

SANDLEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Sandleheath Parish Council held on Monday 22nd June 09 in St.Aldhelm's commencing at 7-30pm

PRESENT: Chairman - Mr S.Daykin
Vice-Chairman - Mr R.Fenn
Councillors - Mrs K.Coyle, Mr B.Martin & Mr G.Maynard
Clerk to the Council - Mr B.Shemmings

Also in attendance were County Councillor Mr E.Heron & District Councillor Dr M.Whitehead plus village residents as detailed in the attendance book.

09.164 Apologies for absence

Received from Parish Councillors Mr D.Dean & Mr P.Stockton

09.165 Any declarations of interest by councillors on any agenda item

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

09.166 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18th May)

The minutes of the AGM of the 18th May 09 were approved & signed as a correct record.

09.167 Matters Arising

a) Housing Needs Survey

The Clerk reported that he had circulated the final draft to all councillors following the last meeting. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should now forward the draft letter unamended to the new rural housing enabler, John Lancaster, at Community Action Hampshire.

b) Highways

There was nothing to report on highways

c) Village 30 scheme

The Clerk gave a report on the letter he had sent to NFDC following the last meeting outlining the need for enforcement now that the 30mph was in place in the village. The NFDC reply was read to the meeting which confirmed that as there were sleeves in place on Main Road if additional deployments were required the NFDC would be looking at a 50% contribution from the parish council for the first deployment & then a review subject to results. This cost would be actual work costs plus £57.60. According to the price guide sent out by NFDC would be £257.86 for one week in each direction. In respect of Alderholt Road there is no existing SID site & it was confirmed that speed enforcement is possible between the properties "Pretoria" & "Kenholme". However, there is no suitable lighting column that a SID can be fixed to. The NFDC reminded the parish council that the SID project is based on a partnership funding arrangement if no sleeves are available & therefore wanted to know if the council were prepared to fund the installation of a sleeve at this location. Because the site is considered low priority because there has been no recorded injury collisions & a partnership contribution would be sought for the deployment costs if a sleeve is installed. The costs varied

between £279.13 on a temporary pole for one week in each direction or £179.82 for an installation on a temporary pole for one week facing in one direction only Both charges excluded cost of sleeve for the temporary pole. The cost of supplying & installing a sleeve for a temporary pole was, according to the price list, £425 plus VAT. A very full discussion ensued and various points were put forward by councillors and county & district councillors as well as members of the public. After debate it was agreed that the Clerk should contact NFDC and (a) clarify the costs of a SID installation in Main Road and (b) ask for a breakdown of the full costs involved in a SID installation inclusive of a sleeve In respect of Main Road if the cost to the parish council is not more than £200 then the go-ahead can be given to the NFDC. The meeting then considered a letter sent to the parish council from a village resident suggesting that in respect of Scats Lane thought should be given to making this a 20mph limit. County councillor Mr Heron gave a full explanation as to why it would be extremely doubtful for any movement by the County Council on a reduction to 20mph. After further debate it was agreed that the Clerk make contact with the Highways Superintendent (Bob Brown) to request a site meeting at Scats Lane to see if a narrowing of the road at either end was a possibility. This may be a way of reducing the speed limit.

- d) Use of community service workers on Common and/or paths
The Clerk confirmed that following correspondence with Hampshire Probation Service it was agreed that we could have the use of community service workers on Sats 3rd Oct, 10th Oct & 17th Oct. Councillors were asked by the Chairman to think about where the community service workers could be usefully employed other than on the Common.
- e) Cutting Common paths
The Clerk said that following consultation with Cllr Mrs Coyle it was agreed that a contract to cut the Common paths be given to Mr Peter Marsh, a village resident, who lives opposite the Common. He had agreed to charge no more than the amount charged by Mr Jerrard last year. The report was endorsed by the meeting.
- f) Untaxed car on the Common
The Clerk said that he was glad to report that the untaxed car previously parked on the Common near Coronation Terrace had now been moved following his informal chat with a close relative of the car's owner.

09.168 Planning

- a) Planning application
09/94170 Mr W.Pomeroy Two-storey side extension Yew Tree Cottage, Alderholt Rd, Sandleheath
The Chairman reported that the planning sub-committee had considered the application & were of the unanimous view that the application be supported. It was therefore moved & seconded "That the planning application 09/94170 be supported." This was put to the vote & carried unanimously.
- b) Decisions taken by NFDC Planning Authority
There were no decisions submitted by NFDC.

09.169 Finance

- a) Current situation
Current account £1222.49 Deposit account £2103.55 and Treasurer Trust Account £306.01
- b) Renewal of Council's public liability insurance with Zurich Insurance
The meeting agreed to the renewal of the public liability insurance with Zurich Insurance at a cost of £323.00. Because of the renewal date the agreement to renew was retrospective & the cheque already sent to Zurich Insurance.
- c) Other finance matters
The undermentioned invoices were approved by the meeting:
From FW Dibben & Son for cutting the Common in April & May
£207.00
From the Clerk (B.Shemmings) special allowance to cover use of the Clerk's home as the parish council office
£100.00
Cheques for the above amounts were drawn & signed

09.170 Internet Communications

The Chairman said the newly designed website was now up & running. He thanked Cllr Mrs Coyle for her help on the design. He again asked councillors who, as yet, haven't submitted their personal profiles to do so as soon as practicable.

09.171 Play Area Project

The Chairman introduced the item & said that some 76 completed questionnaires had been returned. He said this was a good response when compared to the number of replies to the housing needs survey questionnaire. By means of a visual display it was confirmed that of the replies 32 said they would use the play area and 44 said they would not use the play area. Each of the questions posed by the questionnaire were then analysed. Several points were raised by both council members and residents. Nine of those responding said that they would be prepared to get involved in the process of designing & planning a play facility. The key points highlighted by those residents who were not in favour of a play area were costs, safety, graffiti, vandalism, a gathering place for "yobs", it may become an area for both drug taking & consuming of alcohol & the impact on neighbouring properties & the impact on the Common itself. After further debate it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the council members with the detailed responses from those who had submitted their completed questionnaires. This would allow councillors to review the responses. At the next meeting we can review the results and consider next steps.

09.172 Reports from representatives attending meetings of outside bodies

A written report prepared by the Clerk following his attendance at the AGM of the NFALC on the 18th June was noted with thanks by the meeting.

09.173 Village Design Statement

There was nothing further to report on this item at present.

09.174 Correspondence

The meeting confirmed they had received the HALC Bulletin Issue 228 via electronic means.

The meeting endorsed the Clerk's action in agreeing for Mr Hughes from Appletree Cottage (which backs on to the Common) to hold his annual barbecue on the Common for his friends/neighbours. This will be the 4th year & as in the past Mr Hughes has confirmed that should there be any mishap or injury to anyone attending the barbecue there would be no claim on the parish council.

09.175 Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Mrs Coyle said that there were a group of volunteers ready & willing to tidy up round the trees & bushes where the mowers can't reach. The council's insurers (Zurich) have confirmed that those carrying out the tidying up work would be covered insurance-wise if they should have a mishap provided that they had received appropriate training to use the trimmers & also they wear safety gear (ie goggles, safety helmets, boots) The meeting confirmed that Mrs Coyle should carry on and organise the date for the clear-up.
- b) The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Brownsey (who lives in Hardean by the lower Common) and ask him to trim his bushes which are overhanging on to Spring Lane impeding pedestrian access.

09.176 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd August at 7-30pm in St. Aldhelm's

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-40pm