



Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council (SPC) held on Thursday,  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7-30pm in the School Room, Methodist Chapel

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Mr R. Fenn  
Councillors Mr G. Maynard, Mr J.P. Stockton &  
Mr D. Wright  
Clerk to the Council Mrs V. Eden

Also in attendance were County Councillor Edward Heron and District Councillor  
Ms Roxy Bellows. There were 5 village residents in attendance

13.96 Apologies for absence

Received from Chairman Simon Daykin, Parish Councillors Brian Martin and Derek  
Dean and District Councillor Ann Sevier.

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

There were no declarations of interest registered.

13.98 Minutes of Previous Parish Council meeting (24<sup>th</sup> October 2013)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were read, approved and  
signed.

13.99 Matters Arising

a) Community Speedwatch

Cllr Stockton provided a short report. Although the Community Speedwatch team  
had been unable to conduct any sessions since the previous Parish Council  
meeting, the police van had been present in the village on the morning of  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Cllr Stockton advised that there was going to be a session for  
all local Community Speedwatch teams on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

b) Highways

Vice Chairman Fenn provided a short report. Some repairs have been completed  
including the drain in Alderholt Road and the pothole on Main Road. Vice Chairman  
Fenn advised that he had spoken to Bob Brown about the outstanding work  
required as detailed on the map. Bob Brown said that the footpath damaged by tree  
roots near Forres Sandle Manor is a major project but is now scheduled to be done.  
Vice Chairman Fenn confirmed that he had sent an email relating to Bishops Lane  
and other matters, and would keep in regular contact with Bob Brown, monitoring  
the situation. Parishioners were encouraged to report problems directly to  
Hampshire Highways, ideally via the website with a map.

c) The Common

Following Bonfire Night, it was noted that there was metal waste and glass which  
required removal from the Common. It was agreed that it was the responsibility of  
the Sandleheath Community Association (SCA) to remove this waste and the Parish  
Clerk is to write to the SCA accordingly.

d) Village Design Statement

Cllr Stockton advised that he had received further correspondence from Louise  
Evans at New Forest District Council (NFDC) in relation to the Village Design

Statement (VDS). Overall Cllr Stockton felt happier with the new wording, although it was still felt that NFDC wanted to 'water down' certain statements, particularly in relation to the further development of the industrial estate. County Councillor Heron advised that the VDS cannot add nor distract from national planning strategy. It was felt though that the VDS was close to being completed and Cllr Stockton confirmed that there would be a final consultation period prior to its approval.

e) Future of St.Aldhelm's

Due to the absence of the Chairman, this matter was not discussed in detail. A query was raised as to whether Sandleheath Parish Council would be the guarantor for SCA if the purchase does go ahead. It was agreed that this would be too risky and that the SCA must stand on its own two feet.

f) QinetiQ

Cllr Stockton said that there had been very little progress on this matter, although the land is now to be auctioned.

g) Developers' Contributions

Cllr Wright advised that he had attended a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 with NFDC to discuss opportunities to develop footpaths in Sandleheath. It appeared that this meeting had been called to discuss ways of spending the Section 106 Developer Contributions allocated to Sandleheath as Neil Williamson, budget holder for S106 funding, was one of the attendees. NFDC were not prepared to consider maintenance projects in relation to S106 spending but would be more agreeable to improvement schemes e.g. improvements to Muddy Lane and the verge of Alderholt Road near the bridge. It was made clear at this meeting that if no viable proposal is forwarded to NFDC, the monies may go to another town (e.g. Fordingbridge) or may stay with the budget holder. It was agreed that a decision is to be made by the parish council as to the most suitable project in the next parish council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Cllr Maynard enquired as to whether the funds could be used to protect The Common but was advised by County Cllr Heron that protecting The Common would not meet the requirements of S106.

A short discussion then followed relating to the proposed cycleway between the industrial estate and Marl Lane. One of the landowners, Mr Gordon Read, advised the parish council that he and the other landowner, Mrs Bailey, were in favour of the cycleway in principle but did have some concerns e.g. would the cycleway be used by motorbikes or horses and what insurance would be in place to cover emergencies. Mr Read also advised that he and Mrs Bailey are also committed to a levy of 5k (index linked) for Section 106 Transport costs connected to Planning Application 10/95329 - Land Adjacent to Unit 17, Sandleheath Industrial Estate and were of the understanding that this was in some way linked to the provision of a cycle route. Therefore they proposed that this levy should be waived in return for their agreement to permit the development of the cycle route over their land.

It was agreed that Cllr Wright and the Clerk would draft a letter to NFDC reflecting that the council was still actively looking at the creation of a cycleway as the most suitable project for S106 funds. However the concerns of the landowners would be clearly reflected, together with the suggestion that the levy of 5000 re planning application 10/95329 would be rescinded so that they can make an alternative contribution for the new cycleway. Copies of this letter would be sent to the landowners for their approval.

h) Traveller's Site at Marl Lane

As District Councillor Ann Sevier was unable to attend the meeting, this matter was not discussed in detail. It was reiterated that the appeal hearing is to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014

13.100 Planning

- Planning applications

The Clerk reported that there were no new planning applications for discussion at this meeting although the following application was received on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and would be discussed at a special meeting scheduled to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013:

Planning Application No. 13/11474

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| <b>TYPE</b>        | Full Planning Permission                         |
| <b>SITE</b>        | The Old Stores, Scats Lane, Sandleheath, SP6 1PL |
| <b>DESCRIPTION</b> | Single Storey Side Extension                     |
| <b>APPLICANT</b>   | Mr & Mrs Raymond Rickman                         |

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the planning committee to arrange a site visit in relation to this planning application.

- Decisions taken by NFDC Planning Authority  
13/11035 Mr Melville House; demolition of existing, Hurley Farm, Marl Lane, Sandleheath SP6 1NY - Refused
- Other Planning Matters  
There were no other planning matters.

13.101 Finance

a) Current situation

Current account 6113.20 Deposit account 1307.94

b) Other financial matters (inc.outstanding invoices)

The following invoices were approved by the meeting:

- i. NFDC Invoice - Annual charge for grounds maintenance - 556.80
- ii. Councillor expenses - Cllr Wright was reimbursed for his travel expenses for his attendance at the NFDC meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 relating to pathways in Sandleheath - 24.70

It was agreed that Grant Aid would be discussed at the meeting in January 2014.

13.102 Village Entry Sign

Due to the absence of the Chairman, this matter was not discussed in detail although it was agreed that it would remain as an agenda item.

13.103 Correspondence

The Clerk advised that matters of correspondence had been forwarded to parish councillors via email, although a further email had been received on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 relating to Community Payback (formerly known as Community Service'). After a short discussion, it was agreed that this service would not be required in Sandleheath.

13.104 Any Other Business

Vice Chairman Fenn noted that Mr Brownsey had cleared the footpath next to his property. It was noted that Sandleheath Parish Council are appreciative of the work that has been done and the Clerk would forward a thankyou letter to Mr Brownsey on the Council's behalf.

Cllr Stockton also invited all those present at the meeting for Christmas drinks at his house.

13.105 Date of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's.

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8:32pm