

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr C Bulbeck, Mr T Cunningham, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mr R Hayes, Mr R Humphrey, Mrs L Leader, Mr R Rolfe.
District Cllr G Hicks.
Two members of public.

Apologies: Mrs M Bulbeck, Mrs S Cecil, Mrs M Hemmings, Mr J Jennings, Dr P MacDougall, County Cllr M Dunn, District Cllr B Finch.

Police Report

Before the start of the formal council meeting a report of Police matters affecting the parish was given by PCSO Richard Moore.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

369. None.

Minutes

370. It was resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

371. Min 342. SIDS. The WSCC Officer who had put the devices up had offered to change the batteries when they became flat.

372. Min 343. The District Council was not agreeable to sending a Planning Enforcement Officer to a parish council meeting to discuss one specific case.

373. Min 355. WSCC had confirmed they were not responsible for the wall at Peter Pond. The wall was the responsibility of the owner of the pond.

374. Min 356. WSCC PROW had confirmed action was being taken regarding the footpath at Marina Farm.

375. Min 358. It was agreed the Council would send a letter of support to Age Concern Southbourne.

376. Min 367. Mr Rolfe explained WSCC were responsible for the sluice gates on the eastern stream that served Peter Pond and Slipper Pond.

Open Forum

377. The meeting was temporarily closed for public discussion. Upon re-opening the meeting the following matters raised by the public were noted.
A hedge was overgrown and a fence leaning over on footpath 213 south of Main Road.
There had been an exhibition of proposed redevelopment of Prinsted Court.
It was confirmed the County Councillor had been asked to instigate a 20's Plenty scheme to be introduced for Southbourne.

County Councillor Comments

378. Cllr Mark Dunn was not present.

District Councillor Comments

379. Cllr Graham Hicks gave a report on behalf of Cllr Bruce Finch. The Novium Museum had opened on 8th July and was very impressive. The Olympic torch would pass through the District on 16th July, going through Rogate, Midhurst, Easebourne, Tillington, Petworth and Duncton before arriving in Chichester. The Localism Act 2011 had introduced a Community Right to Challenge and Statutory Guidance had been published at the end of May following which it came into force on 27th June. It gave a right to challenge to provide council run services. Community Engagement had given children the opportunity to become councillors for a day on Democracy Day 15th June. Community Development was providing better services for the elderly with community wardens able to give targeted help to those potentially vulnerable residents. Corporate Information had completed Ward Profiles for every parish. The Chamber of Commerce, supported by the District Council, had provided an enterprise and self employment training and coaching programme for the over 50's. Housing statistic for the District showed there were 4536 people on the housing register in total. A Youth Sport Achievement Awards presentation had been held on 23rd June.

Correspondence

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

Additional Correspondence Received

381. Mrs Almond, Secretary Bourne View Management. Letter sent to the Caretaker concerning the use of small goal posts on the recreation ground and an increase in anti social behaviour. It was noted the offending goal posts belonged to Bourne Sports FC and not the school. In conjunction with Bourne Sports FC, the Caretaker had arranged for the goal posts to be locked up to prevent unauthorised use. The PCSO had been informed about the anti social behaviour taking place.

382. CPRE. Details of a Neighbourhood Planning Workshop at Barcombe on 25th July.

383. D McGrath. Community Plan 'MOT' sessions for town/parish councils provided by AMT Assist.

New Code of Conduct for Members

384. Information had been received from the District Council and from SALC about the changes to the Standards regime brought about by the Localism Act 2012. A NALC Legal Topic Note was circulated in the information folder. It was recommended parishes should adopt the same code as the District Council and work was being done to produce a 'Sussex Code' to apply to all three tiers of local government. A new Code was being prepared by CDC and would be supplied to parishes in due course and training for all clerks would be offered on the new arrangements. A new Register of Interests form had been supplied by CDC which all members were required to complete. It was resolved to adopt the same Code of Conduct as Chichester District Council.

Money Available from S106 Agreement

385. A sum of £2,098 was available from planning approval SB/07/01168/FUL Glebe House as an open space contribution. The Parish Council was asked to put forward projects they would like to use the money for.

It was agreed to put forward a new public seat at the junction of Garsons Road/Main Road, a new public seat at the recreation ground and a new noticeboard at Hermitage.

Pedestrian Crossing at Nutbourne Station

386. At the request of Dr MacDougall this item was deferred to the September meeting.

Report of Bournes Forum 21st June

387. The Clerk had attended the Bournes Forum at Funtington on 21st June. A presentation on Affordable Housing had been given followed by consultation on proposals for a review of Community Forums. The proposals put forward by District had generally not been well supported by the parishes present. More would be coming from District after they had analysed the feedback from the Forums. It was noted the next Bournes Forum would be hosted by Southbourne on Thursday 20th September at St John’s Church Centre.

Finance – Payments for Approval

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

Internal Audit

389. The Internal Audit had been carried out by WSCC on 19th June. The certificate had been signed off and there were no matters the Auditor wished to raise. The Annual Statement had gone to Mazars for the External Audit.

Matters Raised

390. Mr Hayes reported a sign had become detached at Kelsey Avenue.

391. Mr Rolfe enquired if any work had been done to the drain east of the mini roundabout in Main Road. The drain had recently been pumped out and the flooding problem had noticeably improved. It was still due to be high pressure jetted.

392. The Chairman informed the meeting Joan Graham, Clerk of the Joint Burial Committee and Westbourne Parish Council had made known she intended to retire at the end of the term of the current council.

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