

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st December 2016
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 Carole Smedley.

Parishioners – 12

In attendance: Chairman Shutler, Cllr Rawstron, Cllr Liberty-Spark, Cllr Hill, Cllr Dunn, Cllr Pope, Cllr Rippon-Swaine and Clerk Katie Hughes.

Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) held on 15th September 2016.

No matters arising: **Proposed by Cllr. Hill and Cllr. Pope.**

Parishioner Participation:

No comments received.

CURRENT ISSUES & FORWARD PLANNING (Cllr Shutler):

Heatherstone Grange and further planning, Wessex Water involved in increase in usage of sewage and water supplies.

Sopley School Governor perhaps a member of Council to be involved with the Governing Body at School. Clerk to write to Linda Mail and see if there is a vacancy.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT: Financial Matters

Supplier	Invoice	Amount	Date received	Date paid
Katie Staples	Ink	51.98	21/09/2016	21/09/2016
TLC Online	6781720016	40.00	29/09/2016	29/09/2016
BDO	1539742	240.00	29/09/2016	29/09/2016
DCH Pest Control	99	50.00	11/10/2016	11/10/2016
James Hatton	Boards/Benches	230.00	18/10/2016	18/10/2016
NFDC - GIS	40178556	50.00	18/10/2016	18/10/2016
	Paid out	661.98		
To pay out		-		
To pay in		-		
Current Account		17,709.26		

Deposit account		20,709.03		
Allotments account		5,503.88		
Parish Hall Account		29,622.27		
	Total:	83,794.44		

Approved by Council _____ RFO Signature _____

All Audited Accounts for the previous Financial Year 2015 – 2016. Were approved by All Council Members.

All Budgets, Precepts and half year Accounts for 2016-2017 were approved by all Council Members after the earlier Finance Meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Rawstron and Cllr Hill.

Correspondence received

None.

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

Only planning application in - COURT FARM, RINGWOOD ROAD, SOPLEY BH23 7BG for a barn.

No updates on previous planning applications.

Jocktrill Common:

Mr Bull attended meeting and expressed that he no longer wishes the area to be used for dog walking and would rather dogs did not enter at all. He also confirmed the deer gate would not be changing and that the stile would be not be replaced. He asked the Clerk to contact Simon Curson of Natural England regarding the wildlife he wishes to entice back. He has not locked the deer gate yet but if people are found over on the Common he would be able to apply for a Public Access Order and then the gate would be locked.

The clerk was asked to liaise with Sopley Garage with regard to their signage and A Boards on the public footpath.

Cllr Dunn expressed her wish to utilise the redundant telephone box in the village which was purchased by the Council previously as a book exchange.

This was agreed by all Council Members.

Speedwatch:

The Clerk explained that 6 members were required to start up the scheme as per instructions received from Pc Quentin Irving at Ringwood Police Station. Barry Hughes, Cllr Liberty Spark, Cllr Dunn and Mr Ian Pinder said they were interested still awaiting 2 more people to come forward.

BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Katie Hughes):

Mr & Mrs Bromfield and Mr Gibson.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE REPORT: (Cllr Rawstron):

Cllr Rawstron thanked the Council for their donation toward the refurbishment of the Parish Hall and thanked all that attended the Skittles evening, Beetle Drive, and advertised the room regarding the upcoming Christmas/Variety Night on 16th December 2016.

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

Cllr Shutler reported that signs had been replaced by Mr Gerald Lewis at the request of Joy Stainer. At later date a disabled access with kissing gate would be funded. Mr Bull expressed his concern regarding the fencing at this point on that footpath.

Vatcher's Common the edge of the stream was brought up and Mr Bull confirmed he will get it sorted.

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

Highways are still aware of ongoing works that are due in Sopley but unfortunately no funds are available at present. The Clerk will liaise with Liam Houghton and report back when updates are available regarding the white arrow on road and bollards.

Heatherstone Grange- it was reported nearly 25 years ago that this area was unsuitable for more housing.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Cllr Lane):

None received.

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

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Article I. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Section 1.01 HCC HOUSHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES REVIEW

- New charges for non-domestic waste, etc., commenced on 1st October 2016.
- In addition, there were to be reduced Opening Hours & closing on Thursdays from 1st January 2017.
- HCC have announced that these time changes will be put on hold for at least 12 months.
- Further information will be forthcoming after discussions with Govt.

Section 1.02 HCC & FLY-TIPPING

- Original changes brought worries of increased fly-tipping.
- Waste disposal is HCC responsibility; fly-tipping collection is NFDC responsibility – disposal of fly-tipping is HCC.

- HCC creating a Fly-Tipping Strategy for Hampshire (still in formulation).
- Essentially, a collaborative multi-agency approach to tackle fly-tipping from many different fronts.
- Key aims & objectives: communications, reporting, collection & disposal and finally, Investigation & Enforcement.
- Agencies include: District & Unitary Councils, Environment Agency, Police, National Park, NFU, Forestry Commission, etc.
- Strategy to be in place by March 2017.

Section 1.03 HCC & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

- Completion of ***Serving Hampshire*** Consultation by Ipsos Mori.
- Open survey for eight weeks from 27 July to 20 September.
- Telephone survey to 1,504 Hampshire residents.
- Workshops in Basingstoke, Winchester and Fareham.
- About a total of 5,000 Hampshire residents responded to the consultation.
- Conclusion is no clear support for any option.
- Little support for a break up of County into several unitary or combined authorities or County services being fragmented.
- Determination to keep County whole and for three tier local government so long as viable.
- Any future considerations will focus strongly on financial viability, especially with central Govt. grants to reduce by £48 million in 2017-18 & £120 million by 2020.

Section 1.04 HCC & ADULT BUS PASSES

- No changes to frontline service for 2017.
- Except, from January 2017 old person's passes will no longer be automatically renewed if they have not been used for the previous six months.
- Saves money on passes returned and those not used.
- No loss eligibility. One phone call will renew the pass.

Section 1.05 W Steve Rippon-Swaine FRICS DipGS

Section 1.06 Hampshire County Councillor for Ringwood & Sopley Division

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 19th January 2017 at 7.30pm.