

SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30p.m in The Village Hall Sherborne St John, on Monday 26th January 2015.

The Planning Committee met prior to the full Council meeting at 7.00p. in the same venue. Any comments are recorded below under Planning.

Present:

Cllr R Morgan Chairman Cllr S Abraham Vice-Chairman Cllr J Tomlinson

Cllr N Rougier Mrs P Mayo Clerk

Also present 3 parishioners, Gail Allen from Age Concern Hampshire and Andy Lipscombe, Basingstoke Community Transport.

1.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. J Leek, K Chapman, Mrs L Agnew and Julian Crawley Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

2.15 Minutes of the meeting 15th December 2014

Cllr Rougier proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting 15th December 2014 seconded by Cllr Tomlinson. The Chairman Cllr Morgan signed them as accurate.

3.15 Matters arising from the minutes

Any matters from the minutes are dealt with in the appropriate section below.

4.15 Correspondence Received

a. Gail Allen from Age Concern Hampshire gave a short presentation about the Village Agent Project which started in 2011 and runs throughout Hampshire. It was recognised by the Well Being Team that in rural areas elderly people especially preferred 'face to face' contact to discuss any problems or issues when they seek assistance. They are looking for more volunteers to cover the local area villages. Funded by HCC until October 2015 from an initial pilot of 12 volunteers they now have 38 active in the County and want to expand and recruit more people. Training courses are run to induct new agents. While agents do not offer advice, they have access to advisors on line or by telephone, and can direct people to the appropriate people, organisation or agency for help. They are also able to carry out things such as home fire safety checks. Ideally they need 2 volunteers per area and she has already had one resident apply. All volunteers have to pass the DBS checks in order to work with vulnerable adults. The Parish Council thought it an extremely good Project and will put information in their next Parish report for the Parish magazine and flyers supplied by Gail will be put on notice boards and in the Village Hall and local shop to attract more volunteers. **PM**

The police beat report for December 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

5.15 Neighbourhood Plan

There has been considerable progress and the Chairman Julian Crawley supplied an updated report to the PC. The Questionnaire has been analysed and residents have indicated a preference for up to 15 new houses. There is a workshop scheduled for Wednesday 28th January 2015 at 6.30p.m. with the consultant Alex Munro to go through the data, scope out the options and prepare for the open meeting on 14th March 2015 in the Village Hall when options for inclusion will be displayed together with information from 3 developers on their plans for their sites. The meeting will be advertised to ensure as many people attend to view and give their opinions prior to the preparation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

6.15 Parish Matters

a. Chute Pavilion & recreation ground (Chairman John Edwards). The Parish Council were extremely pleased to hear that Piccolo nursery had been rated as excellent by OFSTED who made an unannounced visit recently. Meetings to discuss the financial arrangements have had to be postponed due to illness.

b. Allotments (Ted Wilkinson, Warden of Moss Hill). The hedge at Moss Hill is in the process of being cut after discussions with local residents who were concerned about the high. One of the trees has been found to be dying therefore needs to be removed so the cost agreed of £1650 may rise by another £50+. The Parish Council agreed to the increase.

The Parish Council also unanimously agreed to waive Mr Wilkinson's plot rent in recognition of the work he carries out on behalf of the PC on a day to day basis. He had invoices totalling £43.71 for items purchased for use on the allotment site. Cllr Morgan agreed the reimbursement seconded by Cllr Abraham.

The Treasurer stated that in future he should be compensated for his time when undertaking projects which take many hours e.g. weed-killing vacated plots and redefining plot layouts.

c. Transport (Ted Wilkinson). Andy Lipscombe, Basingstoke Community Transport, informed the PC that they were proposing to extend the 58 from Tadley to Chineham retail park service to include Sherborne St John.

Service details:

To run twice a week on Wednesday and Friday from 18th February 2015.

11.34a.m. pick up at Cranes Road & Dancers Meadows, and then travel via hospital & Popley to Chineham centre/Lidl arriving at 11.52p.m.

1.45p.m. return from Chineham centre arriving in Sherborne St John Cranes Road 2.15p.m.

The service costs £13 per day to run – approx. £120 per month. If sufficient residents use the service there will be no cost to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to fund any shortfall for 3 months and review the situation after the initial period.

The new service needs to be advertised. The Clerk will arrange for details to be posted on the boards and in appropriate places and details will also be put in the next Parish report for the Villager. **SA/PM**

d. Infrastructure (John W Edwards). Mr Edwards reported that when a grave was dug recently the digger went straight over the newly repaired path to the WW1 memorial. It was therefore proposed that a new entry point was required to access the graveyard on the corner of Manor/Cranes Roads – to remove the brambles, ivy and laurel hedge. Mr Edwards will obtain a quote for the work and the Clerk will then contact the Vicar and parochial council to see who would be liable to pay for the work. **JWE**

He also reported problems with the current condition of village footpaths and will carry out a survey and report back to the PC. When this is ready it needs a BDBC or HCC representative to attend on site to discuss improvements. **JWE**

The footpath by Cleeves on the main A340 was noted as extremely dangerous for pedestrians. **PM**

He gave the Treasure invoices for reimbursement totalling £40.82 which he agreed to pay.

It was noted that the Trip-Trap bridge has now been repaired.

7.15 Finance

a. Cllr Abraham informed the Parish Council that the finances were adequate for needs.

b. Payments. The Councillors reviewed the list of payments made by the Clerk on the Parish Council's behalf since the last meeting and all present signed as accurate.

c. The new salaries for the PC employees were circulated to the Councillors who unanimously agreed to the new figures being implemented from 1.1.2015.

8.15 Open Forum

a. Concern was again raised on the dangerous condition of the road/pavement by the entrance to the School. The request was for a kerb to be put around the corner on the area of the road (hatched) not in use by vehicles. The Clerk will again contact HCC, Andrew Kettlewell, the HCC Education portfolio holder and Borough Cllr K Chapman to try and arrange an on-site meeting to view the problem. Rosie Harrall, Cllrs Rougier and Tomlinson would attend any on-site meeting.

b. There was a request for 'Rights of Way' to become an agenda item in future. The Clerk will circulate the latest map available. **PM**

c. It was noted that many road signs are dirty and need replacement. **PM**

d. It was noted that there was a need for equipment for older children at the recreation ground.

e. The Clerk has received the offer of a £500 grant from Cllr Chapman to part fund a picnic table on the recreation ground. She will investigate the costs and liaise with John Edwards about the best use of the money which has to be used promptly.

f. The speed-watch programme has started and volunteers are in the process of being inducted in the use of the equipment.

g. The recent pantomime held in the Village Hall made over £400 for hall funds.

h. Summer party – a recent quiz in the Villager was a prelude to let local residents know the date for this year's event – 4th July 2015.

9.15 Planning

Withdrawn: 14/02795/FUL 2 Vyne Road

Granted: 14/02513/ROC Hill End Farm – revised access,

14/02502/FUL Alteration to layout of 6 plots Marnel Park

14/02969/FUL Pepperwood Farm

The Parish Council have registered objections to the following applications:

14/03729/RET Unit 2 Weybrook Farm – change from agricultural to B8 storage
14/0372/RET The Forge, West End

The Parish Council had no objections to the following applications

14/03758/RET Beaurepaire Farm – Gates & piers
14/03883/FUL Armstrong House ground & first floor extensions

10.15 Councillors' Comments

There were no further comments to record.

11.15 Close

The meeting was closed by the Chairman Cllr Morgan at 9.00p.m.