

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 20th March 2014 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. Rippon Swaine and Cllr Woodifield. 12 Parishioners present.

Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th January 2014.

Mr Emmel raised the point that Mrs Harrison should be Miss Harrison. The Clerk agreed to change these minutes to the correct title. No other matters were arising. Proposed by Cllr Dunn and Seconded by Mrs Carole Smedley.

Parishioner Participation.

Mr Emmel brought up the point of the gate and the barbed wire at the entrance to the Avon Valley Footpath off of Ringwood Road. The Clerk was asked to contact The Minstead Estate regarding the gate which should be repaired. Mr Emmel brought up River Views and the fact that it has been shut and gave his thanks. The potholes have been repaired today in Harpway Lane but stated it was only a temporary measure.

Mr Emmel offered to do a map of potholes in the area. It was reported that Mrs Dee Liberty-Spark got hit in the chest by a stone from the pothole on the bridge.

Mr Emmel mentioned the bridge and the coping stones and that it was mentioned in the minutes a while ago. Mrs Hughes will check with Richard Bastow about the coping stones being replaced with limestone.

Teila Liberty-Spark brought up the sewage problem at the Woolpack, the pumps are too small and they have had to replace with bigger pumps. "We take the **** for the village". They have had problems for the previous two months, the recent flooding was clear water. It is under investigation with Wessex Water. They mentioned the car park being chewed up and that they have to fit the bill. Mrs Teila Liberty-Spark also stated that if one more house was added to the sewerage system that the village will keep flooding as the sewers can not cope with the volume. Environmental Health and Wessex Water have been notified.

It was raised from the floor that the litter bin has gone from the Post Office. The Clerk to enquire who the responsibility of the bin is with. The Clerk is to contact Mandy Pickard at NFDC

CURRENT ISSUES & FORWARD PLANNING (Cllrs Shutler & Westmacott):

Nothing to report.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Bates wells. The Clerk was advised to send the cheque for this very outstanding invoice. It was not sent previously as the Council were disputing the amount on the invoice, this was due to the extra funds being received for the Parish Hall refurbishment.

The clerk reported that she had received Cllr Westmacott's resignation from the Council. The Chairman Cllr. Shutler reiterated his thanks on behalf of the council to Cllr. Westmacott.

Payments and Receipts were reported by the Clerk as follows:

Sopley Parish Council Payments and Receipts 2014/2015

Treasurers Account - Current a/c	20/03/2014	Balance	£23,172.33
Receipts	11/03/2014		£715.00
Bus Interest Access - Deposit a/c	20/03/2014	Balance	£20,680.59
Allotments Charitable Trust	20/03/2014	Balance	£5,297.25

Correspondence received.

Merryfield Letter has been received apologising for misleading the Council regarding Bransgore Parish Council's approving the plans. No comments were received.

Mr Pope sent an email regarding the Gas supply. The clerk reported that the nearest Supply Station is over 2km away and that 51% of the Parishioners would have to agree to get the supply. All costs would be divided between all the properties wanting the gas supply and that a 20 year contract would be in place on the households involved. It was decided that this was not an option and we would not enquire any further.

An email had been received from the Responders in Bransgore asking about Sopley Parish having a Public Defibrillator there was little or no interest in this due to cost.

The Sopley Newsletter was mentioned and the Clerk stated that all reports and editorial were still needed. All parties involved agreed to give this matter their attention.

An email had been received from Cllr Paul regarding the "Wiggle" bike event being held on 12th/13th April. Mrs Anne Cakebread has asked for Council and Parishioners to give their feedback on behaviour.

Cllr Paul has also received a complaint from Fred Sprat at Northend He wants his road mentioned due to potholes and that it is a dead end he feels he may get left out. But he wants his complaint contained in the minutes. The Clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr. Westmacott brought up the matter of the Annual Parish Spring Clean had a date been set, it was discussed and agreed for 5th & 6th April. The Clerk and Cllr Eccles to book Parish Hall and sort the refreshments.

It was discussed regarding the closed pathway across the Woolpack garden. Mrs Liberty Spark to check their deeds and then report back to the Clerk to confirm if they wish the path to be reopened.

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

The clerk gave the following updates on current planning.

14/10298	Use as office for Home Close, Priest Lane	Ongoing.
13/99134	Replacement Workshop and Extension – Walkers Garage	Ongoing
14/0007	Replacement of amenity cabin at Avon Tyrrell	Approved.
14/0006	Proposed walkway for Avon Tyrrell	Ongoing
14/10090	Use of Garden as cartilage at 54 Ringwood Road	Refused.

BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Cllr Eccles) :

Cllr Eccles reported that 3 Interments have taken place and also reported to the Clerk that the gate handle is broken and can we get mended, the Clerk to contact Mr James Hatton.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE REPORT (Cllr Eccles):

Cllr Eccles reported that the bank balance at 7th March 2014 was £5394.71. He also commented that a dummy security camera has been purchased for the car park. Enquiries have been made for the electricity supply for the light on the garage and no feedback had been received as yet.

Cllr Eccles reported that two good events had been held at the hall. Community Quiz Night held in February raised £453.00 and St Patricks Night raised £509.00.

There is a skittles evening scheduled for 24th March.

He confirmed that a meeting had been booked for tomorrow with the Contractor regarding the porch also that the leak in the ladies had been fixed.

Cllr Eccles also reported that they had secured a corporate contact for help with the funding through the lottery by Mr Barry Hughes at this point Cllr Paul expressed that the hall could really do with a new kitchen and if anyone had any contacts regarding this could they contact her.

PARISH FOOTPATHS & RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES (Cllr Westmacott):

Cllr Westmacott reported that a new location had been found for the surplus gate at Tinkers Farm. Mr Emmel brought up the fingerboard for the Avon Valley Path off of Ringwood Road HCC to be notified by the Clerk.

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

Cllr Rawstron reported that St Michaels Well should drain into the brook and has now flooded due to the adverse weather. He commented that it gets blocked with pond weed. Richard Bastow to be notified by the Clerk.

The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr. Richard Frampton to thank him regarding Derritt Lane work and the use of all his own machinery. Angie Hill also then thanked Cllr. Dan Shutler for all his hard work with the ditches and flooding.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Cllr Woodifield):

The report was received and emailed to Councillors and printed off for Parishioner perusal.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Cllr Rippon-Swaine):

The report was received and emailed to Councillors and printed off for Parishioner perusal.

The Chairman then welcomed Cllr. Carole Smedley to the Council and reiterate his thanks for Cllr. Westmacott's help over the years.

Meeting closed at 20.36pm.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 15th May 2014.