

SANDLEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council held on Thursday 6th December 2012 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 JP Stockton and
Mr D.Wright
Clerk to the Council - Mr B.Shemmings

Also in attendance were six village residents as detailed in the attendance book.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed back after illness Cllr Martin.

- 12.110 Apologies for absence
Received from Cllr G.Maynard & district councillor Roxy Bellows
- 12.111 Any declarations of interest by any councillor on any agenda item
There were no declarations declared
- 12.112 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Parish Council on 25th Oct & 15th Nov
The minutes of the the previous meeting on the 25th Oct & the special meeting of the 15th Nov were approved & signed as a correct record.
- 12.113 Matters Arising
- a) Community Speedwatch
Cllrs Stockton & Wright reported that the speedwatch was continuing with success & results were being logged on to the Council website. Whilst there were two further volunteers to add to the current two Sandleheath representatives so far the police had not issued the final clearances for these 2 additional representatives. Cllr Stockton said it was essential for there to be these extra representatives for at the moment the Sandleheath crew was being augmented by personnel from Damerham. In the hour or hour & a half the speedwatch team are in operation approx 130 vehicles are observed & around 20 letters are sent out to persons driving at more than 30mph (around 10 are doing more than 40mph). Both Cllrs Stockton & Wright felt that drivers are generally reducing their speed through the village. There will be a further session on the 7th December.
The Clerk said that he had written to Phil Tandy, the Damerham PC chairman, and confirmed that Sandleheath PC were willing to part purchase a share of the SID at a cost to the council of £400 plus VAT. He said he was awaiting the invoice from Phil Tandy.
- b) Highways
Cllr Fenn said that unfortunately the walkround the village roads last Friday never took place as the Highways Superintendent (Bob Brown) had made a mistake with the date. The re-arranged walkround will now take place on the 14th Dec. Cllr Fenn added that he would be pointing

out to Bob Brown the couple of covers in Main Rd which resound when vehicles go over them. A short debate took place about the state of Rockbourne Rd which is dire in places. Whilst the road does not come within the Sandheath boundary it was agreed that the Clerk should contact his counterpart in Rockbourne & suggest that certain work could be done by the parish lengthsman to improve the situation.

c) The Common

It was reported that the metal pieces left over from the bonfire had now been removed & the area where the bonfire is situated was now fairly clear. After a short debate it was agreed that Cllr Stockton contact the New Forest National Park arboricultural team regarding the possibility of 13 oak trees situated on the boundary of the Common being given TPOs. It was reported that rocks had been placed at the corner of Main Rd & the little lane at the side of the Common which leads to the properties which border the top Common. It was agreed that the Clerk investigate & inform the resident who placed them at the corner of the highway & lane to remove the rocks, bearing in mind there would be a possible legal claim against the council should a vehicle collide with one of the rocks.

d) Village Design Statement

The Chairman said that due to work commitments & also the domestic upheaval due to the major work being carried out on his home he had been unable to finalise the work on the statement. He was hopeful that the statement would be completed successfully in the near future.

e) Future of St.Aldhelm's

The Clerk said that he had received from the NFDC's head of planning, Chris Elliott, confirmation that the church management do not require a change of use licence for them to let St.Aldhelm's be used by Hyde Band. It was covered by D1 & no planning permission was needed. It was agreed that the Clerk should complete the St.Aldhelm's Information Pack for registering an expression of interest on the future of the church.

The Chairman reported on a recent church meeting he had attended. He also said that it was contemplated by the SCA that there should be an open meeting (similar to the one which established the SCA) to get the feeling of villagers as to what they would like to see the building used for.

f) Parish Lengthsman

The Clerk said that prior to him sending in a work request form to Fordingbridge TC for the parish lengthsman he asked apart from the completion of the ditch work on the top Common & dog waste signs/poles being erected was there any other job that the council required the lengthsman to carry out. It was agreed these were the two jobs required, the Clerk to contact the NFDC dog warden regarding dog waste signs.

12.114 Planning

No new planning applications had been received from NFDC. In respect of the two planning applications 12/99269 for the replacement house for Braemere, Alderholt Rd and 12/99268 additional house & parking had been dealt with by NFDC. In the case of the replacement house planning

permission had been granted with conditions but planning permission had been refused for the additional house. These decisions were in line with the recommendations of the parish council at its special meeting on the 15th November.

The meeting also gave consideration to the report that had been sent out to councillors on the meeting he had with the consultant acting for Qinetiq, who own the former MoD land on the Sandleheath/Damerham border. A copy of the village plan (which includes a reference to the former MoD land) had been sent to the consultant. The Clerk reported that he had kept the Damerham council clerk informed of the meeting & the follow-up written note of the meeting from the consultant. The council agreed to keep a watchful eye on the situation & it was agreed that the village plan should be amended in respect of the reference to the former MoD land to read as follows:

“Whilst recognising that the former Ministry of Defence land now owned by QinetiQ in the northwest of the village is not within the village boundary, it should not be used for housing or commercial development of any kind, but returned to a natural state for wildlife in line with surrounding countryside”

12.115 Finance

a) Current situation

Current account £4588.50 Deposit account £1307.02 & Treasurer Trust account £499.31

b) To consider grants for the financial year to 31st Mar 13.

The following grants were agreed:

Fordingbridge First Responders	£180
Fordingbridge & District Day Centre for the Elderly & Infirm	£ 60
Rae Stratan Lunch Club/Day Centre	£ 60

It was agreed that no other grants would be made.

c) Other financial matters

The meeting considered an invoice from the Clerk to cover his remuneration for the third quarter plus refund of monies paid for postage. The sum of £460.19 was agreed & a cheque for this amount was drawn in Mr Shemmings favour.

The Clerk also made reference to the documentation he had sent out regarding the funding of local councils in 2013/14 & changes to local tax bases. He said that the NFALC were holding a special meeting on the 8th January at NFDC offices in Lyndhurst from 6pm to 8pm to discuss the matter. The NFDC will be sending out the precept documents sometime in the next couple of weeks so that local councils could discuss their precept requests at their January meetings. He said that he would be attending the 8th January meeting & said that any council member could attend with him. Cllr Stockton indicated an interest.

12.116 Village Entry Sign

There was nothing further to report on this at this stage.

12.117 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence he had with a young resident regarding

a request for a skate board half pipe being erected on the Common. The Clerk's response was also reported. The meeting agreed with the Clerk's response & asked him to write to the young resident and confirm that the Council supported the views expressed by the Clerk. The Clerk said that he would write to the young resident sympathetically

12.117 Any Other Business

The Chairman wished all present a very Happy Christmas & Good New Year. He asked all residents present to join him & other council members in a seasonal drink.

12.118 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10th January 13 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-30pm