



Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council (SPC) held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 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 G Maynard  
                                        and Mr D. Wright  
   Clerk to the Council      Mrs V Eden

Also in attendance was District Councillor Roxanne Bellows. There were 7 village residents in attendance.

13.120 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies recorded. The Chairman advised the Parish Councillors and villagers of the sad news relating to Cllr Dean's death on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014. A minutes silence was observed in his memory. The Clerk advised that she would forward details relating to Cllr Dean's funeral when such information was known.

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

Cllr Stockton declared an interest in the planning application relating to Braemere.

13.122 Minutes of Previous Parish Council meeting (9<sup>th</sup> January 2014)

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were read, approved and signed, although it was noted that the agenda item relating to the Village Entry Sign would now reflect Village Sign.

13.123 Matters Arising

a) Community Speedwatch

Cllr Stockton provided a short report. The Community Speedwatch team had only held one or two sessions since the previous Parish Council meeting due to adverse weather conditions. Approximately 8-9 drivers were caught exceeding the speed limit in the space of one hour although statistically the average speed of drivers was below 30 mph.

b) Highways

Vice Chairman Fenn provided a short report. The footpath leading to Fordingbridge had been resurfaced and some potholes had been filled. However, adverse weather conditions have limited progress in relation to the filling of potholes and it was noted that a particularly bad pothole had been fenced on Alderholt Road. Large wheel tracks had also been noted near The Common and it was agreed that the idea to widen the road should be pursued. Vice Chairman Fenn advised that he would send an email to Bob Brown (who should now be back at work following his ill health at Christmas) for an update. It was also noted that the results of the survey in relation to the improvements to Scats Lane still had not been received.

c) The Common

Following the recent bad weather, the Council was made aware of damage that had

occurred in the village. A tree had come down at the end of Coronation Terrace, there was a rotten tree in Spring Lane and there was considerable water coming down from Spring Lane into Scats Lane because a ditch needed to be cleared. It was felt that this may be work for the Parish Lengthsman to undertake; however Cllr Stockton will look into the matter and advise the best way forward.

There is still some clearance work to be done on The Common following Bonfire Night but again this work has been hampered by the bad weather and will be done when conditions improve.

The Clerk advised that she needed to contact the NFDC in relation to dates for cutting The Common in 2014. She was aware that various activities would be held on The Common and wanted to find out the dates so that she could agree most appropriate cutting dates with NFDC. The Clerk will liaise with the Sandleheath Community Organisation (SCA) and Gordon Read (on behalf of the Methodist Chapel) and then forward the most appropriate dates to NFDC accordingly.

d) Village Design Statement

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

e) Future of St.Aldhelm's

Chairman Daykin advised that there was little to report at present although a steering group was now in force.

f) QinetiQ

Cllr Stockton advised that there was nothing further to report at present and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

g) Developers' Contributions

The Clerk provided a short report. NFDC has now published the Cabinet decision agreed on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and this reflects that funds held by Sandleheath Parish Council will be used towards the improvement of footpaths in the local area. It was not clear from this document that the funds will be used towards the cycleway originating from the industrial estate. This is a potential concern as the cycle path is the Parish Council's top priority for use of the allocated 106 funds.<sup>1</sup> The Clerk confirmed that she would try to clarify matters with NFDC and also liaise directly with District Councillor Roxanne Bellows. It was also understood by the Clerk that the landowners had been contacted directly by NFDC but this was not the case.

Cllr Stockton raised some queries in relation to the suggestions put forward by NFDC concerning the footpath proposed for Alderholt Road. In relation to the Northern side of the path, the footpath would run through the Chapel's car park (and hence would not be safe for pedestrians); whereas in relation to the Southern side of the path, the footpath would be situated where people rarely walk but could lead to future developments in the village.

The Clerk advised that she would continue to chase and report back to the Parish Council accordingly.

h) Traveller's Site at Marl Lane

This matter was not discussed as District Councillor Ann Sevier was not present. It was reiterated that the appeal hearing is to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014

### 13.124 Planning

a) Planning application

14/10108 Mr Steve Palmer Detached garage Site of Braemere, Sandleheath, SP6 1PR

After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that the decision should be

delegated to the planning officer.

