

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 17th July 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.

Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th May & 18th June. The Clerk was asked to amend Chairman Shutler's contact telephone numbers; Dan Shutler 01425 673113/07870 404513. Apologies were given for finance meeting by Cllr Rawstron. Proposed by Cllr Smedley and Seconded by Cllr Dunn.

Parishioner Participation.

The litter bin was chased up but has actually already been fitted and it was mentioned that it can take Dog litter as well. The Clerk was asked to chase up the piece of metal post still left after the alterations to the road around the Woolpack Island. Mr Pope commented on the Parish hall bins being emptied on a Sunday evening and Mr Eccles assured him this will be reassessed. Cllr Shutler assured the Parishioners that the markings on the road are in hand with Richard Bastow. Cllr Smedley asked if we could have a Sopley Footpath Map on the website she said she was happy to source map and let the Clerk have to put on the website. Mr Emmel mentioned Harpway Lane Dorset did half and Hampshire did the other so there is a gap. Parishioners requested that another arrow to be put in when Cllr Shutler speaks with Mr Bastow. Mr Tanner mentioned that the pot holes have been mended but there are a few left but this is an ongoing task.

CURRENT ISSUES & FORWARD PLANNING (Cllr Shutler):

Cllr Shutler has spoken with Richard Bastow about resurfacing the land by the school this is scheduled to take place in the School summer holidays. Cllr Smedley mentioned the blocking of the road by the triangle into London Lane of Mums dropping their children into school. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Sherrett and politely request that no one should park around the triangle area. Mr Gerald Lewis has been given the gates to replace the stolen kissing gates.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT:

Payments, Receipts and Bank balances:

Supplier	Invoice	Amount	Date Received
Inexcess	6976	£23.80	08/07/14
Staples	YT44300	£25.62	08/07/14
Came & Co		£1,481.51	08/07/14
TLC Online	178012014	£40.00	01/07/14
Clerk	Jun – 14	£656.40	30/06/14
Hampshire Pro	100003459	£150.00	10/07/14
Jim Hatton	15/06/14	£155.00	10/07/14
SLCC	Annual Sub	£101.00	15/07/14

Due out: £2,633.33

Balances: (as at 17th July 2014)

Current Account	£22,064.92
Deposit Account	£20,683.08
Allotments Account	£5,298.12
Parish Hall Account	£19,622.27

At this point Cllr Shutler co-opted two new Councillors to take their posts at the next meeting on 18th September 2014. Cllr Anj Hill and Cllr Ron Lakey.

The Clerk had been asked to Agenda the current “Wiggle” and other various cycle events taking place through Sopley. It was then proposed that the Clerk will make representation to NFDC, the police and HCC. This was proposed by Cllr Rawstron and Seconded by Cllr. Smedley. It was suggested that these events be limited if not banned. It was also reported that Cllr Rawstron had had a personal incident with the Bournemouth Arrows on a Thursday night and that their behaviour was dangerous. Mr Pope suggested that these events should be fully marshalled. Mr Lakey suggested finding out the actual laws regarding cyclists and their use of the Highway.

Commoners rights.

Mrs Emmel took the floor and explained to the Council and Parishioners that she had had some success getting the Minstead Estate to lease Jocktrill and Vatchers Common to the village. It was suggested that a committee be set up to help the upkeep of these commons. Gates would be replaced, dog fouling would be monitored and fly tipping also. Mr Harrison stated that there was already a Jocktrill committee and the other people on said committee would need to be approached Mr Dave Mars and Mr Benton Jones name were added to the contact list. It was decided that a meeting would be arranged for any parties interested in the next month.

The clerk then reported that the Council lawn mower had been stolen and this had been reported to the police. It was decided to at this stage not replace it as the current contractors – Hampshire Probation always bring their own equipment.

The clerk confirmed that the objections regarding Navitus Bay had been received by them.

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

It was confirmed that the gas supply had been removed from Home Close.

BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Cllr Eccles):

Cllr Eccles reported that Mrs Jean Westmacott will be interred in the cemetery. Date to be confirmed.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE REPORT (Cllr Eccles):

Mr Eccles reported that the Auditor had raised the point of the excess funds in the Parish Hall Bank Account. These funds will be discussed at the Parish Hall committee meeting to decide where the funds can be used. He also mentioned the success of the Treasure Hunt and Skittle Evening, also that Christchurch Bicycle Club had a lovely barbeque at the Parish Hall. It was also mentioned that the Annual Garden party is due to be held this Saturday.

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

Cllr Shutler reported that the replacement gates are due to be installed. Cllr Lakey suggested marking the gates as a deterrent for the thieves. Cllr Shutler will be looking at security and also the option of “smart water”.

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

Cllr Shutler reported that London Lane and Fish Street are due to be resurfaced. Also the pot holes in Burnt House Lane have been reported to Highways.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Cllr Woodfield):

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

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

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Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 18th September 2014.