

SANDLEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council held on Thursday 27th October 2011 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's

PRESENT: Chairman - Mr S.Daykin
Vice-Chairman - Mr R.Fenn
Councillors - Mrs D.Dean, Mr B.Martin, Mr JP Stockton &
Mr D.Wright
Clerk to the Council - Mr B.Shemmings

Also in attendance District Councillor Ms Ann Sevier plus village residents as detailed in the attendance book

The Chairman said that he was sad to report the death that day of Mrs Alice Kingman, a resident of Sandleheath all her life and at one time an active member of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter of condolence to the family of Mrs Kingman.

11.104 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from parish councillor Mr G.Maynard, county councillor Mr E.Heron & district councillor Ms Roxy Bellows.

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

There were no declarations of interest declared.

11.106 Minutes of Previous Meetings (15th Sept & 13th Oct)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th Sept & the special meeting of the 13th Oct were read, approved & signed as a correct record.

11.107 Matters Arising

a) Community Speedwatch

Cllrs D.Wright & P.Stockton both confirmed that they had submitted their vetting forms to the police & now awaited the confirmation by the police that they can participate as a member of the speedwatch teams. It was confirmed by the Chairman that at the moment he scheme is a pilot & a report would be made to the Annual Parish Assembly. The Parish Council would, among other things, take into account the cost involved.

b) Highways

The Vice-Chairman said that he had reported the collapsed drain in Main Rd and the necessary repairs were being carried out

c) Village Entry Sign

Cllr Stockton said that the current SANDLEHEATH entry sign near Mayfield Rd on Main Rd in the direction of Damerham had disappeared, presumed stolen. After a short debate the meeting agreed that the Clerk should contact Hampshire Highways West at Totton to report the loss of the sign & request that it be replaced with a sign similar to that which is by Alderholt Bridge. The Council should also continue to push for an entry sign along the lines of that discussed over the past year or so. Cllr Stockton said that he had not been able to proceed any further with a final design as work pressures had not allowed him to spend any further time on the project.

- d) Village Design Statement
Cllr Stockton introduced his amended Design Statement. He said that in conjunction with the Clerk they would be pursuing two maps to highlight key areas (similar to those in the Fordingbridge Town design statement) which they would seek advice from NFDC on how to obtain such maps. After further debate it was agreed that councillors would consider the amendments and let Cllr Stockton have their views within two weeks. It was then hoped that a final draft would then be considered at the December meeting of the Council.
- e) Land Registry
The Clerk reported that although he had been unable to get a map confirming that the Common was owned by the Council nevertheless the Clerk at Rockbourne was happy with the actual written document from Land Registry which confirmed Sandleheath ownership of the Common. The meeting that there was no further need to pursue a map from Land Registry.
- f) Annual Bonfire on the Common
The Clerk confirmed that he had received a request from the Sandleheath Community Association asking for permission to stage the annual bonfire on the Common on 5th Nov. He said that he had agreed to this request.

Arising from the Special Parish Council meeting on 13th October

The Clerk said that following a request from NFDC the Parish Council had agreed that the application from Forres Sandle Manor School should now be supported as the applicants had amended their application at Blakes Barn Car Park (application 08/92789) to one of a temporary nature for a 5 year period. In respect of application no.11/97701 the Clerk said that the case officer, Kate Pearce, said that it was now likely that the Silver Trees garage application would be considered by the 10th Nov Planning Committee meeting. The Clerk said that he would contact NFDC on Monday to confirm that the Parish Council would be able to speak at that meeting in support of the points they had made in recommending rejection.

11.108 Planning

The Clerk confirmed that there were no planning matters for consideration.

11.109 Finance

- a) Current situation
Current account £4621-40 Deposit account £1305-85 Treasurer Trust account £499.29
- b) The Clerk confirmed that the Audit Commission had passed the accounts for the financial year April 10 to Mar 11 without query. The Clerk was thanked for ensuring the council's accounts were correct.
- c) The meeting then approved the following invoices:
From the Audit Commission for the sum of £144 (it was explained that as our turnover was in excess of £5000 this pushed the Council over the £50 Ceiling figure)
From the Information Commissioner in respect of Data Control the sum of £35.