The Clerk also advised that another planning application had been received (14/10218, Mrs Roome, Conservatory, Old Well Cottage, Rockbourne Road, Sandeheath, SP6 1QE). After liaising with NFDC, it was agreed that comments could be forwarded on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014 so that this planning application could be discussed at the next parish council meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

- b) Decisions taken by NFDC Planning Authority
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|----------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| 13/11457 | Mr Johnston      | 3 houses; 1 bungalow; 3 detached garages; parking; demolition of existing | Woodlands House, Main Road | - |
|          |                  | Refused   |                            |   |
| 13/11474 | Mr & Mrs Rickman | Single storey side extension  | The Old Stores, Scats Lane | - |
|          |                  | Granted subject to conditions   |                            |   |
- c) Other Planning Matters
- The Clerk advised that TPO/0037/13 (Land of Fairview and Arncourt, Alderholt Road, Sandeheath) was now in force

### 13.125 Finance

- a) Current situation
- b) Current account 4731.70 (*includes Grant Aid donations as detailed below*)  
Deposit account 1308.17
- c) Other financial matters (inc.outstanding invoices)
- The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn up accordingly:
- HALC - Invoice 11018 - Clerks Training (What You Need to Know & Minute Taking) - 78.00 (the Clerk advised that she had been unable to attend the Minute Taking training & would reimburse the parish council accordingly)
  - HALC - Invoice 11052 - Clerks Update - 36

Cheques were also drawn up for the grant aid donations as agreed at the meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014:

i. Fordingbridge First Responders	180
ii. Fordingbridge & District Day Centre for the Elderly and Infirm	60
iii. Rae Stratan Lunch Club/Day Centre	60

The Clerk also advised that she had contacted NFDC to increase the precept by 2% as agreed at the meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

### 13.126 Village Sign

The Chairman advised that there was little further to report at present. However one of the villagers, Keith Bennett, presented the council with possible designs for a sign and it was agreed that Cllr Wright would investigate potential costs. It was reiterated 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. It was noted that the site for this sign has yet to be agreed.

### 13.127 Correspondence

The Clerk advised she had received various matters of correspondence that she wished to bring to the councillors attention to ensure that no issues were overlooked:

- i. Consultation on draft Hampshire Statement of Community Involvement - Minerals and Waste (received 16/01/2014) - it was agreed that this email was to be forwarded to all councillors
- ii. Fordingbridge Town Council 's request for ideas in relation to War Commemorations (received 31/01/2014) - it was felt that Sandleheath Parish Council had little to contribute toward these commemorations
- iii. Notification re allowances to members of Parish and Town Councils (received 03/02/2014) - it was agreed that this email was to be forwarded to all councillors
- iv. Local Enforcement Plan addresses inappropriate development (received 03/02/2014) - it was agreed that this email was to be forwarded to all councillors
- v. South and South East in Bloom newsletter (received 14/02/2014) - it was agreed that Sandleheath Parish Council did not participate in this scheme
- vi. NALC Policy Consultation- Local Audit & Accountability Act and NALC Cheques LRO Briefing (received 18/02/2014) - it was agreed that this email was to be forwarded to all councillors
- vii. Contacts from HALC in relation to ETE Highways (received 19/02/2014) - it was agreed that these contacts were to be forwarded to Vice Chairman Fenn
- viii. Rotary Citizen of the Year - it was agreed that nominations should be forwarded to the Clerk
- ix. NFDC's Traffic Management Programme for 2014/2015 - it was agreed that this email was to be forwarded to all councillors

The Clerk also brought to the Parish Council's attention details relating to future conferences and meetings:

- i. HALC Annual Conference - 05/03/2014
- ii. Localism (LCPD) - 06/03/2014
- iii. HCC Parish Transport Rep Meeting - 15/03/2014
- iv. Councils: A Changing Future - 18/03/2014
- v. HCC New Forest Passenger Transport - 19/03/2014
- vi. NALC - What next for Localism - 26/03/2014
- vii. Broadband Conference - 01/04/2014
- viii. NFALC Meeting - 17/04/2014
- ix. Paths to Partnership - 05/06/2014

### 13.128Any Other Business

There was a short discussion relating to the possible loss of the Mobile Library Service in Sandleheath. The Clerk informed the council that she had visited the mobile library on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and had been advised that only 3 villagers regularly used the service (BBC Solent were also present on this day). After speaking with the employees in the local shop, it was felt that the service was not publicised enough and it was agreed that a notification would both be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Watch List and displayed on the Parish Noticeboard.

It was brought to the council's attention that the previous meeting minutes dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were not reflected on the Sandleheath Parish Council website. Both the Clerk and Cllr Wright said that they would look into the matter.

The Clerk advised that dates for future parish council meetings (2014/2015) had now been agreed and would forward these to Cllr Wright for inclusion on the Sandleheath

Parish Council website

Cllr Stockton also reported that the police were grateful for the feedback that they had received from local residents. One resident had been concerned about unusual activity and had forwarded a car registration number to the police so that they could investigate (although on this occasion, there was nothing untoward).

#### 13.129 Date of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:16pm