

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held at St John's Church Centre on Tuesday 11th September 2012.

Present: Mr C Bulbeck (Chairman), Mrs M Bulbeck, Mrs S Cecil, Mr M Everson, Mr R Hayes, Mr R Humphrey, Mr J Jennings, Mrs L Leader, Dr P MacDougall, Mr R Rolfe. District Cllr G Hicks.

Apologies: Mr T Cunningham, Mr A Feltham, Mrs M Hemmings, District Cllr B Finch. Louise Goldsmith, Leader of WSCC, who was due to attend the meeting, sent her profound apologies for being unable to attend.

Police Report

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

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

393. None.

Invitation to Louise Goldsmith

394. It was noted Louise Goldsmith, Leader of WSCC, had been unable to attend this meeting and the July meeting. The Chairman questioned whether it was necessary to invite her again or whether County matters were best raised through the parish council's representative Mark Dunn or a Cabinet Member for a particular County service. It was resolved not to invite Louise Goldsmith to a future meeting.

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

396. Min 371.SIDS. The devices were sometimes not operating and it was proving to be an onerous task for the County Officer to regularly attend to the devices. It was most probable the Officer would not be able to continue to provide the service and the parish council would need to make arrangements to look after the devices itself. It was suggested alternative sites could be found for the devices, which were portable and could be moved.

397. Min 385. Funds from S106 Agreement. The District Council was agreeable for the funds available from a S106 Agreement to be used for replacing the noticeboard near Slipper Pond and for two new public seats.

The Clerk had obtained a quotation from Greenbarns Ltd for a single bay man-made timber noticeboard, the same as the existing noticeboard in Stein Road near the Church, in the sum of £933.56 plus VAT. It was planned to erect the noticeboard on the existing metal pole and there would be a cost for removing and disposing of the old noticeboard and putting up the new one.

It was resolved to accept the quotation and install a new noticeboard.

At the July Council meeting it had been proposed to install a new seat at the recreation ground and a new seat to replace the existing bench at the junction of Garsons Road and Main Road, next to 1 Garsons Road. A letter had been received from the occupiers of

number 1 Garsons Road strongly objecting to a new seat near to their property and asking for the existing bench to be removed. (Correspondence list item 3)
The Council resolved not to install a new seat next to 1 Garsons Road but to leave the existing bench in place and instead to install two new seats at the recreation ground.

The Recreation Advisory Committee had selected a seat from Glasdon Ltd made from recycled material costing £373.85 plus VAT. Concrete bases would be installed for the seats to stand on at additional cost.

It was resolved to order from Glasdon Ltd two Phoenix Brown Enviropal seats with concrete surface fixing kits for the recreation ground, costing £373.85 plus VAT each, and to have two concrete bases installed for the seats to stand on.

398. Min 386. Pedestrian crossing at Nutbourne Station. Dr MacDougall informed the meeting Network Rail were intent on closing the pedestrian crossing of the railway at Nutbourne Station and asked the Council to reconsider its earlier decision not to support the closure of this crossing.

After considering the matter again, the Council resolved to give support to Network Rail in their application to have the crossing closed.

Open Forum

399. The meeting was temporarily closed for public discussion. Upon re-opening the meeting the Council noted District Cllr G Hicks reported Tuppenny Barn would be holding a 'topping out' ceremony for their new building on 23rd October.

County Councillor Comments

400. Cllr Mark Dunn was not present.

District Councillor Comments

401. The Olympics had been a huge success and the District Council had played its part with the Olympic Torch passing through, stopping at several places on the way.

The Novium museum had opened to the public and had received good reports.

WSCC was doing its best to achieve better broadband coverage but the issue of state aid affected all local authorities. In Chichester District there was a high % of good access but there were good and bad spots. In preparation for a New Ways of Working project the potential to wi-fi enable East Pallant House was being investigated.

Due to decreasing numbers of oysters in Chichester Harbour, the District Council was proposing temporary declassification of oyster beds in the Harbour. If supported oyster numbers would be monitored during quarterly sampling to ascertain when commercially viable numbers of oysters were available again.

The relaxation of planning rules could lead to an influx of planning applications.

Dr MacDougall expressed his disappointment the District Council had not consulted on the choice of exhibits for the new Novium museum and understood, after the initial interest, visitor numbers had plummeted.

Dr MacDougall commented no advice for parishes was coming from District on the production of neighbourhood plans. The absence of a new local plan for the District had opened a window of opportunity for developers. The interim plan gave an assumption of approval for developments of under 25 units on green belt land. He believed there was an urgent need for the parish to produce a neighbourhood plan.

Correspondence

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

403. List item 1. The letter from Bourne View Close Management had been circulated with the agenda. It was resolved to obtain quotations for repairing the Bourne View Close access roadway and to consider the matter again at the next meeting.

404. List item 4. The Chairman was unable to attend the Hambrook District Residents Association AGM and Dr MacDougall was asked to represent Southbourne at this meeting.

