

SANDLEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council held on Monday 14th September 2009 at St.Aldhelm's commencing at 7-30pm

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

Also in attendance was County Councillor Mr E.Heron plus village residents as listed in the attendance book.

09.193 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Mr JP Stockton & District Councillors Lt.Col M.Shand & Dr M.Whitehead

09.194 Any declarations of interest by any councillor on any agenda item

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

09.195 Minutes of Previous Meeting (3rd Aug)

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd August were approved and signed as a correct record of the business transacted.

09.196 Matters Arising

a) Housing Needs Survey

Council members again considered the reply from John Lancaster, of Community Action Hampshire, and queried certain points. After debate it was proposed & seconded "That the Parish Council accepts that there is a need for 6 affordable houses within Sandleheath." This was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

b) Highways

The Vice-Chairman gave a detailed report on the recent village walkround with Bob Brown, the Hampshire Highways West Superintendent. He outlined the fact that it was confirmed that certain drain covers on Main Rd will need to be replaced & that jetting of the Drains will need to take place. Also certain drainage work needs to be carried out in Scats Lane to stop flooding occurring after heavy rains. The Highways Superintendent also took note of the points outlined in the 3rd August minutes relating to the Alderholt Rd. Certain sewer foundation work also needs attention in the Alderholt Road. The crumbling surface close to Dean & Tranter's yard in Rockbourne Rd will also be dealt with. The Vice-Chairman was thanked for his report. Cllr Heron, in response to a question posed about the difference in the finish of road surfaces when looking at the gas working road repairs on Main Rd & other repairs on minor roads, said that when it is major road works the finished surface will be better than where patching has taken place. The patching is meant to be a temporary measure whereas the major road workings will be of a more permanent nature. Cllr Heron was thanked for his explanation.

- c) **Monitoring/Enforcement of New Speed Limits**
The Clerk said that arising from the last meeting he had contacted the Safer Roads Partnership who were involved in the continuing monitoring of the new 30mph speed limits throughout Hampshire villages. Their reply had been circulated to all council members. The Clerk said that for about a week within the last 21 days a temporary SID had been installed on Main Rd to cover vehicles coming from the Fordingbridge direction. Several points were made by councillors & residents. After further discussion it was generally agreed by council members that the new 30mph limit is working.
- d) **Use of Community Service Workers**
The Clerk & Cllr Mrs Coyle reported on their joint site meeting with Sharon Annell, of Hampshire Probation Service, on the 2nd September. After due consideration it was agreed that it would be impractical because of the logistics involved in using community service workers on the footpath running at the rear of the industrial estate. It was therefore agreed that on the 3rd, 10th & 17th October the workers would concentrate on the Common where there is still plenty of work to be done. The material that is cut off the bushes etc can either be burnt on the 5th Nov bonfire on the Common or can be burnt before the annual bonfire. The report was noted.
- e) **Common clean-up**
Cllr Mrs Coyle gave a full report on the Common clean-up on the 15th August. She said that it had very successful & a further clean-up would take place at a date to be determined. The meeting thanked Mrs Coyle for her work in organising the clean-up.
Following a point made about the sumac tree at the top of Elms Close it was agreed that Cllr Martin would look at the tree & determine what action was required to prevent any further growth of the tree.
- f) **Village Shop**
The Clerk outlined the points he had made in support of the village shop in letters to both Southern Gas Networks (about compensation for loss of revenue due to the gas workings) & to Hampshire County Council (for the Village Community Grant Scheme application). Cllr Heron confirmed that the HCC officers involved had met up with the shop owner in connection with the application.. He said that they were helping where they were able to. The Chairman thanked Mr Heron for his report.
- g) **Welcome to Village letter**
Cllr Mrs Coyle said that she had circulated her draft letter to council members who had responded positively. It was agreed to leave copies in the shop for newcomers to the village plus notice board posting & individual circulation. Mrs Coyle agreed to check out the costs of printing the welcome letter. The meeting thanked Mrs Coyle for her work on the letter.

09.197 Planning

It was confirmed that there were no new planning applications for consideration. The meeting noted that NFDC had considered planning application 09/94125 Forres Sandle Manor School Siting of block of 3

classrooms, Marl Lane, Sandleheath. They granted temporary planning permission for the application.
The meeting noted a tree work application on a lime tree (to remove deadwood & crown clean) in Forres Sandle Manor School.

09.198 Finance

- a) Current situation
Current account £360.18 Deposit account £1803.50 & Treasurer Trust account £306.01
- b) External auditor report
The Clerk reported on a small query in the Annual Return to the Audit Commission which had now been amended & returned to the Audit Commission.
- c) Other financial matters
The meeting agreed the payment of the undermentioned invoices:
FW Dibben & Sons for cutting the Common in June, July & Aug
£310.50
B.Shemmings payment of 4th quarter remuneration for the year April 2008-Mar 2009 (as agreed by the parish council on 18th May 09)
£423.80
Cheques for the above amounts were drawn & signed
- d) A letter from the NFDC regarding councillors' allowances was noted & council members confirmed that only mileage allowances would be paid to councillors attending meetings of outside bodies (in other words the status quo would prevail). The Chairman's allowance of £50 per annum would also continue to be paid. No other allowances would be paid to councillors.

09.199 Village Entry Sign

As Cllr Stockton was not at the meetings there was no information on the costings of both nameplate & brick structure for a possible brick built entry sign at the eastern end of the village. The Clerk said that he had been in touch with the NFDC about the allowable size but the information received was not particularly helpful. In response to an initiative the Clerk had taken in respect of an entry sign highlighting the 30mph limit it was agreed that no further action should be taken on this & the existing "SANDLEHEATH" sign be retained.

09.200 Annual Bonfire

The meeting agreed that there should be an annual bonfire on the Common on the 5th November. In respect of the refreshments the meeting agreed that the sum of £50 be granted to cover the expenses involved with the purchase of refreshments.

09.201 Internet Communications

Cllr Mrs Coyle reported on the current situation in respect of the new website.

09.202 Village Design Statement

There was nothing to report on this as Cllr Stockton was not present.

09.203 Correspondence

The meeting noted the following:

A letter from HCC re a subsidy for young (17 to 24 year old) drivers in the county with the Pass Plus system. It was agreed this could be placed on the web-site & on the notice board.

Community Led Planning Pilot Launch (HCC) at Minstead Village Hall on 29 Sept from 6pm to 9pm. (The Chairman confirmed he would be attending)
Any councillor wishing to attend should let the Clerk know within the next couple of days.

The meeting noted the NFDC strategy document for towns/villages outside the National Park. They expressed their approval of the fact that the gap between Ashford & Sandleheath would be maintained.

Council members confirmed that they had received the NFDCs Ethical Governance Bulletin (issue 3)

09.204 Any Other Business

- a) In response to a point made by Cllr Mrs Coyle it was agreed that there was no need for “dragons teeth” being put on to the lower Common near the point where the Common meets with Coronation Terrace.
- b) In response to a request from the Clerk it was agreed that a poppy wreath be purchased in order it can be laid in the garden of commemoration at the Recreation Ground on Remembrance Sunday.
- c) Mrs Rickman confirmed that there will be a WI tea dance at Avonway on the 23rd September. All are welcomed

09.205 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 26th October 09 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm’s

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-50pm