



Minutes of a meeting of Sandleheath Parish Council (SPC) held on Thursday, 31st July 2014 at 7.30pm at St Aldhelm's.

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

Also in attendance was District Councillor Roxanne Bellows. There were 6 village residents in attendance, including the applicant for the casual vacancy.

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman reflected on the sad news relating to the death of Sandleheath resident, Winifred Rickman. A minutes silence was observed in her memory.

14.52 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Maynard, County Cllr Edward Heron and District Cllr Ann Sevier

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

No declarations of interest were declared.

14.54 Minutes of Previous Parish Council meeting (26th June 2014)

The Parish Council RESOLVED to sign the minutes of the meeting dated 26th June 2014 as a true record. The Chairman signed all pages of the loose leaf minutes and these would be placed in the Minute Book.

14.55 Co-option of New Parish Councillor

The Clerk advised that Kenneth Andrews had applied for the role of parish councillor and that his resume had previously been forwarded to the parish councillors for their consideration. The Clerk confirmed that the electoral register had already been checked so that eligibility was confirmed. As there were no other applicants for the role, the Council RESOLVED that Kenneth Andrews be co-opted onto the Council and he was invited to join the table by the Chairman. Cllr Andrews read and completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, which was counter signed by the Clerk. He was also given the Code of Conduct adopted by the council. The Clerk is to ensure that the Register of Members' Interests form is completed & forwarded to the Monitoring Officer at NFDC within 28 days of the meeting. Cllr Andrews is also to receive the updated Standing Orders & Financial Regulations prior to the next meeting on 11th September 2014.

14.56 Matters to Report

a) Community Speedwatch

Cllr Stockton advised that there was little to report and that no further volunteers had come forward to assist with the ongoing project.

b) Highways

Cllr Fenn provided a short report. He is currently looking into concerns relating to services covers on Main Road as it has been reported that they rattle when cars go over them. This matter will be raised with his contact, Bob Brown, as it would appear that Hampshire County Council (HCC) will need to place an order with the services providers. As yet, however, Cllr Fenn still does not know when Bob Brown is due to return to work following his sick leave but it is anticipated that when he does return all outstanding and new tasks relating to highways will be investigated.

c) The Common

The Chairman advised the council that some Sandleheath residents had complained about the smell of dog waste placed in the bin by the bus shelter and wondered whether the council should invest in a dog waste bin to be situated near The Common. It was felt that this would be incurring extra costs and perhaps it would be more beneficial to move the bin away from the bus shelter. It was agreed that no action was needed at the present time although the situation would continue to be monitored.

A villager raised the concern that too many dogs were fouling on Bishops Lane and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact NFDC to request more anti-dog fouling signs.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Lengthsman had completed some tasks for the village on 8th July 2014 (not 4th July 2014 as originally communicated). Outstanding tasks would be completed in due course and the Clerk asked the Council if there were any further tasks to be added to the Parish Lengthsman worksheet. It was noted that the footpath between the village shop and top of Scats Lane still needed tidying up and the Clerk would highlight this task on an updated worksheet.

It was also noted that the sign for the Methodist Chapel had been moved and the Chairman advised that he would look into the matter further.

d) Village Design Statement (VDS)

Cllr Stockton provided a short report. The Consultation Period is due to end on the 15th August 2014. Several residents had been into the village post office to see the VDS and the post master had given copies of the document to those villagers who requested them.

A villager queried the boundaries on page 7 of the document and Cllr Stockton advised that he would look into the matter further.

e) Future of St Aldhelm's

Cllr Daykin provided a short report. A meeting had now taken place between the Church Management Group and Sandleheath Community Association (SCA) in which there was a 'robust exchange of views'. The Steering Group of the SCA would be submitting a proposal to the Church Management Group on Friday, 1st August 2014 and a further meeting would be held between the two groups on Monday, 4th August 2014. It is hoped that the SCA can secure a five year lease, with an option to buy the building although there is a significant amount of work to be done in terms of raising the necessary funds.

f) Footpaths

The Chairman said that he had heard nothing further in relation to the proposed cycleway and would send chaser emails accordingly. District Cllr Bellows also advised that she would contact County Cllr Heron for a further update.