Additional Correspondence Received

405. Audit Commission. Confirmation of the appointment of Littlejohn LLP as the external auditor from 2012/13.

406. Bourne View Close Management. Further letter concerning damage to the roadway.

407. Chichester District Association of Local Councils – Chichester Sub District. Invitation to meeting at Lavant Memorial Hall at 7.00pm on 24th September.

408. Chichester DC. Council Tax Support – effects on parishes. Circulated in information folder.

409. Chichester DC. Consultation on priorities for Chichester District Community Safety Partnership. A questionnaire was on the website.

410. Chichester DC. Consultation on the content of the Statement of Community Involvement.

411. Hampshire CC. Consultation on the draft version of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 'Have your say on flooding in Hampshire'. A presentation was being held at Emsworth Community Centre on 4th October.

412. SALC. Elections for Police and Crime Commissioners on 15th November. Details of events being held across Sussex; nearest for Southbourne, Arundel Town Hall on 27th September.

413. Taylor Wimpey. Invitations to exhibitions of developments at Broad Road, Hambrook on 12th September and Chantry Farm, Westbourne, on 13th September.

414. WSCC. Proposed Traffic Order to introduce lengths of double yellow lines on various roads in Southbourne. The statutory consultation period ended on 27th September.

415. WSCC. Update on the library service restructure and introduction of volunteers.

Street Lighting Improvements

416. The Council had included £10,000 in its budget for the current year as a provision for street light improvements to be carried out in this financial year. A study of the Prinsted Conservation Area, commissioned by the District Council some years earlier, had included in its recommendations replacing the existing mixture of different types of street lights with traditional lantern style street lights.

It was resolved to obtain a quotation from SSE Contracting for replacing the street lights in Prinsted with traditional lantern style street lights.

Street Light Maintenance

417. The street lighting maintenance contract with SSE Contracting had expired. An extension to the lighting maintenance contract had been offered based on a 2 year follow on agreement. The services included in the contract were noted and the charge would be £31.55 ex VAT, per individual light, per year.

It was resolved the extension to the lighting maintenance contract would be accepted.

Bournes Forum 20th September

418. The Bournes Forum being held on 20th September would be hosted by Southbourne and held at the St John's Church Centre. The meeting would be chaired by Parish Council Vice Chairman Mark Everson who would arrange for a member of the Church to help with the customary refreshments.

Report of Recreation Advisory Committee

419. The report of the Recreation Advisory Committee 26th July was circulated with the agenda, copy appended to the official minutes.

420. Restoration of recreation Ground. The quotation from Longmeadows had been accepted in the sum of £2870. After the work had been started, Longmeadows had advised the Chairman more topsoil would be needed to complete the restoration of the ground satisfactorily. The Chairman had agreed to purchasing another lorry load of topsoil which had increased the cost by £1020.

It was resolved the action taken be approved.

421. Skatepark. The District Council had recommended contacting Midhurst Town Council and Tangmere Parish Council for advice because they both had skateparks. Midhurst had provided information which would be referred to the Recreation Advisory Committee but Tangmere had not responded.

Report of Events Committee

422. The Fete held on the Bourne Community College playing field on 8th September had been another success. The weather had been very kind and there had been favourable comments from those who had attended. Thanks were given to all those who had been involved.

It was suggested it would be preferable to hold the Fete in September in future instead of June and the Council agreed to hold the Fete on the second Saturday in September next year.

Arrangements for the Christmas Bazaar were underway and a booking form and posters were being prepared.

Finance – Payments for Approval

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

Budget Review 2012/13

424. A budget control statement showing the expenditure to July against the estimates for 2012/13 was circulated.

External Audit

425. The External Auditor’s Report and Certificate had been received from Mazars LLP for the year ended 31st March 2012. There were no matters the Auditor wished to raise.

Matters Raised

426. Dr MacDougall commented the County Council’s survey ‘Make Every £ Count’ had demonstrated a high level of dissatisfaction by the public in the services provided by WSCC. He was disappointed with the lack of regular attendance at Parish Council meetings by the County Councillor which had prevented him from raising important issues concerning County matters. It was agreed Cllr Dunn would be asked to attend the next meeting.

427. Dr MacDougall reported there had been a nil attendance at the Community Speedwatch meeting, other than members of the Parish Council. It was agreed he would prepare a newsletter.

428. Mrs Cecil informed the meeting the Friends of Maybush Copse were planning to hold an event in the spring.

429. Mr Jennings asked for an agenda item for youth services at the next meeting.

430. Mr Jennings drew attention to a petition by residents against noise coming from a factory in Clovelly Road. District Cllr R Hayes confirmed he was following this up with Environmental Health.

431. Mrs Bulbeck reported a hump in the road surface in Breach Avenue and a ramp sign warning of uneven surface in the footway caused by the roots of a large Chestnut tree. Tree Warden Mark Everson agreed to go and look at the tree.

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