

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Tuesday 10th January 2012.

Present: Mr C Bulbeck, Mrs M Bulbeck, Mrs S Cecil, Mr T Cunningham, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mrs M Hemmings, Mr J Jennings, Mrs L Leader, Mr P MacDougall, Mr R Rolfe.

County Cllr M Dunn, District Cllr B Finch, District Cllr G Hicks.

Nine members of public.

Apologies: Mr R Hayes.

Presentation

Before the start of the formal council meeting, representatives from Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council gave a presentation on their proposal to alter the boundary between their parish and Southbourne, south of the railway.

Police Report

PCSO Jason Lemm gave a report on Police matters affecting Southbourne.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

203. None.

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

205. Min 182. It was noted the no through road, south of The Thatched Cottage in Nutbourne, would not be suitable for a parish noticeboard because only a small number of people would be likely to see it. Other sites would continue to be investigated.

206. Min 188. The Clerk had been advised the street name sign function was being transferred to another department at the District Council and District had asked to defer discussion on this matter for the time being.

207. Min 200. For clarification it was confirmed the crossing of the railway in question was west of Nutbourne Station and the crossing for the public footpath. Closing the crossing would entail re-routing the public footpath.

Open Forum

208. The meeting was temporarily closed for public discussion. Upon re-opening the meeting, the Council noted the following comments from residents:

Several residents from Bourne View Close expressed concerns about the Circus coming to the recreation ground in July. A letter from Bourne View Management was handed in and would be considered at the next Council meeting.

A resident believed the consultation with those affected by the boundary change proposed by Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council had not been as thorough as implied by the presentation.

More discussion took place on the best place for a Hermitage sign when travelling west. It was agreed to seek the views of interested residents. The Council noted the Highways Engineer dealing with it was off sick at present. The Council gave approval for the Chairman

and Vice Chairman, in conjunction with the Highways Engineer, to determine a position for a sign.

It was reported the recycling bins at the Sea Scouts HQ were being used by unauthorised persons to dispose of their rubbish.

The Chairman confirmed he was having a site meeting with the Contractor to see if anything could be done to prevent the movement of the gravel surface at Prinsted carpark.

A letter would be sent to the occupier of 67 Stein Road to ask them to cut back their hedge from the footway.

County Councillor Comments

209. Cllr Mark Dunn informed the meeting a Traffic Regulation Order would be required for the introduction of a 20's Plenty scheme in Southbourne. There were two main hurdles to overcome; firstly the Police were only likely to agree a speed limit close to the actual speed of vehicles, otherwise it would be unenforceable. The Police had the power of veto in these cases. Secondly, there would have to be a wide consultation exercise. It was believed parts of Prinsted, Hermitage and residential parts of Southbourne might be suitable. Unfortunately it would necessitate a proliferation of street signs and reminder signs with implications for legal liability. It would not be easy but he was hopeful a scheme could be possible in the long term.

Having attended a meeting in Chidham when an officer from District Planning had given a presentation, Cllr Dunn recommended Southbourne had the same presentation.

District Councillor Comments

210. Cllr Bruce Finch reported that John Marsland, the former Chief Executive, had retired at the end of December. Dianne Shepherd had taken over for the time being until a successor was appointed.

A decision on district councillor allowances had been democratically passed, but not one that he had supported, believing working councillors were generally time poor not money poor. It had resulted from an independent remuneration review recommending indexing to the RPI not CPI.

The e-petition on Sunday parking charges in Chichester had received 630 responses so far but 1000 would be needed for consideration.

The Food Safety Act consultation would be lifting some of the red tape on the running of community halls.

The District Council's grants and concessions had included £12k to the Princes Trust supporting Enterprise Programmes for 18-30 year olds and £8.7k for training and support for young people.

A new Emergency Plan had been prepared following the palm oil pollution of the coastline in 2011.

The Localism Bill had completed its progress through Parliament and become the Localism Act.

Mr Feltham was disappointed district councillors had awarded themselves significant increases in their allowances at a time of financial restraint when staff were subjected to a pay freeze and services were being cut back.

Mr Feltham commented there were 6000 people on the housing waiting list. They were required to bid for housing otherwise they were taken off the list in a system which distorted the waiting list.

Mr MacDougall commented the District Council was overseeing the decline of Chichester. He believed there were no active policies to encourage the re-invigoration of Chichester.

Mrs Hemmings drew attention to a recent television programme that had featured Priory Park as an attraction to visitors of Chichester.

Correspondence

211. Disability Awareness UK. Application for a donation. The application was after the deadline for consideration in the current financial year.

212. PCSO Jason Lemm. Provisional dates for community speed watch training, 20th January or 3rd February at 7.00pm at the St John's Church Centre.

213. WSCC. Annual consultation on school admissions - proposed change to shared catchment area of Funtington, Chidham Primary and Southbourne Infant and Junior Schools.

214. WSCC. Potential changes to supported bus services / Bus User Survey. It was decided to respond to the survey and ask for the funding of the number 11 service, which operated from Thorney Island to Chichester, to be continued.

215. WSCC. Circulation to parish and town councils of a letter from Brian Town, Communities and Local Government, regarding proposed revocation of retirement gratuities in the Local Government (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 1996. Once the provisions covering retirement gratuities were resolved, authorities may still fulfil any extant contractual obligations with employees and these would be in place by the end of the current financial year.

The Council noted this was relevant in the case of the Clerk who was due to be paid a gratuity in lieu of a pension upon retirement.

Report of Finance Advisory Committee – Estimates & Precept 2012-13

216. The Report of the Finance Advisory Committee 6th December 2011 was received. Copy appended to the official Minutes.

Grants

217. In accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Advisory Committee, it was resolved that the following grants be paid:

Age Concern Southbourne	£500
Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice	£125
Bognor Regis & Chichester Branch Samaritans	£125
Bourne Community College	£500
Bourne District Guides	£300
Home Start Chichester & District	£250
Maybush Copse Friends	£1250
Southbourne Sea Scouts	£500
Southbourne Village Hall	£1400
4Sight	£250

Donation St Johns Church

218. It was resolved to make a donation to St Johns Church of £400 in appreciation for use of the Church Centre for holding meetings.

Pay of Caretaker, Clerical Assistant and Litter Picker

219. It was resolved to increase the rates of pay for the Caretaker and the Litter Picker by 2½ % with effect from 1st April 2012.

Pitch Hire Charges

220. It was resolved that the pitch hire charges would not be increased for 2012/13.

Estimates 2012/13

221. The Estimates for 2012/13 were received and approved.

Precept 2012/13

222. In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Advisory Committee, it was resolved that the Precept for 2012/13 would be £75,000.

Finance – Payments for Approval

223. 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

224. Mrs Bulbeck was disappointed the Council had not given a larger grant to Age Concern Southbourne.

225. Mr Jennings drew attention to Portsmouth Water Company Activity Report which had been circulated in the information folder. It was agreed Mr Jennings would draft a letter regarding the leakage of treated water, replacement of water mains and proposed Havant Thicket Reservoir.

226. It was agreed Mr Rolfe would act as the liaison with Emsworth Residents Association and report back on matters that would be of interest to Southbourne.

227. A meeting of the Events Committee was arranged for 17th January at 7.30pm at the Chairman's house.

228. Mr Everson encouraged fellow councillors to become involved with the Friends of Maybush Copse who were doing a good job restoring the land for public use.

229. The Council agreed to give authority to the Chairman of the Recreation Advisory Committee and the Clerk to appoint a relief caretaker for the pavilion before the next meeting if a suitable candidate could be found.

CHAIRMAN.....

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