor to investigate the movement of the gravel surface onto the road, reported by Southbourne Sea Scout Group.

The nature of the gravel surface laid on a slope meant it would naturally migrate over time, caused by the movement of vehicles over it. The remedy was to periodically sweep/shovel up the gravel from the road and return it to the carpark surface. Mr Staker had been asked to carry out this task and the cost had been £50.

The Council approved the action taken.

The Sea Scouts had asked if the hedge at the front of their building could be cut. A quote in the sum of £115 had been obtained from Mr Staker for carrying out this work,

The quote was accepted by the Council.

Annual Parish Assembly

247. The Annual Parish Assembly would be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th March at the St John's Church Centre. Keith Morgan, Chichester District Council Planning Officer, would be invited to be the speaker.

Localism Act and Partnership Working

248. The Council noted the Localism Act had been passed in November 2011. The main measures in the Act were under four headings:

New freedoms and flexibilities for local government

New rights and powers for communities and individuals

Reform to make the planning system more democratic and more effective

Reform to ensure that decisions about housing are taken locally

Different parts of the Act would take effect at different times and would require secondary legislation but the Government was aiming for many major measures to come into effect from April 2012, including:

The general power of competence for local authorities

The community right to build

Planning reforms including the changes to planning enforcement rules

Reforms to social housing tenure and council housing finance

A Working Group was formed to consider the implications of the Act for the Parish and to report back to the full council. The members of the Working Group would be:

Mr C Bulbeck, Mr T Cunningham, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mr R Hayes, Mrs M

Hemmings, Mr J Jennings, Mrs Leader, Mr MacDougall, Mr R Rolfe.

Risk Assessment

249. The Chairman had prepared a risk assessment for the Council, which would be placed on file.

Clippings Newsletter

250. A meeting of the Clippings Editorial Team would be held later in the month. For the next edition it was not intended to deliver Clippings to every household but to make it available to be picked up at various locations in the village.

The Council considered having an item for Southbourne Parish Council in the The Village Magazine, which included Southbourne in its coverage. It was agreed the Clerk would make enquiries to see what arrangement could be made.

Events Committee

251. The Chairman had obtained from Lewis Marquees the cost of hiring a 90' x 30' marquee, together with 20 chairs and 30 trestle tables, for the Fete on 16th June. The cost would be £1012.30 plus VAT. The Council agreed to the hire. A meeting of the Events Committee would be held later in the month.

Finance – Payments for Approval

252. 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

253. Mr Hayes reported South Lane was badly littered.

254. Mr Jennings informed the meeting the batteries had been stolen from the temporary traffic lights that had been in use in Stein Road.

255. Mrs Bulbeck asked the Clerk to remind County Highways to repaint the kerb edge on the bridge over the A27 in Stein Road.

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