

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Tuesday 9th October 2012.

Present: Mr C Bulbeck (Chairman), 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.
County Cllr M Dunn, District Cllr B Finch, District Cllr G Hicks.

Apologies: Mrs L Leader.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

432. None.

Minutes

433. It was resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

434. Min 396. SIDS. The officer from WSCC had informed the Clerk he would no longer be able to maintain the Parish Council's SIDS. The future maintenance of the devices was referred to the Community Speedwatch group to organise volunteers. County would be able to offer training if required.

435. Min 427. Community Speedwatch. Dr MacDougall had produced a newsletter and had 250 printed, which had been made available at various locations in the parish.

436. Min 431. Chestnut tree in Breach Avenue. Tree Warden Mark Everson had been to look at the tree. The roots had lifted the footway and the only remedy would be to raise the level of the footway or cut down the tree. The sign was there to warn of the uneven footway.

Open Forum

437. The meeting was temporarily closed for public comments.

Upon re-opening the meeting the Council noted information given by John Southgate about the running of Age Concern Southbourne and reduction of grants from the County and District Council.

The Council was urged to be vigilant regarding footpath 212 Main Road and a proposal to fill in the ditch after a pipe was put through.

Attention was drawn to a fence erected along footpath 2922 Prinsted Lane, which restricted the width of the footpath.

County Councillor Comments

438. Cllr Dunn asked anyone with a query about County Council services to email him and he would be pleased to deal with it. It was not a requirement that County Members attended every parish council meeting but he did his best to attend as often as he could.

The County Council was short of cash which meant it was difficult to meet all demands. For children, every primary school in the County had to use temporary classrooms and at the other end of the scale people were living longer which had an impact on services. The economic recovery would take a long time and it would be easy for morale to suffer but he was pleased to say at County it remained intact.

Sandwiched between the Harbour and the National Park there would be pressure on the parish for development and developers were adept at getting planning permission. The District Council did its best to exercise control and parishes had an important role. Chidham & Hambrook were talking to developers to try to soften the impact of new development but it was not easy to match the aims of developers with the wishes of a parish council.

Dr MacDougall questioned why a School Safety Zone had not been introduced for Southbourne. He believed the Every £ Matters consultation exercise had demonstrated the public did not have confidence in WSCC. The questionnaire residents were invited to complete was a waste of time when the results were ignored and the spending on promoting the 'Big Society' had been un-necessary.

Mr Jennings informed the meeting negotiations were taking place for Bourne Community College to take over the Youth Wing. The service was in line for cuts and County were not obliged to provide youth services.

District Councillor Comments

439. Cllr G Hicks gave the District Council report.

The Get Active Festival had attracted 8,000 to take part. The Festival Theatre had closed for refurbishment. The Army Benevolent Fund concert was the last event held before the Theatre closed for 18 months.

People were recommended to go and see a water feature in the Bishops Garden in Chichester.

A Neighbourhood Plan was a good way forward of giving some control over development. It was suggested local people should be invited to help produce a plan.

The Community Safety Partnership had posted a questionnaire on the District Council website which residents were invited to complete.

Consideration was being given to webcasting council meetings to enable people to go on the internet to see council meetings. Opinions were invited whether that would be worthwhile.

Dr MacDougall commented there was a shortfall in the inspection of food outlets by the District Council and they had failed to reach their targets.

Correspondence

440. A list of correspondence received was circulated with the agenda, copy appended to the official minutes.

List item 1. CPRE Planning Workshop. Mrs Cecil, Mr Everson, Mr Hayes and Mr MacDougall would attend the workshop at Pulborough Village Hall on 1st November.

Additional Correspondence

441. Chichester DC. Consultation on housing priorities, survey on their website.

442. Havant News. Search for community columnists to contribute articles for the paper. Mr Hayes commented he contributed items to them but not in his capacity as a parish councillor.

443. Mira Showers. Offer of extended guarantee on the showers at the pavilion. Not taken up.

444. SSE Contracting. Extension to lighting maintenance contract, follow on three year agreement. The period had been increased to three years. (see min 417 meeting 11th Sept)

445. WSCC PROW. Acknowledgement of Parish Council support for the closure of the footpath at Nutbourne Station.

446. WSCC. Update on the Community Flood Prevention Fund, a match funded scheme for parish councils and landowners to work with the County Council on drainage works.

Street Lighting Improvements Prinsted

447. Quotations had been obtained from SSE Contracting for replacing six street lights in Prinsted Lane with traditional style lanterns on new columns and repainting the column outside Three Greens. Two options had been given, the first using used reconditioned traditional style lanterns, in the sum of £5021.65 ex VAT.

