

SANDLEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council held on Thursday 12th January 12 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's

PRESENT: Chairman - Mr S.Daykin
Councillors - Mr D.Dean, Mr B.Martin, Mr J.P.Stockton
& Mr D.Wright
Clerk to the Council - Mr B.Shemmings

Also in attendance were district councillors Ms Roxy Bellows & Ms Ann Sevier plus village residents as detailed in the attendance book

12.01 Apologies for attendance

Received from parish councillor Mr R.Fenn & Mr G.Maynard and county councillor Mr E.Heron

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

The Chairman and Cllr Wright declared an interest in the item relating to the Freedom of Information Act and Silver Trees, Main Rd and confirmed they would take no part in any debate on the subject.

12.03 Minutes of Previous Meetings 1st Dec 11 and 15th Dec 11

The minutes of the parish council meeting of 1st Dec 11 and the special meeting of the 15th Dec 11 were agreed & signed as a correct record.

12.04 Matters Arising

a) Community Speedwatch/Speed Camera Signs

Cllr Stockton said that the police had now approached the referees of the 2 Sandleheath PC nominees. This is a step forward but the final checks are still to be carried out. Hopefully these will have been finalised by the time of the next parish council meeting.

The Clerk also referred to an email from Paul Garrod, of HCC, regarding the positioning of speed camera signs on Main Rd/Station Rd. These would be placed on existing street furniture. After a short debate(& it was noted that the vice-chairman was opposed to additional signs being positioned in Main Rd) it was agreed that the positioning of speed camera signs is acceptable to the parish council, provided it confirmed the signs are to be placed on existing street furniture. The Clerk was asked to ascertain how many signs would be involved.

b) Highways

The Clerk said that to his knowledge the Vice-Chairman had pursued the points made at the last parish council meeting.

c) Village Entry Sign

Cllr Stockton said that there was good news on this. Confirmation had been received from Tin Lawton, the Head of Highways (West) that county council permission was given for the village entry sign as outlined in the CAD drawings. Prior to any work commencing on the brick built sign there will need to be a site meeting with the local highway engineer (Bob Brown) in attendance for the initial setting-out so that the sight-line visibility requirements can be checked. Obviously this would take place

once a builder has been engaged to do the work. It was estimated that the cost of the actual brickwork could be around £1000. Cllr Dean said that he was waiting to speak to a local builder. Cllr Stockton said that it was hoped that by the next meeting of the council there would be further progress to be reported. The Chairman thanked Cllr Stockton for the report & said that it was indeed good news.

d) Common gate/Planting on the Common

The Clerk said that if all goes to plan the contractor who had been engaged to install a new gate on the Common would be commencing the work this month.

Cllr Stockton confirmed that he had met up with the parishioner concerned regarding the possible planting of a viburnum plus guelder shrub on the Common alongside the Damerham Rd. He confirmed the shrub would be well back from the road but not be on the Common itself. He felt that it would be an enhancement for the area immediately surrounding the Common & recommended that it be planted. After a short debate it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk should officially write to the parishioner & confirm that the parish council are agreeable to her suggestion of the planting of the shrub & its positioning be in line with her discussions with Cllr Stockton.

e) Future of St.Aldhelm's

The Clerk said that he had been in touch with Rosemary Rutins at NFDC who confirmed that Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 (the part of the Act which could assist in the possible preservation of the building as a community asset) had not as yet been enacted. She felt that the provisions are some way from being operative. The Clerk said that he hadn't as yet been able to obtain a copy of the Localism Act but hoped to get one shortly. However he had much information contained in the documentation provided by HALC. During debate there were several suggestions from both council members & village residents. It was agreed that it would be a step forward if it were possible to get county council or district council to make the building a listed building bearing in mind it built with locally made bricks, it was designed by a prominent local architect etc. All parish councillors could write to the county council and/or the district council as individuals requesting that serious consideration be given to listing St.Aldhelm's. It was agreed that the Sandleheath Community Association be approached regarding the idea of making St.Aldhelm's a listed building.

12.05 Planning

a) Planning applications

11/98065 Read & Bailey Small scale offices/R & D/light industry Unit 17B Sandleheath Industrial Estate, Old Brickyard Rd, Sandleheath
After a short debate it was unanimously agreed to fully support the application

b) Freedom of Information reference

Cllr Stockton reported that a response had been received from the NFDC in respect of planning application 11/97701 Silver Trees, Main Rd, Sandleheath & its predecessor 11/97483. All the paperwork connected with the application had been submitted by NFDC. There was no

indication in the correspondence as to why there had been a change of mind by the case officer. Cllr Stockton said that he was, of course, disappointed but NFDC had provided all the paperwork in the matter of the two planning applications. He said for the future for any contentious applications we must insist on a site visit with the case officer present. He also said that the NFDC's Planning Cttee was not objective enough & insufficient notice is taken of a parish council's recommendations. The meeting concurred with Cllr Stockton's report and agreed that for the future there must be an insistence on a site visit with the case officer in any contentious planning application.

12.06 Finance

a) Current situation

Current account £2958.25 Deposit account £1305.85 Treasurer Trust account £499.29

b) Any other financial matter

The meeting agreed to the invoice from NFDC to cover the GIS Partnership for the period 01/04/2011 to 31/03/2012 for the sum of £55.20 (inc VAT). A cheque for this amount was drawn.

12.07 Village Design Statement

Cllr Stockton said that now that we have access to mapping further progress will be made towards the completion of the Design Statement. Both himself & the Clerk will be attending a course on the use of the mapping system in the near future.

12.08 Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Cllr Dean said that there were no further ideas apart from those he had in mind. The Chairman made a reference to the HCC suggestion of a "plant an oak tree" and suggested that the parish council should register an interest in the scheme. Additionally the council should make contact with local schools & the Sunday Friends at the Methodist Church regarding a time capsule scheme.

12.09 The Common

It was agreed by the council that we should again utilise the services of the NFDC grass cutting team to again cut the Common from April to October. Also the council agreed to use the services of the community payback team organised by the Hampshire Probation Service for work on the Common in the Spring.

It was agreed that Mr Gould, of Thorps Farm, Alderholt Rd, be asked if he would be willing to use his JCB digger on the Common to level off the area around the bonfire position. Also if he could use the JCB to level off the area outside the allotments where manure is stored.

12.10 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Following consideration of a request from the Trust it was agreed that their officer (Joanne Gore) be invited to speak to the Annual Parish Assembly on the 3rd May on the subject of control of non-native invasive plants.

12.11 Correspondence

There was no additional items other than those already circulated electronically to councillors electronically.

12.12 Any Other Business

No councillor or resident had any item of other business to raise.

12.13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd February 12 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-15pm