



Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council (SPC) held on Thursday, 9th January 2014 at 7-30pm St Aldhelm's.

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

Also in attendance was District Councillor Ann Sevier. There were 5 village residents in attendance

13.110 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Graeme Maynard, County Councillor Edward Heron and District Councillor Roxanne Bellows.

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

There were no declarations of interest registered.

13.112 Minutes of Previous Parish Council meeting (5th December 2013) and Special Parish Council Meeting (2nd January 2014)

The minutes of the meetings held on 5th December 2013 and 2nd January 2014 were read, approved and signed.

13.113 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 largely due to weather conditions, the police van had been present in the village on 9th January 2014. Cllr Stockton advised that he had attended session for all local Community Speedwatch teams on 19th December 2013 and had been informed that the police van had issued 410 people with fines within the Fordingbridge area throughout 2013 - this included fines issued within Sandleheath. However there were no statistics available to reflect whether local people were getting caught. It was reiterated that more volunteers were needed to assist with Community Speedwatch and Cllr Stockton advised that he would issue another plea for volunteers on the Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin.

b) Highways

Vice Chairman Fenn advised that there was little to report. Bob Brown had unfortunately injured himself over the Christmas holidays and would not be at work for approximately six weeks. Some drains had been cleared within the village but no major potholes had been filled due to weather conditions. It was reiterated that villagers to report problems directly to Hampshire Highways, ideally via the website.

c) The Common

The Clerk advised that Nigel Poulton from the Sandleheath Community Association (SCA) had confirmed that he would remove the metal waste and glass from the Common as soon as the weather conditions improved.

d) Village Design Statement

Cllr Stockton advised that there was nothing further to report at present.

- e) Future of St.Aldhelm's
Chairman Daykin provided a short report. The Sandleheath Community Association (SCA) has established itself as the preferred bidder and a formal offer is to be forwarded to the Church by the end of February 2014. A request for help in writing this response from the village was issued, together with a call for ideas in relation to sources of funding.
- f) QinetiQ
Cllr Stockton advised that a Sale Agreed sign is now displayed on the site but that the buyer is not yet known.
- g) Developers' Contributions
The Clerk advised that, as discussed at the previous meeting, a letter had been sent to Dean Brunton at NFDC. This correspondence clearly reflected why the Parish Council advocated a cycleway starting from the Sandleheath Industrial Estate and leading to Marl Lane. It also reflected that the landowners agreed to the cycleway in principle. During a telephone call on 8th January 2014, Dean Brunton had confirmed that the monies had been formally allocated to the proposed cycleway and improved access. Chairman Daykin advised that the response from the villagers to this new cycleway was very positive and it was noted that the Mayor of Fordingbridge was also very keen for this project to go ahead. The Clerk confirmed that she would continue to chase matters with NFDC.
- h) Traveller's Site at Marl Lane
District Councillor Ann Sevier advised that she had received several photographs of the site in its current flooded condition and would pass these onto NFDC. It was reiterated that the appeal hearing is to be held on 29th April 2014

13.114Planning

- a) Planning applications
The Clerk reported that there were no new planning applications for discussion at this meeting. However, further to the special meeting on 2nd January 2014, it was noted that a new online comment had been posted in relation to planning application 13/11457 (Woodlands House, Main Road). A comment of support had been received from a neighbour to the development site following a discussion with the developer.
- b) Decisions taken by NFDC Planning Authority
No new decisions had been taken by NFDC Planning Authority.
- c) Other Planning Matters
There were no other planning matters.

13.115Finance

- a) Current situation
Current account 5531.70 Deposit account 1308.17 (includes recent interest)
- b) To consider the precept required for the financial year 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015
There was a short discussion as to whether the precept should be increased for the new financial year. It was felt to be important that future capital projects should be taken into consideration and it was also noted that the new Clerk would require

further training, particularly as she had expressed an interest in obtaining her CiLCA qualification. These new training costs had not needed to be taken into consideration in recent financial years. The Chairman therefore proposed that the precept be increased by 2% and this proposal was unanimously supported.

c) Other financial matters (inc.outstanding invoices)

The following invoice was approved by the meeting:

- i. Victoria Eden: the sum of 500 to cover Clerks fees for the third/fourth quarter and expenses relating to postage costs. The Clerk confirmed that she would be forwarding a final invoice in March 2014 to complete her fees for the financial year 2013-2014

Request for Grant Aid

Following a short discussion, the following grants were agreed:

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

It was agreed that no other grants would be made.

13.116Village Entry Sign

The Chairman advised that there was nothing further to report at present. However, it was noted that County Councillor Heron had previously indicated that 1000 had been allocated for this project and the parish council is keen not to lose this funding.

13.117Correspondence

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

13.118Any Other Business

Cllr Wright asked one of the landowners of the site of the proposed cycleway as to whether he had experienced any further problems with motorcycles on the pathway. He advised that he had not been made aware of any further problems with motorcycles.

13.119Date of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 20th February 2014 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:11pm