The second option using new traditional style lanterns, in the sum of £8580.85 ex VAT. In both cases the cost of transferring services for the six columns would be £2292.90 ex VAT.

It was resolved to accept the quotations for installing six used reconditioned traditional lanterns on new columns, together with transferring services, in the total sum of £7314.55 ex VAT.

448. New Street Light near Nutbourne Station.

It was agreed to look into installing a new street light in Broad Road near Nutbourne Station.

Bourne View Close Access Roadway

449. Quotations had been obtained for repairing the surface of the Bourne View Close roadway and spreading shingle.

It was resolved to arrange a meeting between the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of Bourne View Management to consider the quotations and negotiate sharing the costs of repairing the roadway.

Chichester District Council Local Plan – Parish Housing Numbers Consultation

450. The papers from the District Council were circulated to members before the Council meeting agenda was issued. Six questions were asked by District on parish housing numbers. The Parish Council response was required by 2nd November.

It was resolved authority to respond on behalf of the Council would be given to the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Members who wished to have an input were asked to let the Chairman or Vice Chairman have their comments in good time before 2nd November.

Youth Services

451. Mr Jennings informed the meeting Youth Services would be the next topic to be addressed by the WSCC Community Action Project. It was agreed a meeting between Mr Jennings and the Bourne Youth Leader and St John's Church Youth Leader would be arranged to explore how the Parish Council could assist with the provision of youth services in the parish.

Parish Boundary with Chidham and Hambrook

452. On 21st September the District Council Boundary Review Panel had approved a recommendation to the Council that a community governance review of the parish arrangements for Chidham and Hambrook and Southbourne should be undertaken and set the terms of reference. It was noted consultation would be undertaken throughout the stages of the review, including publication on the District Council website and public notices in the local area. The review would be publicised to allow persons or bodies who may be

interested to make representations and the review would be concluded in 12 months. A report with draft recommendations would go to the Council meeting on 5th March 2013.

Report of Recreation Advisory Committee

453. The Report of the Recreation Advisory Committee 2nd October was received.

454. Restoration of the field following traveller incursion.
The recommendation to purchase two 'jumbo' bags of top soil was increased to four bags. It was resolved to purchase four bags of top soil and ask Mr Staker to level and re-seed the damaged areas.

455. Security of the playing field.
In accordance with the recommendation, it was resolved to install a height restrictor barrier behind the existing gate at the entrance to the playing field.

456. Budget requirement 2013/14. The recommendation for unspecified new equipment or replacing safety surfacing was increased from £15,000 to £25,000 and would be taken forward to the Finance Advisory Committee 'precept' meeting in December.

457. Seats. It was agreed Longmeadows would be asked to re-install the damaged seat and install the two new seats at the recreation ground.

458. Skate/BMX Park. The Council did not accept the recommendation of the Committee not to continue with investigation into provision of a skate/bmx park. It was resolved to continue to consider providing a skate/bmx park at the recreation ground.

Report of Chichester South Community Action Project

459. The Clerk had attended the meeting at Boxgrove Village Hall on 13th September. It was noted the highways items earlier put forward by Southbourne were still listed to be done. Southbourne was also listed for consideration of a 20's Plenty scheme. It was agreed CAP had been worthwhile and should continue. Action in Rural Sussex had advised the Clerk they would be happy to come to give a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans. It was decided to invite AIRS to give a presentation.

Report of Bournes Forum

460. The Bournes Forum on 20th September had been hosted by Southbourne and Chaired by Vice Chairman Mark Everson. Mr Jennings and the Clerk had attended. Presentations were given on Chichester in Partnership, Community Safety Plan Priorities and Changes to Council Tax.

There had been much comment about the problem of travellers entering parish council land particularly from the representatives of Bosham and Southbourne who had both suffered incursions of travellers recently. It was decided the Forum would write to the MP for Chichester and also to the Chief Constable about this problem. The District Council was gathering information from parishes on the costs incurred by parishes for the removal of travellers and the mess they left behind and would be writing to the Government.

It was agreed the Parish Council should also write to the local MP and to the Chief Constable.

Finance – Payments for Approval

461. 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

462. Mrs Bulbeck reported an overgrown hedge at the junction of Park Road and Stein Road.

463. Mr Hayes reported the Breach Avenue sign was detached from its posts and a bollard north of the railway in Stein Road had been knocked over.

464. Dr MacDougall reported ditches not being cleared had compounded the flooding problem in Broad Road.

465. Dr MacDougall informed the meeting a Community Speed Watch meeting had been arranged for 11th October.

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