

Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council held on Monday 23rd February 09 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's

PRESENT: Chairman – Mr J.P.Stockton
Vice-Chairman – Mr R.Fenn
Councillors - Mr S.Daykin, Mr D.Dean, Mr B.Martin &
Mr G.Maynard
Clerk to the Council – Mr B.Shemmings

Also in attendance was Mr G.Richardson (Community Action Hampshire), Cllr Mrs Kathy Heron (County Councillor) & 8 residents as detailed in the attendance book.

09.121 Apologies for absence
Received from district councillors Lt.Col M.Shand & Dr M.Whitehead who were in attendance at a meeting of the District Council.

09.122 Declarations of interest declared by councillors on any agenda item
There were no declarations of interest registered by any council member.

09.123 Minutes of Previous Meeting (12th January 09)
The minutes of the meeting held on 12th Jan 09 were read & after an amendment to minute 09.112 (b) were agreed as a correct record.

09.124 Housing Needs Survey
The Chairman welcomed Gordon Richardson (Community Action Hampshire) to the meeting. Mr Richardson said that there had been a 36% response, which is a very good response rate. He said that some 66% of those responding were in favour of affordable housing within the village, whereas in the last survey 5 years ago the percentage in favour was only just over 50%. He outlined the 3 recommendations of the report which were:

1. Accept the findings of the report.
2. Engage with the District Council & Hyde Housing Association, to explore the potential for programming such a scheme & its funding by the Housing Corporation.
3. Exploring the potential locations & availability of any sites, which the Parish Council may think appropriate.

Discussion then took place and several questions were asked by both councillors and residents. After debate it was agreed that councillors look at the document again and submit any points that required clarification which can then be collated & then be subject of a joint letter from the Chairman and Clerk. The Chairman thanked Gordon Richardson for his attendance.

09.125 Matters Arising
a) Cllr Fenn made reference to the flooding at the bottom of Alderholt Rd. The matter was referred to Bob Brown (the Highways Superintendent) and action was taken to rectify the

problem. It was confirmed by Cllr Fenn that there is also a problem with drainage in Main Rd and this will be raised with Bob Brown at the walkround on the 2nd March. Cllr Fenn also referred to an e-mail he had received from a resident regarding the speed of some by some vehicles using Scats Lane. In his response the Vice-Chairman made reference to the new 30mph regulation which will come into force on Main Rd in the near future with the hope this will have the desired affect on vehicles turning into Scats Lane from Main Rd as well as pushing for more robust & frequent enforcement measures by the police. The Chairman said that he had received a similar e-mail from the same resident.

b) Village 30 scheme

The Clerk referred to the letter from HCC regarding the introduction of the 30mph on Main Rd & part of the Rockbourne Rd. He said he had sent a copy of the document to all councillors. The County Council is now engaged in a consultation period giving the opportunity to any resident to object to the proposals. The consultative period ends on the 26th February. The meeting noted the report and it was agreed that the Clerk contact HCC to try & obtain a copy of the map showing the actual location of the start & end points of the new restrictions.

c) Use of community service personnel

The Clerk & Chairman gave a full report on their meeting with the representatives of the Hampshire Probation Service on 19th Jan. As a result of the meeting it has been agreed that a group of community service workers will work on the Common on 3 Saturdays in April (4th, 18th & 25th). The work to be done will include digging out the ditch at the bottom part of the Common where it borders the main road to try & stop people driving up on to the Common instead of using the Common gate. Also clear the brambles at the back of the Common & other specific parts & cut the lower branches of the trees at the back of the Common & generally tidy up the area. The sight lines from the track at the side of the Common which leads to the main road and also the Bishops Lane leading to the main road to be cleared, thus giving traffic using those two tracks have a clear view when joining Main Rd. It has been agreed by the Methodist Church that on the days in question the group can use their toilets. A special key will be cut for this purpose so they can use the rear entrance of the church. Because of their small budget it is recommended that a small grant of £50 be made to Hampshire Probation Service (the cheque to be made out to the company that supplies the tools) to assist them with the purchase of the necessary equipment. It has been agreed to supply them with tea/coffee & biscuits on the days concerned. It was confirmed that no member of the group will be allowed to use the village shop. The group will be properly supervised. The members of the council endorsed the report.

d) Track by Common gate

It was confirmed that this was still work in progress.

- e) Industrial estate signage
The Clerk confirmed that the sign on Main Rd pointing to the industrial estate was now in place on two vertical poles as we requested. It was agreed that the sign was neat. The Clerk also confirmed that the street name sign for Old Brickyard Rd was also in place.
- f) The Clerk said that the notice advertising the council vacancy was on both the notice board & web-site. The closing date was now 31st March to give sufficient time for any applicants to submit their applications. The Chairman said that to date there had been one application from a good female applicant. The new councillor will be confirmed at the 6th April council meeting

09.126 Planning

There were no new planning applications for consideration. The meeting noted the decision to grant planning permission to application no.08/93357 Mr J.Wright retention of 1.77metre high boundary fence 3 Hazeldene, Old Brickyard Rd.

The Chairman also reported that NFDC had granted TPOs to 18 trees to a property in Mayfield Rd.

09.127 Finance

The Clerk reported that the current financial estate is as under:

Current account £410.91 Deposit account £2103.02 Treasurer Trust account £300.

The meeting approved the following outstanding invoices:

From Audit Commission for external audit	£138.00
For Carters of Swanwick (on behalf of the Hampshire Probation Service)	£ 50.00

Cheques were drawn for these 2 invoices.

The meeting also approved an invoice from Hampshire ALC for the sum of £186.00 to cover affiliation fees for the next financial year. The cheque will be drawn at the next meeting as the sum involved will be accounted for in the new financial year as from 1st April.

Village Design Statement

The Chairman reported that Cllr Fenn had now completed his work on the Village Design Statement. It was now the Chairman's job to complete his section of the Statement.

Play Area Project

Cllr Daykin said that he was awaiting certain technical material which is necessary for the questionnaire to be sent out to residents.

Internal Communications Strategy

Cllr Daykin confirmed that councillors & the Clerk were in the process of submitting material to him for the web-site.

Letter from Fordingbridge & District Citizen of the Year

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Fordingbridge Rotary Club asking for any nominations to their Citizen of the Year Award. It was agreed that any council member or resident who has a nominee should submit the name to the Clerk – the closing date for nominations to the Rotary Club is 31st March.

Annual Parish Assembly on 27th April

It was agreed that the new Police Community Support Officer be invited to speak to the Annual Parish Assembly. The rest of the agenda would be as normal.

09.133 Reports from representatives attending meetings of outside bodies

The Chairman gave a full report on his recent meeting with the Rev Godson & Mrs Sue Ledger regarding the future of St.Aldhelm's. He said the discussions were very helpful & it was confirmed by the Rev Godson that it was not the intention to put the church on to the open market. The Parish Council would want the church building retained for the community use. If there was to be a change from the current use there would be a need for a long term lease to guarantee the use of the church for ongoing community use. The Chairman said that he did confirm that the parish council would support the church as much as possible. He said he felt the meeting was positive & the church leaders will be having ongoing discussions with their committee. The Chairman was thanked for his report.

The Vice-Chairman reported on his recent attendance at a meeting of the Allotment Society.

Correspondence

The Clerk said he sent out relevant items of correspondence to council members electronically.

Any other business

There were no matters arising.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Mon 6th April 09 at 7-30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-50pm

