

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015**  
**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.**

No apologies were received. 16 Parishioners were in attendance also present were Chairman Shutler and Clerk Mrs K Hughes. Cllr Dunn, Cllr Smedley, Cllr Hill, Cllr Rawstron, Cllr. Rippon Swaine, Cllr. Lane, and Cllr Smedley. The Clerk stated a declaration of interest with regard to her personal planning application to be discussed later.

**Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.**

There were no matters arising. Proposed by Cllr Hill and Seconded by Cllr Dunn.

**Parishioner Participation**

Mrs Dear requested an update on the bus service. Cllr. Rippon Swaine will request an update. Cllr Dunn mentioned the car sales, Cllr Lane asked the clerk to send her details. It was requested that a Footpath map should be placed on the Sopley website and also on the Parish Notice boards. The clerk was asked to look into this.

**CURRENT ISSUES & FORWARD PLANNING (Cllr Shutler):**

Allotments Harpway Lane. Clerk to write to Christchurch Borough Council that we will be consulted as well. Cllr Lane has been emailed regarding Allotments. Cllr Lane confirmed the secretary of State will be consulted. Bearing on the planning position. Cllr Dunn showed her major concern regarding allotments or what else will it be. It is Agricultural land Emma confirmed this. They can't just put a Traveller site in place. Roeshot hill is a statutory allotment area. Cllr Dunn asked if the site is turned into allotments will they have all the same facilities as Roeshot Hill.

Barrows Yard was raised and asked if the Council could keep an eye on the containers that are blocking the light out of the Parish Hall and to make sure it stays neat and tidy also that the containers are kept 2m from the boundary. The clerk confirmed during the meeting that Planning consent was approved (14/10410).

It was raised that the Council should look at locks and keys for the car park and if people hire hall please ask them to shut the gates after use.

Vatchers Common was brought up for a progress report, and the Clerk was asked to contact Jim Hoare for a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote. All parties involved in this project are to not wait for Council meetings but to use Clerk as centre point of contact and get things moving. It was recommended that Vatchers should have its initial clear out in September/October to prevent overgrowth over the winter.

Thorney Hill Community Centre cutting of their grass was brought up by the floor and Council advised they should approach their own committee for funding. Also Bransgore Football Club might be worth a contact to see if they would use the playing field for their own training/football sessions.

**PARISH CLERK'S REPORT:**

Following Mr Eccles decision not to stand for re-election and Mr Lakey's resignation there are two spaces on the Council. I am tonight Co-opting Mr Dan Welberry and in September expect to Co-opt Mrs Teela Liberty-Spark.

## **Financial Matters**

Audit all approved by Council on 1<sup>st</sup> July and submitted to BDO.

Came & Co Insurance renewal for SPC, SPH and Burial Board. £1,243.82. Last year £1,481.51

Receipts and Bank balances:

Supplier	Invoice	Amount
Ham Pro	635	225.00
Do The Numbers	12/326	235.00
Ham Pro	575	150.00
Clerk wages	July	612.00
	Due out:	1,222.00
Current Account	13/07/2015	19,622.27
Deposit account	13/07/2015	27,375.94
Allotments account	13/07/2015	5,500.52
Parish Hall account	13/07/2015	20,695.16
	TOTAL:	73,193.89

## **Correspondence received**

Request from Nick Perrins of Turley & Co Senior Planning for Merryfield for a joint meeting. Edwin Clerk for Bransgore has suggested a joint meeting with them.

Request received for all New Councillors to attend "New Councillor" training the next sessions are 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October in Eastleigh. Cost of £90 per head but I may be able to arrange an in-house session. If numbers are 5 or more. Mandatory for all new Councillors. Councillors to let clerk know of their interest to attend on these dates.

The clerk was then asked to leave the room by the Council due to her Declaration of Interest.

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

Date	App No	Name	Address	
23/06/15	15/10883	Merryfield	Derritt Lane	Variation
23/06/15	15/10885	The Potting Shed	Mill Lane	Holiday Let
23/06/15	15/10563	Silver Mist	Ringwood Road	First Floor extension

### **BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Katie Hughes):**

There has been a request for internment of ashes for Nesta Eileen Holland on 23rd July.

### **PARISH HALL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Cllr Rawstron reminded the parishioners of the Sopley Festival to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015 12-5 and then in the evening is the Annual hog roast at Owls Barn Farm.

Cllr Dunn then thanked Mr Robin West for all his help with installing the new kitchen also the improvement in the hall since Mr & Mrs Pinder have taken over the maintenance and cleaning.

The wedding held at the hall last weekend was a great success.

The Annual Treasure Hunt was supported well and the Barbeque for the Christchurch Bicycle Club was a success with a great profit to the Parish Hall funds.

Mr Emmel was asked to supply some photos of the hall in all its finery.

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

Gerald Lewis and Willie Manners have been replacing some signs.

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

The Council reiterated that they are still not happy with the Coping stones on the Woolpack Bridge. Cllr Rawstron and Shutler to arrange a meeting with Richard Bastow's Highways team. The Clerk stated that there had been complaints regarding speeding through the village early in the morning, she will contact the local Police contact and see what can be done.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Cllr Lane):**

Cllr Lane took the floor and introduced herself to the meeting as the new District Councillor.

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

Cllr Rippon-Swaine's report was circulated by email and available on the top table in hard copy.

Meeting closed at 20.53pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**