

## SANDLEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 at 7-30pm 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  
Mrs V.Eden

Also in attendance were county councillor Mr E.Heron, district councillors Ms Roxy Bellows and Ms Ann Sevier plus representatives from HARAHA. There were 6 village residents in attendance.

- 13.60 Apologies for absence  
There were no apologies recorded.
- 13.61 Any declarations of interest by any councillor on any agenda item  
Cllr Stockton declared an interest in the item on the planning application on the agenda relating to the replacement property for Braemere, Alderholt Rd.
- 13.62 Report on the special meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July & to confirm the appointment of the new Clerk to the Council, Mrs Vicky Eden  
The Chairman gave a short report on the 4<sup>th</sup> July meeting explaining that the Council interviewed 3 candidates and felt that Mrs Vicky Eden was the best of the 3 candidates & subsequently offered her the position. The Chairman said that the Council should now ratify that decision. The meeting then unanimously confirmed the appointment of Vicky Eden as the new Clerk to work in tandem with the existing Clerk (Brian Shemmings) until his retirement on 12<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting welcomed Vicky Eden to the Council.
- 13.63 Presentation by Catherine Kirkham, of HARAHA, the new Rural Housing Enabler on possible housing sites within the village  
The Chairman welcomed Catherine Kirkham who then gave a background history of the Hampshire Alliance of Rural Affordable Housing (HARAHA) with the assistance of visual aids. She explained her job with the organisation. She then outlined some of the various affordable housing/social housing developments that HARAHA had been involved with. She said that the criteria used for applicants for social housing under the scheme was they had to show a connection with the village either through living there for some time, close relatives who lived there or by working in the area. She said that from their research figures some 23 people had indicated that they showed a preference for living within Sandleheath. These were people who it was felt were covered by the criteria. During the following debate the figure of 23 was severely questioned, the council members saying that the figure would be nearer 10. Catherine Kirkham said that she would check her figures again.  
After further debate about possible sites within Sandleheath it was confirmed there was only one site that was a possibility for building purposes within Sandleheath. It was proposed by Cllr Stockton & seconded by Cllr Maynard "That the search will continue for possible affordable housing sites within the

village including the one already identified and the maximum housing needs would be ten units” This was put to the vote & carried unanimously. The Chairman thanked Catherine Kirkham for her attendance & presentation.

13.64 Minutes of Previous Meeting (27<sup>th</sup> June 13)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June were approved & signed as a correct record.

13.65 Matters Arising

a) Community Speedwatch

Cllr Stockton said that the team had been out twice in the last week, once in Alderholt Rd & the other time on Main Rd on the approach to the village from Damerham. He said that the average speed of vehicles in Alderholt Rd was 28.7mph. There was a slightly different tale in Main Rd on the approach from Damerham, one vehicle even going at 50mph. These statistics had been reported to the police & it was confirmed by Cllr Stockton that the police van will be in attendance more frequently. District councillor Ann Sevier said she was very much involved now in road safety and said she would be working closely with PC Corinne Irving.

The Chairman thanked the speedwatch team for their contribution.

b) Highways

Cllr Fenn said that in respect of potholes, at the last village walkround with Bob Brown he had handed to the highways superintendent a list of ten potholes which required attention. To date only 1 had been dealt with. He said he would remind Bob Brown. In respect of Scats Lane he said that the new layout was effective in ensuring vehicles reduced their speed entering the road. He said that the road markings required completion.

Reference was made to the email from Paul Garrod, HCC, explaining the approach made by Herrington's Coaches who felt that the new build-out means that their coaches now have to swing out across the opposing lane in Main Road in order to make a left-hand turn into Scats Lane. Herrington's have asked for the build-out to be removed or Scats Lane to be made one way.

During debate it was made clear that the new layout is effective & the Scats Lane residents were very pleased with it. The view was that a one way system would not be acceptable & there would be opposition to removing the build-out. It was agreed that Paul Garrod be written to & it be explained to him that the Parish Council are very encouraged by the new layout at the corner of Main Rd & Scats Lane. They are pleased with the work done by the contractors and would not agree to Scats Lane being made a one-way road. It should be remembered that the farmer at Thorps Farm has to back into Scats Lane to get into line to reach the track to his farm. A one-way system would mean him having to back into a traffic flow going in the opposite direction which would be illegal. They are not in favour of the build-out being removed but would be prepared to look at any alternative.

Cllr Fenn said that in respect of Sandleheath Road there is one last piece of work to be carried out which will involve traffic lights etc.

c) The Common

The Clerk said that the parish lengthsman would be repairing the Common gate as one of the hinges had broken.

d) Village Design Statement

Cllr Stockton confirmed that the VDS is currently being re-drafted.

- e) Future of St.Aldhelm's  
The Chairman said that there had been a well-attended village meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> July. There was a follow-up meeting scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. It was pointed out that any proposal should be supported by a business plan.
- f) Qinetiq  
There was nothing further to report at the present time.
- g) Developers' Contributions  
The Clerk & Cllr Maynard had given a full written report on their meeting with the Fordingbridge TC councillor who is looking into a cycleway from Parsonage Park/Whitsbury Rd on the 25<sup>th</sup> July. It was clear that the only cycleway from Sandleheath would have to commence at the back of the industrial estate using the existing pathway & proceeding down Marl Lane into Parsonage Park to link up with the proposed Fordingbridge cycleway. Further investigations were necessary & discussions will be necessary with the owner of the land at the back of the industrial estate whose land the pathway runs through. The Chairman thanked Cllr Maynard & the Clerk for their report.
- h) Traveller's Site at Marl Lane  
District councillor Ann Sevier said that some 250 objections had been received by NFDC to the site. Because of the interest in the matter the planning application will be heard by the Planning Committee at NFDC.

#### 13.66 Planning

##### Planning application

13/10764 Mr S.Palmer House; Demolition of existing property Braemere, Alderholt Road, Sandleheath

After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that the application be supported

There were no other planning matters

#### 13.67 Finance

##### a) Current situation

Current account £4809.96 Deposit account £1307.02 Treasurer Trust account £499.31

##### b) To consider the annual accounts

It was confirmed that the accounts now balance. It was agreed that the asset of the Canon FC224S photocopier be disposed of because it was now unserviceable. The Chairman & Clerk signed the accounts.

##### c) Other financial matters (inc.outstanding invoices)

The following invoices were approved:

An invoice from the Parish of Fordingbridge for £25.20 to cover the use of St.Aldhelm's on 20<sup>th</sup> June & 4<sup>th</sup> July

An invoice from the Clerk (Brian Shemmings) to cover the second quarter & his final payment of £448.09 ( made up of £439.59 fee & postage £8.50).

Cheques for both these amounts were drawn & signed.

#### 13.68 Village Entry Sign

There was nothing further on this at present.

#### 13.69 Correspondence

The Clerk said that there was no new correspondence over & above that he had sent round to councillors.

13.70 Any Other Business  
There were no items raised

13.71 Date of Next Meeting  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's. It was confirmed that this will be the last meeting for the existing Clerk, Brian Shemmings

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-55pm