



Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council (SPC) held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7-30pm in St. Aldhelm's

PRESENT: 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 Mrs V. Eden

Also in attendance were district councillors Ms Roxy Bellows and Ms Ann Sevier.  
There were 5 village residents in attendance

13.86 Apologies for absence

Received from Chairman Simon Daykin and County Councillor Edward Heron.

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

There were no declarations of interest registered.

13.88 Minutes of Previous Parish Council meetings (12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were read, approved and signed as a correct record as were the minutes of the special meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

13.89 Matters Arising

a) Community Speedwatch

Cllr Stockton provided a short report. The team had conducted one session on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and had registered 3 motorists who were exceeding 30 mph. It was noted that the team were prevented from using their preferred location due to a removal van parked on Main Road.

There was also a discussion relating to an article in a local paper which detailed speeding guidelines used by the police. It seemed that there may be some differences between those guidelines used by the police and those used by the Community Speedwatch team. Cllr Stockton stressed that the aim of Community Speedwatch was to provide education rather than enforcement although it was agreed that the police should write to the relevant publication to provide clarification.

b) Highways

Cllr Fenn advised that there had been no further progress relating to the repair of potholes. The original map detailing the work required was given to District Councillor Roxy Bellows to forward to County Councillor Edward Heron as requested at the last meeting.

c) The Common

The Clerk advised that the parish lengthsman had repaired the Common gate on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

It was then queried as to whether the Sandleheath Community Association (SCA) had requested permission to use the Common for the annual fireworks display. The Clerk advised that no formal request had been received. It was agreed that a formal request in writing (together with copies of the relevant insurance) should be forwarded by the SCA to the Parish Council.

d) Village Design Statement

Cllr Stockton advised that he had received correspondence from Louise Evans at

New Forest District Council (NFDC) reflecting that further amendments were required to the Village Design Statement (VDS) prior to approval. NFDC challenged the vocabulary used in certain sections (in particular the use of the word 'must') and wanted to delete the paragraph relating to the proposed extension of the industrial estate. Parish councillors were concerned that the VDS should not become 'wishy washy' and therefore would not reflect the views of the local people. Summarising, the Vice Chairman Cllr Fenn, said that Sandleheath Parish Council was not happy with some of the changes and that Cllr Stockton should set up a meeting with Louise Evans to discuss the concerns raised.

e) Future of St.Aldhelm's

All parish councillors agreed that they had seen the recent email forwarded by Cllr Daykin. To date, four villagers had volunteered for the Steering Committee. It was agreed that the SCA should have use of the Parish Noticeboard so that villagers could be kept up to date with new developments and that the Clerk would forward the key accordingly.

f) QinetiQ

Cllr Stockton said that there had been no further progress on this matter.

g) Developers' Contributions

The Clerk advised that little progress had been made in relation to the proposed cycleway. Letters had been forwarded to the relevant landowners who had replied that the subject was under consideration.

The Clerk will continue to try and set up a meeting with Alan Lewendon, Fordingbridge Town Councillor and Nick Farthing (Sustrans) to find out about other sources of funding, and will ensure that Dean Brunton at NFDC is kept aware of progress made.

Later in the meeting, Cllr Wright referred to an email forwarded by NFDC relating to the improvement of footpaths in village. It was felt that Developers' Contributions could be used for this purpose and that it would be useful for the NFDC contractor for footpaths to conduct a walkaround the village to provide an estimate of cost. Cllr Wright and the Clerk will attend the meeting in Lyndhurst on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 relating to the improvement of footpaths and the Clerk will contact NFDC to arrange a meeting with the relevant contractor.

It was noted that a percentage of the open space funds held by the district council needs to be spent in the near future or the funds would be returned to NFDC or may be gifted to Fordingbridge Town Council. The Clerk will forward full details relating to the funds that need to be spent and by what date to all Parish Councillors. District Councillor Roxy Bellows also said that she could provide further advice and support to the Parish Council in respect of this matter and would be happy to liaise with Dean Brunton directly on the Council's behalf.

h) Traveller's Site at Marl Lane

District Councillor Ann Sevier said that this matter was now at appeal stage. Any comments by the villagers in relation to this issue must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and villagers must register if they wish to speak at the hearing. This hearing is scheduled to take place at Fordingbridge Town Hall on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The Parish Councillors agreed that the Chairman would forward comments on behalf of Sandleheath Parish Council. The Clerk would also display details relating to this matter on the parish noticeboard.

### 13.90 Planning

a) Planning applications

The Clerk reported that there were no new planning applications for this meeting.

b) Decisions taken by NFDC Planning Authority

- 13/11016 Mr & Mrs Graham Lacey First floor rear extension; balcony; rooflight; ground floor bay window side addition; detached garage with room over Fairview, Alderholt Road, Sandleheath SP6 1PR - Granted subjected to conditions

- 13/11069 Mr & Mrs E R Sparks Detached car port Sandeewood, Main Road, Sandeewood SP6 1TD - Granted subjected to conditions  
As yet no decision has been received in relation to the following:
  - 13/11035 Mr Melville House; demolition of existing, Hurley Farm, Marl Lane, Sandeewood SP6 1NY
- c) Other Planning Matters  
Cllr Stockton advised that a new TPO (0037/13) came into effect on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 relating to two copper beech trees on the land of Fairview and Arncourt, Alderholt Road.

#### 13.91 Finance

- a) Current situation  
Current account 6765.65 Deposit account 1307.94  
The Clerk advised that the second half of the precept had been received.
- b) Correspondence with Audit Commission  
The Clerk advised that the audit for 2012/13 had now been concluded and that the relevant notice had been displayed on the parish noticeboard for the required two weeks. There was no fee to be paid to the Audit Commission.
- c) Other financial matters (inc.outstanding invoices)  
The following invoices were approved by the meeting:  
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: the sum of 35 to cover the cost of the annual poppy wreath and a small donation.  
Information Commissioner Office: the sum of 35 for the annual fee under the The Data Protection Act.  
Victoria Eden: the sum of 551.09 to cover Clerks fees for the third quarter, expenses relating to postage costs and half of allowance for use of home as council office.  
Robert Heron: the sum of 11.36 to cover material costs relating to repair of Common gate on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
Whatever Garden Services: the sum of 20 relating to the disposal of the fallen limb on WI tree on the Common

#### 13.92 Village Entry Sign

Due to the absence of the Chairman, this matter was not discussed.

#### 13.93 Correspondence

The Clerk advised that matters of correspondence had been forwarded to parish councillors via email.

#### 13.94 Any Other Business

A request was made to the villagers for help on the Common on Saturday morning (26<sup>th</sup> October 2013).

There was also a short discussion as to whether there were designated working hours in place in relation to the industrial estate. It was brought to the council's attention that a commercial vehicle had been noticed being unloaded at 10pm at night. The Parish Council advised that there weren't any designated working hours in place and it was felt that this incident may have been one off'. However, should this issue arise again in the future, the Parish Council may forward an appropriate letter of concern.

The Clerk also advised of two meetings that were to be held prior to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Stockton agreed to attend the Council Tax Reduction Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 in Lyndhurst. The Clerk advised that she would be attending the Police Liaison Meeting in Fordingbridge on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

### 13.95 Date of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's.

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8:34pm