

SOUTHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at St John's Church Centre on 8th July 2014.

Present: Mr J Brown, Mr C Bulbeck, Mrs M Bulbeck, Mr M Everson, Mr A Feltham, Mrs J Grant, Mr R Hayes, Mr P Hicks, Mr J Jennings, Mr R Rolfe. County Cllr S James, District Cllr G Hicks.

Apologies: Mrs S Cecil, Mrs L Leader, Dr P MacDougall, District Cllr B Finch, PCSO J Lemm.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members

985. None.

Minutes

986. It was resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2014 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

987. Min 976. Planning Consultants. Mrs Grant suggested more than one planning consultant should be contacted and preferably they should be local. Mr Hayes explained Neil Homer had been chosen because he already had a good knowledge of the parish as a result of his work on the Neighbourhood Plan and it was only to get an indication of the service that could be obtained and the likely cost, with no commitment. Mr Feltham commented consultants engaged in Westbourne had been paid for by the local residents and not employed by the Parish Council.

Open Forum

988. No matters raised.

County Councillor Comments

989. Cllr Sandra James reported there had been an improved response from CDC Parking Enforcement with recognition of the need to make timely visits to 'hot spots' in the community including Southbourne Junior and Infant Schools.

The Lumley Drainage Project continued, the agreement to maintain the grille was with the Parish Council for consideration. There was EA funding to culvert under the railway and Internal Drainage Boards funds to culvert along the A259. Lumley cottages to consolidate individual £5k grant aid to implement flood prevention works. WSCC had spent additional considerable sums in employing a consultant. Group works had delivered tangible plans complete with financing.

WSCC Prevention and Wellbeing Grants passed in June had included Bourne Angels Community Bus £2k and Age Concern Southbourne £2k.

WSCC consulted items being progressed were Pagham and Sadlers junction improvement and maintenance to footpath, pedestrian crossing at Lumley requested by residents, footpath 2922. A meeting was being held on 11th July regarding the footpath at Thorney Road. Appointment of another Governor for Southbourne Junior School had been outstanding since 2010.

Details of a letter sent to WSCC officers and their reply concerning difficulties with taking S106 monies for gypsy sites were given.

The next meeting of the full County Council would be on 25th July.

Sandra was thanked for all the work she was doing for Southbourne with particular mention of her contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed to make another Operation Watershed grant application for the current year for drainage improvements in Nutbourne.

District Councillor Comments

990. Cllr R Hayes reported the last month had been relatively quiet as the District Council was working hard on the District's Local Plan, so he thought he would share the following. Being a District Councillor was hard work and he thought rather than give a standard report, he would instead talk about some of the committees he sat on.

The first one was the Overview and Scrutiny, of which he was the Vice Chair; this was an important committee as it looked at all activities of the council. Externally it looked at schools, police, health to mention a few, also looked at tourism, and in particular, the Novium Museum. Taking evidence from the Manager and officers of the council, looking at the Business Plan and putting questions to test the robustness of the plan. The committee were impressed with the vision and ideas put forward and looked forward to these ideas being implemented. In his next report back to the Parish, he would talk about the Planning Committee, which had become even more important with Neighbourhood Plans coming forward.

Correspondence

991. A list of correspondence received had been circulated with the agenda, copy appended to the official minutes.

List item 5. Westbourne FC. If the football teams considered the condition of the pitch acceptable following the repairs carried out, the Council agreed the pitch could be used again for the coming season, albeit the grass seed had not grown in some places and there were patches of bare earth. Mr Hammond would be asked to inspect the pitch and give his opinion. The alternative would be to change the direction of the pitch to avoid the bare patches.

The Council noted Mr Hedgcock had been in contact with Mr Brown on the same matter and he would also be invited to inspect the pitch.

List item 9. Obstruction to footway. The occupier of the former Police Office would be asked to reposition the wooden blocks on their frontage to avoid difficulties for a disability scooter user riding on the footway.

Additional Correspondence

992. Mr J Colbourne – PROW meeting County Hall 11th July. Mr Hayes and Mr Jennings would attend the meeting for the Parish Council.

993. The Hyde Group. Invitation to propose names for new developments at Garsons Road and Manor Way. It was agreed to suggest Flanders Road /Close /Drive and Mons Road /Close /Drive in recognition of the anniversary of the First World War.

994. Alison Nolan. Memorial bench at Prinsted. Willingness to have a memorial bench positioned anywhere between the slipway and the first point towards the East. Mrs Bulbeck would investigate a suitable position for another bench.

See also Min 969 10th June.

995. SD Playground Services. Repairs to safety surfacing identified on inspection report. SD Playground Services were not able to do the repairs but suggested Smith Bros from Farlington. It was agreed to make contact with this firm to get a quote for the work.

Neighbourhood Plan

996. At the last SG meeting on 1st July Neil Homer had produced a draft Submission Plan to take account of the Regulation 14 consultation responses. Copies had been circulated. A list of alterations/recommendations had been prepared and sent to Neil following the SG meeting.

The SG had been greatly concerned reference to any contributions for drainage improvements at Nutbourne had been deleted and it had been agreed Nutbourne drainage work should go back in the Plan as it was considered a fundamental requirement.

There had been much discussion on infrastructure requirements to ensure the required infrastructure was in place when development happened and the funding from S106 Agreements until April 2015 when CIL would be introduced.

Clarification would be included in the forward to the Plan to ensure the right impression was given to residents and not to raise expectations that could not be achieved.

Mr Hayes read out to the meeting the forward for the Plan that had been drafted.

All final changes to the Submission Plan would be agreed as quickly as possible for final approval by the Council Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairman of Steering Group and Mr Brown, who were given delegated powers by the Council.

Appointment of a Footpath Co-ordinator

997. Mr Peter Hicks agreed to be the Footpath Co-ordinator for the Parish.

Time and Day of Planning Committee Meetings

998. The District Council had introduced paperless consultation on planning applications for parishes from 2nd July. In accordance with the decision at the June Council meeting to hold the first Planning Committee meeting after the start of paperless consultation on a different night to the Council meeting, a meeting of the Planning Committee had been held on 7th July.

The Council decided to hold the next Planning Committee meeting on a separate night and thereafter review the time and day for Planning Committee meetings again. It was left at the discretion of the Chairman of the Planning Committee whether to hold a Planning Committee meeting in August.

Maintenance of Grille at Peter Pond Hermitage

999. Following on from the Operation Watershed project at Lumley Road, County Cllr Sandra James had asked the Parish Council to consider undertaking responsibility for maintaining the grille at Peter Pond. It was noted Peter Pond was in private ownership and the Council understood WSCC had declined to accept responsibility for maintaining the grille because the pond was not under their ownership.

It was resolved the Parish Council would not accept responsibility for maintaining the grille at Peter Pond.

Payments for Approval

1000. A list of payments for approval was presented to the meeting, copy appended to the official minutes. It was resolved the payments be approved.

Budget Control

1001. A budget control statement showing the original estimates and payments made in the first quarter April to June was circulated at the meeting.

Matters Raised

1002. The Council was very disappointed the Planning Appeal against refusal of planning permission for development at 61 Stein Road had been upheld.

1003. Mrs Grant suggested the Council carried out a skills audit prior to the parish council elections in May 2015 but this was not supported.

1004. It was agreed the Chairman would inspect footpath 211 and arrange for Mr Staker to carry out work found necessary.

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