From RBL Poppy Appeal the sum of £35 to cover the cost of the poppy wreath & donation

After a short debate it was agreed that because the Sandleheath Community Assoc. who would be organising the bonfire on the Common would not be passing on to a charity any profit from the sale of refreshments at the bonfire the Parish Council were unable to make any donation towards the purchase of refreshments. In past years they were able to do this as any profits went to the Friends of Fordingbridge Hospital, a recognised charity.

11.110 Village Plan

It was agreed that this should now be dropped from the agenda a Cllr Maynard had now completed the review of the Plan & highlighted the areas that required attention.

11.111 Queen's Diamond Jubilee

It was confirmed that the Sandleheath Community Association would probably be having "a posh picnic" on the Common by way of a Queens Diamond Jubilee celebration.. Several ideas were mentioned including a commemorative mug for children under the age of 16 years (similar to the Millennium mug of 2000). The Clerk said that the cost of a mug would be £1.25 each from Norfolk China. After a short discussion it was agreed that a small sub-cttee comprising Cllrs Dean, Stockton & Martin would look at all the ideas relating to Diamond Jubilee celebrations & report back.

11.112 The Common – Replacement Gate

The Clerk reported that following a request to obtain a quote for a replacement gate on the Common he had spoken to the contractor who does the work for NFDC who after looking at our gate said that a replacement hangman's gate would be £180 plus VAT. The contractor felt that new posts were not necessary. A metal gate would be in the region of £350 plus VAT. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should get a quote for a 5 bar gate & new wooden posts. It was suggested he speak to John Haskell in respect of this.

The meeting also considered a request from a village resident to plant shrubs and/or trees on the top part of the Common. After a short debate it was agreed by the Council members that there would be no more trees planted on the Common and the village resident should provide in respect of shrubs (a) a planting scheme in relation to the property concerned and (b) how the shrubs would be properly maintained. The Clerk was asked to convey this to the resident concerned.

11.113 St.Aldhelm's (The Future)

The Chairman said that he had had no further contact with the Rev Godson following the May meeting he had attended with the Clerk at the Vicarage. At that meeting the Rev Godson had confirmed that the Parish Council would be among the bodies consulted when the time comes to look at the future of St.Aldhelm's. The Clerk was asked to write to the Rev Godson to remind him of this.

The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Parish Assembly would be held on the 3rd May 12 at the Methodist Hall.

11.114 Report from representative attending a meeting of an outside body
Cllr Stockton reported on the forum he attended at Lyndhurst on 10th August at which the Assistant Chief Constable was the main speaker. It was confirmed that Hampshire Constabulary required savings of £50 million over the next few years. There will be cuts & organisational changes. Many of the current police buildings are not fit for purpose (eg no holding cells, would not pass health & safety requirements etc) & would be closed. This includes Fordingbridge police station. Lymington and Totton would be the main police stations within the New Forest area that will have custodial facilities. Crime reports would now be placed on the police web-site.
The meeting thanked Cllr Stockton for his report.`

11.115 Correspondence

The Clerk said that apart from the material he had forwarded during the past few months to councillors electronically he had received written confirmation that Fordingbridge was among the local libraries (designated a small library) which would remain open. The weekly opening hours would be reduced by 4 hours..

11.116 Any other business

- a) The Clerk was asked to write a letter of protest to NFDC in respect of the new parking charges due to come into being as from 1st Jan 12
- b) It was confirmed by the Chairman that Mrs Coyle was updating the web-site. Cllr Wright offered to give assistance if required.
- c) The Chairman confirmed that the phone exchange in Fordingbridge had been upgraded & one of the benefits would be an improved broadband coverage.

11.117 Date of Next Meeting

Thurs 1st December at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8-40pm.