

SANDLEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council held on Thursday 27th June 13 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's

Present: Chairman - Mr S.Daykin
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 was county councillor Mr E.Heron, district councillor Ms Ann Sevier and one local resident A person who had expressed interest in the Clerk's vacancy was also in attendance & welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman

13.50 Apologies for absence

Received from parish councillor Mr R.Fenn and district councillor Ms Roxy Bellows

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

There were no declarations of interest registered

13.52 Minutes of Previous Parish Council meetings (23rd May & 20th June)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd May were read, approved & signed as a correct record as were the minutes of the special meeting held on the 20th June.

13.53 Matters Arising

a) Community Speedwatch

Cllr Stockton said that there had been no speedwatch outings this past week as one of the three trained watch members was on holiday. He said that at the fete there were two people who indicated a willingness to be trained. With the two already in the pipeline this is a total of four people who now required training. He said that he had requested that the police provide a feedback to the local speedwatch team on action they have taken against drivers referred to them by the speedwatch team. The local police confirmed they would do this.

b) Highways

It was confirmed that the work at the corner of Main Rd & Scats Lane would be undertaken in July after the highways team had completed their work in Green Lane, Fordingbridge

c) The Common

The Clerk confirmed that he was meeting up with the parish lengthsmen on the Common the next morning. The lengthsmen would be banging in metal posts to support the existing dog fouling notices.

d) Village Design Statement

Cllr Stockton said that overall he was pleased with the response from the NFDC. He said that all the key points in our document had been accepted by District Council. He said he would amend our document as appropriate in line with the District Council's wishes. The meeting endorsed the views expressed by Cllr Stockton.

e) Future of St.Aldhelm's

The meeting confirmed that they had looked at the quinquennial inspection

report regarding St.Aldhelm's. The meeting then considered the response from the Church Working Group in reply to the council's 27th May email. The PCC confirmed there is a level playing field in terms of all proposals under consideration. They said they required the Parish Council & Community Association to meet up with the PCC Working Group in August. A response from the SCA said that because of the peak holiday season it would be more appropriate for the meeting to take place during the first week of September. The PCC Working Group came back & suggested 5th September. The Chairman said that he had met up with Mark Ward, the SCA Chairman, & that a SCA village meeting would take place on the 19th July. The parish council agreed to support this meeting and that Simon Daykin should co-chair the meeting with Mark Ward.

Following a point regarding a possible valuation of the building Cllr Edward Heron said that he would make some enquiries.

- f) Parish Lengthsman scheme
This is dealt with under the Common item (c)
- g) QinetiQ
There was nothing further to report & it was reported that the For Sale board had been taken down. After a short discussion Cllrs Stockton & Dean said they would make an approach to the estates surveyor at QinetiQ to ascertain the current situation.
- h) Rural Housing Enabler - Affordable Housing
The Clerk explained that he had been in contact with Catherine Kirkham, the new rural housing enabler at HARAH & explained to her that it was customary to let the clerk or chairman of the parish council know if they were looking for housing sites in the village. Catherine Kirkham apologised but explained that she was new to the job & had not known of that requirement. The Clerk said that she would be coming along to the 1st August meeting to explain the up-to-date situation regarding a site for affordable housing within the village.
- i) GIS Partnership
The Clerk reported that he had written to NFDC confirming the council's withdrawal from the GIS Partnership.
- j) Developers' Contributions
The Clerk confirmed that he had been in touch with Alan Lewenden, from Fordingbridge TC, regarding a meeting about a possible cycleway from Sandleheath to Burgate School. It was agreed that Cllr Maynard would attend any meeting the Clerk sets up with Alan Lewendon. The Clerk said that he would also make arrangements with Neil Williamson, at NFDC, to come along to a future parish council meeting.
- k) Travellers site at Marl Lane, Fordingbridge
Cllr Sevier reported on the action taken by NFDC & that the travellers will be submitting a planning application which would be dealt with in the normal way namely it will be considered by the town council & a recommendation made and a decision taken by the district council. If the decision is against planning permission then it is likely the travellers would submit an appeal to the planning inspectorate. The Clerk was asked to make an approach to NFDC to check on when comments were required in respect of the planning application.

It was also suggested that a possible meeting of residents in Marl Lane, who are covered by the parish council whereas the actual site comes under Fordingbridge Town Council, be held if the residents feel it is necessary.

1) Village Fete

It was agreed that the fete was a great success & a note to be sent to the Chairman of the SCA congratulating him & all those involved in the organising of the event. It was also agreed that for the future the Parish Council would have a stall at future fetes.

13.54 Planning

The Clerk said there were no planning applications or report of decisions taken by the NFDC Planning Authority but the meeting noted the planning development changes in respect of householder rear extension prior notification which town and parish councils would receive For Information

Only. Additionally in respect of notification of change of use is also a prior notification situation which again means there is no right of town or parish councils to be consulted - in other words the matter falls outside of the normal planning application delegated arrangements. The meeting noted the changes.

13.55 Finance

a) Current situation

Current account £4339.16 Deposit account £1307.02 Treasurer Trust account £499.31

b) Annual accounts

The Clerk said that he would endeavour to have the accounts ready for approval at the next meeting

c) Other financial matters (inc outstanding invoices)

The meeting approved the undermentioned invoices

For the Chairman - Chairman's allowance £50

From the Clerk - expenses relating to postage, purchase of metal posts for Common & half of allowance for use of home as council office £105.22

13.56 Replacemen of current Clerk - report from 20th June meeting

It was reported that the council at its special meeting agreed the council felt the two applicants interviewed whilst good candidates were not necessarily the right persons for the position. The third candidate never turned up due to being unable to find the hall. It was agreed that the list be opened up again, bearing in mind that one of the applicants submitted a late application. The applicant who had trouble finding the hall should also be asked whether or not she wanted to be interviewed. It was agreed that there were 2 candidates with a possibility & of a third. The special meeting would be held on the 4th July commencing at 7pm and the candidates would be interviewed at half-hour intervals.

13.57 Village Entry Sign

The Chairman said that Mrs Coyle had still not been able to carry out the work as yet.

13.58 Correspondence

The council endorsed the letter written by the Clerk to Fordingbridge TC

expressing disappointment at the Wilts & Dorset bus company's decision to curtail the last bus times on the X3 route from Bournemouth to Salisbury on Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur and Sun.

13.59 Any other business

It was agreed that any Neighbourhood Watch signs at the entrance to the village should not be put in position.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8-30pm