

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held at St John's Church Centre, Southbourne on 11 April 2017.

Present: Mr C Bulbeck (Chairman), Mr Brown*, Mrs M Bulbeck, Mr Ferguson, Mr Gowlett, Mr Hayes* Mr Hicks*, Mr Jennings, Mr Lane and Mr Rolfe.

*Also District Councillors for Southbourne.

3 members of the public.

Part I

Apologies for Absence

295. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Feltham and Mr Withers.

Declarations of Interest

296. None

Minutes

297. Resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Community Led Housing Initiatives

298. Members received a presentation on Community led housing initiatives from the Miss Nicol, Rural Housing Enabler at Chichester District Council. It was noted that the District Council had received a £1.39m grant from the Government to support these initiatives as the District had one of the highest rates of second home ownership in the country. Members thanked Miss Nicol for her presentation.

Open Forum

299. No items were raised.

County Councillor's Report

300. C Cllr Ms James that the County Council had now stopped charging for DIY waste.

301. C Cllr Ms James also reported that the Police and Crime Panel, of which she was a member, had noted at its meeting on 7 April 2017 that HM Inspectorate of Constabulary 'required improvement' of Sussex Police in respect of its effectiveness at keeping people safe and reducing crime.

302. With the agreement of the Chairman, C Cllr Ms James referred to the Clerk's report regarding a replacement fence alongside a public right of way. She commented that the proposal had come about due to a significant number of e

mails about the fence. However, she acknowledged that the Parish Council could not provide financial support for a replacement.

303. Resolved – that the Parish Council not contribute to the replacement fencing.

District Councillor's Report

304. Mr Hicks reported on a number of issues including:

- The Citizens Advice Bureau would be moving into the District Council offices
- The Novium had been nominated for another award for its Tim Peake exhibition
- Councils across East and West Sussex but excluding Brighton and Hove Borough Council, had received a grant totalling £470,000 to combat rough sleeping

Operation Watershed – Hermitage Stream

305. The Council received the report of the Clerk regarding proposed repairs to the banks of the Hermitage Stream.

306. Resolved – that the Clerk be authorised to obtain quotes for the work and then submit an application to Operation Watershed for funding on the basis of the quote that best fits the specification for the repairs to the bank.

New Homes Bonus 2017/18

307. The Clerk reported that due to the timing of receipts of bids, it had become clear that it would not be possible to support the current transport consultancy work through the New Homes Bonus (NHB) 2017/18 (minutes 277-278/17 refer). Instead this work would need to be funded from the unused 2016/17 Neighbourhood Plan budget and if necessary the General Reserve.

308. Members would consider what use could be made of the NHB grant in the current year and forward their costed ideas to Mr Ferguson to collate for discussion at Council on 9 May 2017.

309. Resolved – that the additional costs for the transport consultancy be met from the unused Neighbourhood Plan budget from 2016/17 and if needed, the General Reserve.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

310. There had been low attendance at the meeting on 4 April. Ms Tait had resigned as the Communications Coordinator for personal reasons. Future housing allocation numbers were still awaited from the District Council.

311. Mr Lane said he had spoken to the manager at the new Co-op about the old site. It was noted that the site of the old Co-op was actually owned by the Co-operative. Other than specifying the class use in line with the Neighbourhood

Plan, it was noted that planning law did not enable a council to specify that a site should be used for a particular type of retail.

Finance

312. Payments – The Council approved the payments as follows:

Joint Burial Committee	First quarter precept	£4,667.50
SSE Southern Electric	Street light unmetered supply	£1,501.84
SSE Contracting Ltd	Street Light Invoice 644582	£160.93
SSE Southern Electric	Pavilion electricity supply (D Debit)	£34.41
Burleys	Grass Cut Feb 17	£463.20
Burleys	Grass Cut March 17	£463.20
West Sussex ALC	WSALC & NALC Subs 2017/18	£1,891.58
Emsworth Web Designs	Maintenance and management	£245.00
Age Concern Southbourne	Environment SG Room Hire	£160.00
S/bourne VHMC	Room hire	£12.00
HMRC	Tax & NICs	£1,416.86
Staff	Aggregate pay & expenses	£2,217.40
	Total	£13,233.92
Transfer from Savings Account		£13,233.92

Membership and Review of Planning Standing Orders

313. The Committee reviewed the Standing Orders and membership of the Planning Committee.

314. Resolved – That

- i. the quorum for the Planning Committee remain at 4 members.
- ii. the membership be increased from 7 to 8
- iii. Mr Rolfe be appointed to the Committee with immediate effect and that the additional member be appointed at the Annual Meeting following the co-option of a new councillor.

Items for Future Meetings

315. It was noted that a report on the speed indicator devices would be brought to a future meeting as the Clerk had subsequently been asked to investigate the cost permanent.

Date of Next Meeting

316. 9 May 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.20p.m.