

Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council held on Thursday 29th March 2012 in St.Aldhelm's

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

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

12.28 Apologies for absence

Received from county councillor Mr Edward Heron.

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

There were no declarations of interest registered

12.30 Minutes of Previous Meeting (23rd February)

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd February were read, approved & signed as a correct record of the business transacted.

12.31 Matters Arising

Community Speedwatch/Correspondence with Forres Sandle Manor School. Cllrs Stockton & Wright confirmed that there was nothing to report as yet but they were hopeful that by the next meeting matters will have improved & some progress will have been made.

The Clerk then reported on recent correspondence with Forres Sandle Manor School in respect of vehicles speeding past their school entrance on the hill on Main Road going towards Fordingbridge. After discussion it was agreed that it be pointed out to the school that if they wish to pay for the installation of a SID there would be no objection from the parish council. However, it must be pointed out to them that any SID must be of a temporary nature & not permanent. Additionally it should also be pointed out that in many cases it is their parents who are probably doing some of the speeding. It was also pointed out that if the original entrance was reinstated there would be a good sight line, bearing in mind the present sight line from the new entrance is a bit blind. The Clerk said that he would be raising with the highways superintendent, Bob Brown, the matter of the school sign on the approach to the school being expanded.

b) Highways

The Clerk confirmed that he & the Cllr Fenn would be having a "walkround" the village roads with Bob Brown on either the 17th or 18th April, the final date to be confirmed and any highway matter outstanding would be raised with him

c) Scats Lane/Main Rd works

The Clerk said there was no date allocated for the road works to be commenced. However, it was agreed that during the walkround with the highways superintendent they could ask him to mark up how the proposed new entrance to Scats Lane from Main Rd would look.

d) Village entry sign

Cllr Stockton confirmed that he had approached 4 companies regarding the manufacture of the actual sign. He said 2 of the companies had not responded to his approach, the third company said that it was not for them & the fourth company had quoted £924 plus VAT with a four to five weeks delivery time. The problem for the meeting to consider was whether the sign would be aluminium or polycarbonate. It was agreed to ask HCC whether they feel aluminium or polycarbonate is best to use. In view of the fact that there has to be a special parish council meeting within the next 2 or 3 weeks to consider a planning application it was felt that that meeting could tie up loose ends & take the decision or alternatively decisions could be taken by an email "round robin" Cllr Dean said that he recently had a meeting with a possible builder of the wall & was awaiting his quote which was expected very shortly. The builder concerned had carried out work for HCC in the past & was on their fair list & carried the necessary insurance cover required by the county council. He had also had a discussion with a village resident who had access to some Sandleheath bricks. The resident had offered up Sandleheath bricks for use on the wall. The meeting thanked the resident for his kind offer. Both Cllrs Stockton & Dean were thanked for their reports.

The Clerk said that he completed the grant form sent to him by Cllr Edward Heron. He said that this was a necessity in view of the fact that the amount required would be £1500. County councillors can give grants up to £1000 without there being a need for an application form being completed. He said that after consultation with the council's insurance brokers he had written back to HCC's legal dept with a suggested amended wording at the end of Clause 11 which would ensure that in the case of an accident involving the entry sign that an individual councillor or councillors wouldn't be liable for any financial surcharge. He had received a verbal assurance from HCC that this wasn't the case. The Clerk was requested to make further contact with HCC to get their assurance in writing & also to ask why our suggested amendment to Clause 11 couldn't be accepted.

e) Common Gate/Common Maintenance

The Clerk said that the new Common gate was in position. Councillors expressed their satisfaction with the work. He said that community payback personnel would be on the Common on the 4th & 5th May. He said that village resident, Kevin Downer, had levelled out the bonfire area on the Common recently. Again councillors expressed their satisfaction with the work done. The Clerk said that the first cut of the Common would be during the week of the 16th April. In response to an email from a resident who lives in Tanners Lane & expressed her concern about the north section of the Common & the disappearance of trees choked by brambles. She felt the area looked uncared for. After a short debate it was agreed that at the same time that the first cut takes place the cutters be asked if they have machinery which could cut back the brambles. It was agreed that cognisance be taken of slow worms.

f) Future of St. Aldhelm's

The Chairman said that he had attended the meeting a few days ago convened by the church management. One of the points that was decided at the meeting was to advertise for interested parties who would be willing to take on the church building. He said that it was confirmed the church was looking for financial independence. A further meeting was planned for the future. After a discussion the Chairman was thanked for his report.

g) GP surgery out of hours treatment

The vice-chairman said that he had drafted a letter to send to the GP surgery but after consideration he decided to re-draft. Therefore he would be doing the re-draft in the near future.

