

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16th March 2017
AT 7.30P.M.
IN SOPLEY PARISH HALL, PRIEST'S LANE, SOPLEY.

The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was Quorate and there were no declarations of interest in respect of the items contained in the Agenda.

Apologies were received from Cllr Shutler, Cllr Lane, Cllr Smedley.
Parishioners – 4.

In attendance: Vice Chair Cllr Dunn, Cllr Rawstron, Cllr Liberty-Spark, Cllr Hill, Cllr Rippon-Swaine and Clerk Katie Hughes.

Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) held on 19th January 2017

Any matters arising. **Proposed by Cllr Hill and Cllr Rawstron.**

Parishioner Participation:

Flytipping was reported in Harpway Lane and it was agreed that the Clerk should have all incidences reported to her and she can report as it happens. (KH) Cllr Rippon-Swaine informed the meeting that the Hampshire tips are only charging for a few items to be tipped contrary to belief and keep using these facilities.

There has been a BMW for sale in Priest Lane and the Clerk was asked to find out why it is there. (KH) Council Members asked if perhaps it could be moved and put in layby in Derritt Lane as at least 10,000 cars past that way every day. Also it was mentioned regarding there has been damaged to cars left in Priest Lane previously.

Cllr Dunn asked if Friends of Sopley Church could reinstate the bench by the Woolpack Council Members agreed this should be done and Cllr Dunn to speak with FOSC and report back to Council. (DD).

It was reported that Jocktrill is getting more precarious by the river and the clerk was asked to chase up Mr Bull again about making safe. (KH). Also it was mentioned regarding a fence panel down on the path and Cllr Liberty-Spark agreed she would speak to Mr & Mrs Waugh.

CURRENT ISSUES & FORWARD PLANNING (Cllr Shutler):

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT: Financial Matters

Payment Record for 16th March 2017				
Supplier	Invoice	Amount	Date received	Date paid
Staples	900092631	36.17	02/02/2017	
Norman	35/6	500.10	02/02/2017	02/02/2017
Hampshire Pro	20001704	450.00		
Letters & Logos	32272	171.13	15/03/2017	15/03/2017
Clerk March 2017		612.00		

		450.00		
To pay out		1,769.40		
To pay in		395.00		
Current Account		15,560.23		
Deposit account		20,712.43		
Allotments account		5,504.78		
Parish Hall Account		29,622.27		
	Total:	71,794.71		

Proposed by Cllr Hill and Cllr Liberty Spark.

Correspondence received

Planning and Development Control matter, current consultations, recent planning decisions and enforcement issues:

16/11655	Merrythought Ringwood Road, Sopley	Rear extension to garage	Decided	Granted stc
16/11735	School House Mill Lane, Sopley	Full planning, 3 holiday lets	Decided	Granted stc

BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Katie Hughes):

Burial of Dorothy Lambert on 27th March 2017.
 Interment of ashes Barrow Grave – 2 lots of ashes if this is allowed.
 Application received to place a memorial on the late Mr Gibson's grave.
 Purchase of plot for interment of ashes for the Goodall family, local to Bransgore and Burton it was agreed that would be ok.
 Tree Management Co have been instructed but yet to attend.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE REPORT: (Cllr Rawstron):

Bingo night £170.00 entry fee query. Upcoming events; St Patricks Night tomorrow. 28th March on Barn Dance. 28th May Car Treasure Hunt. 15th July Sopley Festival. Cllr Rawstron reported that ongoing quote were being sourced for further refurbishment for hall.

The Clerk was asked to contact Hall Secretary for minutes of Parish Hall meetings to be publicised on the Website, www.sopley.gov.uk. Katie to ask Imogen for minutes for hall meetings. (KH)

PARISH FOOTPATHS & RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES :

Cllr Hill reported the Stile onto Harpway Lane and she confirmed she will get Cllr Shutler to take a look and sort if he can (DS).

She also reported that confirmation had been received regarding a rockfall on Footpath 17 and would keep an eye on progress (DS).

HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES (Cllr. Rawstron/Shutler):

Cllr Rawstron reiterated that things are moving albeit slowly. No updates received from Liam at Highways. It was agreed to put "Speedwatch Scheme" in the Newsletter (DS & KH).

District Councillors (Emma Lane):

My report is as follows: I am pleased to say Council Tax continues to remain low. There has been a small increase in Council tax of 1.7%, equivalent to just 5 pence per week for a Band D property, representing the best compromise between maintaining essential services and being fair to Council Taxpayers. This will bring the total cost of providing all the Council's services to £3.05 per week. The decision to increase council tax is not being taken lightly but, looking forwards, the financial challenges facing the Council are significant. The Council is already taking steps to meet this challenge, with the savings made through the new senior management structure one signal of the Conservative Group's determination to continue to provide the services that are valued by the local community at a fair cost. Sopley will have a new County Councillor from May as Steve Rippon Swaine is standing down. Michael Thierry is likely to take over. I will endeavour to introduce him as soon as I can. On another note - I have a community budget that I would like to use for local charities and such. Is there anything in the Parish that would benefit from a small amount of funds from me?

County Councillors (Cllr Rippon Swaine):

Article I. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Section 1.01 HCC BUDGET 2017-2018

- HCC has agreed 2017-2018 Budget at a 4.99% increase.
- 2.99% is 'ring-fenced' for Adult Social Care.
- 2% increase to replace in part only the reduction in Revenue Grant from Govt.
- Plus £500m will be spent by HCC on infrastructure over the next 3 years.

Section 1.02 HCC ROAD REPAIRS APRIL 2017

- Footway & kerbing works at several locations along Ringwood Road, Bransgore.
- Works from junction with Burley Road to the junction with Derritt Lane.
- From 23 March 2017 until 21 April 2017.
- Carriageway resurfacing same road section from 26th to 29th April 2017.
- During resurfacing, Ringwood Road will be closed 0700-1700 hrs.

Meeting closed at 8.16 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th May Annual Assembly and AGM 2017 at 7.30pm.