

SANDLEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council held on Thursday 21st March 2013 at St.Aldhelm's commencing at 7-30pm

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

Also in attendance was District Councillor Ms Ann Sevier & 2 village residents as detailed in the attendance book.

13.24 Apologies for absence

These were received from parish councillor Mr GraemeMaynard & district councillor Ms Roxy Bellows & county councillor Mr Edward Heron

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

There were no declarations of interest raised.

13.26 Minutes of Previous Meeting (21st Feb 13)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February were approved & signed as a correct record of the business transacted.

13.27 Matters Arising

a) Community Speedwatch

Cllr Stockton gave an update on the speedwatch team & following a suggestion from a resident they would be covering the area where vehicles exit the industrial estate for their next exercise.

b) Highways

Cllr Fenn said that he had nothing further to report on highways. The Clerk said he had been in touch with NFDC & it was confirmed by an official that the road works designated for the junction of Main Rd & Scats Lane had been ordered & were anticipated for implementation in Spring of this year. The Clerk said this may be a bit later bearing in mind that fact that repair of the many pot-holes in the county were taking up much of the time of the contractors.

c) The Common

The Clerk confirmed that he & Cllr Fenn would meet up with the grass cutters on the morning of the first cut being carried out in mid-April to ensure that the mistakes of last year which were criticised by several villagers were not duplicated.

d) Village Design Statement

The Clerk said that he had received confirmation of receipt from NFDC of the council's final Design Statement. The signs looked hopeful that the Statement will be endorsed by the District Council.

e) Future of St.Aldhelm's

There was nothing further to report on this item.

- f) Parish Lengthsman
The Clerk said that Robert Heron, the lengthsman, had carried out the work on the “dog waste” signs on 5th March & had cleaned out the ditch on the top Common near the road. It was reported that one of the signs had since fallen down. It was confirmed that the pay of the lengthsman is paid for by the county council & not a charge on town & parish councils. The Clerk said that he would get Robert Heron back, but in the meantime would purchase some metal post holders from one of the main DIY stores.
- g) Former MoD land
Cllr Stockton gave a full report of his “off the cuff” meeting with Phil Tandy, the Damerham Chairman, which supplemented his written report to the members of the parish council on 26th February. Mr Tandy had, of course, only been speaking on a personal basis & could not commit his parish council. However he did say that he would be taking the matter back to his council at their next meeting to sound out their opinion. Cllr Stockton said that if positive, & without a firm decision on the former MoD land from QinetiQ there would be no harm on the two councils being prepared with a draft Memorandum of Understanding that had been agreed in principle, thus pre-empting any possible unacceptable ideas from a likely housing association buyer. It was agreed we await a response from Damerham PC & that it would be necessary to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding.
- h) Citizen of the Year – Rotary Club of Fordingbridge
District Councillor Ann Sevier made a plea that consideration be given to the Chief Fire Officer at Fordingbridge be considered for the Citizen of the Year award, bearing in mind he was retiring this year after 30 years service with the fire service. She felt that there would be a nomination from one of the local councils.

13.28 Planning

It was confirmed that there were no new planning applications for consideration but the District Council had confirmed that the application 13/10076 Mrs Lucy Bailey First floor;roof alterations;detached replacement garage (extn to time limit of planning permission 10/95151) Rose Cottage, Alderholt Rd had been granted an extension of time.

The Clerk referred to an application by JCW HIAB Services of Highfield Rd, Ringwood, for an increased authorisation to house 2 HGV vehicles & 1 trailer at Courtwood Farm. This application was among many issued by the office of the Traffic Commissioner Western Area, Leeds. The meeting generally agreed that the reasons to oppose such an application were so narrow that it would be a waste of time & effort in opposing.

It was agreed that an offer by the new Rural Housing Enabler to address a meeting of the council should not be taken up, bearing in mind that in 2003 & 2008 there had been housing needs surveys undertaken under the jurisdiction of the then Rural Housing Enabler (Gordon Richardson) & the understanding that the council were in favour of affordable housing (about 6 houses) provided the District Council could find a land owner willing to sell. To date no available & suitable land had been found. The meeting endorsed the response from the Clerk which had explained this to the new Rural Housing Enabler

13.29 Finance

a) Current situation

Current account £2908.72 Deposit account £1307.02 Treasurer Trust account £499.31

b) Other financial matters

The Clerk said that there was only one invoice & that was from the Parish of Fordingbridge to cover meeting room hire from 1st April 13 to April 14 The invoice was for £119.70 & this was agreed and a cheque was drawn for that amount.

13.30 Village Entry Sign

The Chairman confirmed that Mrs Coyle would be carrying out the design work at the earliest opportunity. However, bearing in mind she is carrying out two jobs as well as bringing up a young family it was a matter of fitting in the design work as & when it was possible.

13.31 Annual Parish Assembly

The agenda for the Annual Parish Assembly on the 18th April was confirmed. The Clerk said that he had been in contact with the new police sergeant Paul Towler who confirmed he would be talking to PC Corinne Irving & PCSO Daisy Towers to check who would be attending on the 18th April. District Councillor Ann Sevier said that, in fact, PC Corinne Irving would be attending. Thus the item relating to the Community Speedwatch would involve the speedwatch team & Corinne Irving.

13.32 Correspondence

a) The meeting confirmed the use of the Common by the Community Association on 29th March for the Easter Egg hunt, 22nd June for the Annual Fete & 5th Nov for the Annual Bonfire.

b) It was confirmed by NFDC that the collection of domestic refuse will be as normal on Good Friday & Easter Monday.

c) The meeting noted the letter from the NFDC regarding “Dual Hatted “ members & disposable pecuniary interests. This applied to NFDC council members who were also members of town or parish councils.

13.33 Any other business

Cllr Stockton made reference to the increased charges of the GIS Partnership. He said that the basic increase from £45 to £100 could be understood but the additional charges were not acceptable. The Clerk said that he would contact Sharon Elson, at NFDC, to query this & that the council will take a decision at their May meeting as to whether or not the parish council to renew its membership of the Partnership.

13.34 Date of Next Parish Council meeting

Thursday 23rd May 13 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelms

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8-20pm