12.32 Planning

a) Planning applications

The council members considered the under-mentioned planning applications & made the recommendations listed:

12/98354 Forres Sandle Manor Education Trust Continued siting of temporary classroom building (Variation of condition 1 of PP93713 to allow building to remain for a further 5 years. Forres Sandle Manor School, Sandle Manor Drive, Sandleheath

After consideration it was agreed to recommend that the variation of condition PP93713 to allow building to remain for a further 5 years.

12/98414 Mr L.Russell & Ms Pigot Detached garage Sandlegate, 1 Sandle Copse, Sandleheath

The council members agreed unanimously that they would recommend that the form be decided by the District Council's officers under their delegated powers.

NF252 Newbourne Farm, Rockbourne Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 10/96302 to increase permitted tonnage of composting material from 8000 to 15000 tonnes per annum

The Clerk said that whilst this was not an application which come under the jurisdiction of Sandleheath PC nevertheless Cllr Heron felt that both Sandleheath & Fordingbridge councils should be allowed to express a view.. It was confirmed that if the application was allowed there would be a substantial increase in HGV lorry movements through Fordingbridge town & Sandleheath village on their way to Newbourne Farm.

After debate it was unanimously agreed that that as a parish council we should strongly recommend rejection of the application.

b) Decisions taken by the NFDC Planning Authority

11/98065 Mr G.Read & Mrs M.Bailey Commercial development for B1,B2 & B8 use (details of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale development granted by planning permission 10/95329) Unit 17B, Sandleheath Industrial Estate, Old Brickyard Rd.

Planning permission granted with conditions.

12.33 Finance

a) Current situation

Current account £2498.12 Deposit account £1306.31 Treasurer Trust account £499.29

b) Other financial matters

The following decisions were taken in respect of outstanding invoices

An invoice from Buildrite Building Services for providing new gate on Common £434.00

An invoice from Kevin Downer for levelling out the bonfire area on the Common £ 60.00

Both invoices were approved & cheques drawn accordingly.

The Clerk said that we now have to find a new internal auditor as Brian Corby had moved to Yorkshire from Woodgreen. The wayleave payment from SSE had been received by the Clerk, the sum being just over £100.

12.33 Village Design Statement

Cllr Stockton reported that he & the Clerk had attended a training session on the 27th March with the GIS Team Manager & a member of the GIS team from NFDC. This was in connection with the ForestMap System to which the parish council now has access. Cllr Stockton handed out to councillors copies of a maps & the meeting was asked to consider the positioning of the gap between Sandleheath & Fordingbridge. Cllr Stockton will send the maps to each councillor for them to give further consideration to the gap. Cllr Stockton said that once this had been done the completed design statement would be ready for final agreement.

12.34 Parish Lengthsman Scheme

The Clerk said that he had referred our agreement to participate in the scheme to Richard Bastow at HCC. He said that the Clerk at Fordingbridge TC would be the lead in the scheme when it is introduced.

12.35 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Cllr Dean gave an update on what was being done in the village in respect of the Diamond Jubilee. He said that apart from our village entry sign the Community Association is organising a posh picnic on the Common together with a village beacon also being established. He said that he had received a positive response from Forres Sandle Manor School re the time capsule. It was now a question as to where the time capsule will be placed. Cllr Dean was thanked for his report.

12.36 Sites & Development Management Development Plan

The Clerk said that there was nothing further to be done on this.

12.37 Report from representative attending a meeting of an outside body

The written report from the Clerk who attended a meeting on 1st March convened by the Assoc.of Local Councils in the New Forest on the subject of the new Localism Act. The report was noted & the Clerk was thanked for his report.

12.38 Correspondence

The following matters were dealt with:

A letter from the Sandleheath Community Assoc. setting out the dates when they would want to use the Common namely 6th April Childrens Easter Egg Hunt, 4th June Jubilee Posh Picnic, 4th June Village Beacon, 23 June Sandleheath Fete & 5th Nov Bonfire Night. The meeting agreed that the Common could be used for these events.

A note from the Methodist Church secretary regarding the levelling out of the piece of ground outside the allotments in Scats Lane was discussed. After debate no decision was taken.

The meeting noted the Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Award letter & any councillor with a suggested name of a village resident who may qualify for consideration should contact the Clerk.

12.39 Any other business

- a) It was reported that the house/village shop/post office is going up for auction in the near future. It was agreed the parish council would support the Community Assoc. should they put in any bid for the shop.
- b) It was confirmed by Cllr Stockton that the Neighbourhood Watch (minus 1 name) would be forwarded to the Community Association
- c) Cllr Stockton reported that the cost of removal of heavy items from properties by NFDC has been reduced.
- d) It was reported that there was a skip on the Common by Coronation Terrace. The Clerk was requested to write a discreet note to the owner of the Coronation Terrace property concerned regarding the skip's removal.
- e) It was reported that there was a new BT cabinet on the Common.

12.40 Date of next meeting

This will be the AGM of the Parish Council On Thursday 24th May at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-56pm