

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Tuesday 12th June 2012.

Present: Mr C Bulbeck, Mrs M Bulbeck, Mrs S Cecil, Mr T Cunningham, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mr R Hayes, Mrs M Hemmings, Mr J Jennings, Dr P MacDougall, Mr R Rolfe, District Cllr G Hicks.
One member of public.

Apologies: Mrs L Leader, District Cllr B Finch.

Louise Goldsmith. Leader of WSCC

Cllr Mrs Goldsmith had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting due to the high level of emergencies currently being experienced by the County Council as a result of the serious flooding across West Sussex.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

340. None.

Minutes

341. It was resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

342. Min 313. Speed indicator devices (SIDS). Mr Everson did not believe the volunteer team recruited by the PCSO for monitoring traffic speed would look after the SIDS purchased by the Parish Council. Mr Everson, Mr Jennings and Mr Hayes offered to maintain the devices.

343. Min 315. Reedmans Yard. It was agreed to invite an officer from the District Council Planning Enforcement Section to attend the Council meeting in September.

344. Min 315. Biodiversity Forum. Mr Hayes and Dr MacDougall would liaise to take this forward.

Open Forum

345. The meeting was temporarily closed for public comment. Upon re-opening the meeting the Council noted a report of dumping rubbish including brick rubble at Reedmans Yard.

County Councillor Comments

346. Cllr Mark Dunn was not present.

District Councillor Comments

347. Cllr Graham Hicks reported that at the Annual Council Meeting on 15th May Peter Clementson had been re-elected Chairman with himself as Vice Chairman. The committees and panels had remained broadly the same. Cllr R Hayes sat on Development Control South, both Cllr Hayes and Cllr Hicks sat on Overview & Scrutiny and Cllr Hicks sat on Corporate Governance & Audit. There were 42 appointments as representatives on outside organisations.

Tuppenny Barn continued to make progress but found it difficult to obtain grants. They had hoped for £70k from the South Coast Community Fund but had not been successful. An open day was being held on 24th June.
A sponsored bike ride was being held at Goodwood Circuit on 29th July.
A Junior Savers Scheme had been introduced involving five local primary schools and since February 88 young people had taken part.
Midhurst Timebank had been operating for 12 months and had been very successful.
The City Angels were out every Friday night and figures showed a large reduction in violence in the City.
The Chichester Partnership had agreed priorities for the next twelve months, including getting people into work and creating an environment for a thriving voluntary sector.
West Wittering, Bracklesham and East Beach Selsey had received the highest classification for water quality.
Chichester Cycling Challenge commenced on 14th May and finished on 5th June. This initiative encouraged local firms to cycle to work and 400 people participated of whom 10% had not cycled for more than a year.
WSCC Short Breaks Initiative provided funding for disabled young people and their families.
The Olympic Torch Relay would pass through the District via Rogate, Midhurst, Easebourne, Petworth and finally Chichester.
The new museum in Chichester called The Novium would be opening in July.

Dr MacDougall commented that having the Scrutiny Committee chaired by an opposition member was constitutionally preferable. District Cllrs R Hayes and G Hicks both agreed this practice had worked well in the past.

Correspondence

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

349. List item 2. The S106 contribution Glebe House would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

350. List item 3. It was agreed to write to the proprietor of Fraryhurst Nursing Home to inform them the Parish Council was against the loss of the name Fraryhurst in the re-naming of this property.

Additional Correspondence Received

351. Mrs D Bowerman. Horse riding on footpath 220. Noted.

352. Chichester DC. Invitation to 'Funding Our Communities' Event on 3rd July at Bognor Regis Campus, Chichester University.

353. Chichester DC. Production of Ward Profiles for each area in the district.

354. Chichester Festival Theatre. Advertising in parish magazines.

355. J Colbourne. Retaining wall at south/east corner of Peter Pond. Contact would be made with WSCC to clarify who had responsibility for maintaining the wall.

356. J Colbourne. Obstructions to footpaths 202/1 and 3675 Marina Farm. Enquiries would be made with WSCC Rights of Way to find out what action was being taken.

357. Family Mosaic. Help for senior resident with maintaining garden. To be referred to Age Concern Southbourne.

358. R Heelan. Request for a letter of endorsement for Age Concern Southbourne. The Council required further information about the purpose of the letter.

359. R Heelan. Opposition to the change of name for Fraryhurst Nursing Home. See minute 350 above.

360. Helyer Davies Architects Ltd. Proposals for development of land at Nutbourne. It was agreed to invite the company to the November Council meeting.

Report of Events Committee – Southbourne Fete

361. Following the exceptional rainfall the recreation ground was not in a good state for the Fete to go ahead as planned on 16th June. Furthermore the weather forecast was predicting more rain, including on Saturday the day of the Fete. With reluctance the Council decided to postpone the Fete until Saturday 8th September. It was hoped those who had booked would carry their booking forward to the new date.

Dr MacDougall would notify as soon as possible by email those people/organisations whose contact details were held. Notices would be displayed to advertise the postponement of the event.

Neighbourhood Plan

362. A preliminary meeting had been held to consider producing a neighbourhood plan for Southbourne. Rogate parish had piloted a Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed Mr Hayes would arrange for a speaker from Rogate to come to talk to Southbourne.

Finance – Payments for Approval

363. 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

364. Mrs Hemmings commented her details in Clippings had not been correctly shown.

365. Following the last distribution of Clippings, Mr Everson queried whether any members received any feedback from residents and expressed his doubts about the value of Clippings. Some other members had received favourable comments from residents which had been encouraging.

366. Dr MacDougall asked for the pedestrian crossing of the railway at Nutbourne to be an agenda item.

367. A resident had asked the Clerk to bring to the attention of the Council the potential for serious flooding in Lumley Road because the sluice gates at the pond had not been sufficiently opened during the period of exceptional rainfall. Mr Rolfe would find out who had responsibility for operating the gates.

368. The Clerk reported the parish office at the Bourne College had flooded making working conditions at the present time very difficult.

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