Cllr Stockton advised that he would be contacting the footpath clearing team in relation to the Bishops Lane clearance. The Chairman then remembered that he was going to forward to Cllr Stockton Hampshire County Council's (HCC) list of priorities and handbook that he had been given at the Paths to Partnership Conference on 5th June 2014. This information would be forwarded on accordingly.

g) Village Sign

The Chairman advised that no further progress had been made on this matter. Cllr Daykin confirmed that he had approached the SCA for possible funding but had received a negative response due to their ongoing commitment in trying to purchase St Aldhelm's.

There then followed a heated debate as to whether the Parish Council should continue to explore this matter (particularly as to whether it is an appropriate item to commit money to as there is already a sign in place which was provided by Highways; parish council funds may be required in the future should the purchase of St Aldhelm's go ahead; and parish council funds may also be required for next year's elections). It was then put to the vote that this matter should be dropped as an agenda item and only reinstated if significant material changes occurred. 5 to 1 councillors voted in support of the motion and hence it was RESOLVED that Village Sign will now be dropped as an agenda item.

h) Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised that there were no other items requiring discussion.

14.57 Correspondence

The Clerk advised that all matters of correspondence had been circulated to the councillors via email but drew their attention to the following:

- i) The Clerk asked the Council if they would like to participate in the CLG enquiry into litter (e.g. flytipping). The Chairman advised that the Council did not wish to participate at the present time.
- ii) The Clerk enquired if the council required any reducing speed signs for the village as she had been contacted by Unipart. It was agreed that any further signs were not required at the present time.
- iii) The Clerk had also received marketing literature relating to the biological control of insect pests. It was felt that this was not a concern to the council at the present time.
- iv) The Chairman was informed that he had received an invitation to the HALC AGM
- v) The NFDC correspondence re Recording and Use of Social Media at meetings was discussed. It was felt that a formal policy did not need to be in place although the matter would be continually monitored.

14.58 Planning

a) Planning applications

The Clerk advised that the following planning application had been received:

APPLICATION NO: 14/10931
TYPE: Full Planning Permission
SITE: The Briars, Alderholt Road, Sandleheath SP6 1PT
DESCRIPTION: First-floor rear extension
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Partridge

After a short discussion, it was RESOLVED to support the application.

The following application had also been received prior to the meeting but a required a special meeting to be scheduled as it could not be added to the agenda at such short notice:

APPLICATION NO: 14/11048
TYPE: Full Planning Permission
SITE: Lilacs, Scats Lane, Sandleheath SP6 1PL
DESCRIPTION: Roof alterations; dormers and roof lights in association with new first floor; two storey front extensions; front porch; two storey and single storey rear extensions; alterations to access; chimney
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Andrews

It was agreed that a special parish council meeting would be held on Thursday, 14th August 2014 to discuss this application.

b) Decisions taken by NFDC Planning Authority

The Clerk advised that the following decision had been taken by NFDC Planning Authority:

- i. 14/10709 - Oakridge, Mayfield Road, Sandleheath, SP6 1DU: Granted subject to conditions

c) Other Planning Matters

There were no further planning matters.

14.59 Finance

a) Current situation

Current account £1486.93

Deposit account £5308.63

An up to date Financial Statement was prepared and forwarded to the Parish Councillors. This reflected the recent donation of £5.20 raised at the Sandleheath Village Fete for the Village Sign.

The Council then asked the Clerk to write to the two businesses that had expressed an interest in providing some funds towards the Village Sign to reflect the Council's thanks but to advise that the matter is not to be progressed at the current time.

b) To authorise and sign cheques for payment

There were no invoices requiring payment.

14.60 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11th September 2014 at 7.30pm in St Aldhelm's

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.