

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 27th November 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 Lakey and Cllr Hill. Parishioners 4. In Attendance were Cllr Rippon Swaine, Cllr Eccles, Cllr Smedley, Cllr Rawstron, Cllr Dunn, Chairman Shutler and Clerk Mrs K Hughes.

Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th September 2014

Chairman Shutler was missing from attendees. No matters arising; Proposed by Cllr Dunn and Seconded by Cllr Smedley.

Parishioner Participation

Mr Pope raised the question of a gas supply to Sopley, it was reiterated that the cost was prohibitive when quotes were requested previously at an approximate deposit cost of £10,000 per dwelling. Cllr Shutler informed Mr Pope that the "gas pump" in Derritt Lane is in fact a reducing station.

It was requested that a drop post should be placed in the lower entrance to Priest Lane. Cllr Shutler to speak with Mr Bastow.

The Clerk reported that the Woolpack Bridge damage had been reported to HCC and also the opening Pot hole had also been reported.

It was reported that the Parish Hall Signs advertising events no longer faces into resident windows.

Parishioners asked if Cllr Woodifield and Cllr Rippon Swaine reports could be made available on the Sopley website.

CURRENT ISSUES & FORWARD PLANNING (Cllr Shutler):

Nothing to report.

Navitus no feedback from Cllr Woodifield. She will circulate as soon as she has information.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT:

Financial Matters

Payments, Receipts and Bank balances:

Supplier	Invoice	Amount	Date received	Date paid
Macpennys	65329	£120.00	01/10/2014	
BDO	1317382	£276.00	01/10/2014	
Clerk	Sep-14	£574.80	30/09/2014	
Staples	16/09/2014	£30.48	01/10/2014	
Staples	23/10/2014	£56.93	04/11/2014	
Hamp Pro	30/10/2014	£150.00	04/11/2014	

Hamp Pro	Oct-14	£150.00	11/11/2014	
Clerk	Oct-14	£575.00		
Due out:		£1,933.21		
Current Account		£27,344.37		
Deposit account		£20,688.33		
Allotments account		£5,299.04		
TOTAL:		£53,331.74		
Precept received		£10,250.00	01/10/2014	

Correspondence received

Request for donation received from the New Forest Disability Service. Suggest a donation of £50.00.
Request for donation received from Mr Andy Clapper of the New Forest Citizen advice bureau, last years donation was £50 previously £100. £50 to be donated to both. Proposed by Cllr Eccles and seconded by Cllr Rawstron.

Finance Committee Meeting attended earlier this evening by Cllr Dunn, Cllr Smedley, Cllr Eccles, Cllr Rawstron and Clerk Mrs K Hughes. The precept has been accepted, all accounts and budgets were agreed. Proposed by Cllr Rawstron and Seconder Cllr Eccles.

Thanks received from Edna Dawes for new surface on bridge after her unfortunate fall.
Email received from Mr Emmel regarding Coping stones on the “broken” Woolpack bridge.

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

Mr & Mrs Rudd of “Fieldway” North Ripley, planning approved by Sopley Council for ground floor extension. With notification by Mrs Hill of personal interest with the family.
New Forest National Park trees to be felled at Moorlands College, this was also approved by council.

BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Cllr Eccles):

Cllr Eccles has updated the burial fees. Everything has been handed over to the Clerk Mrs Katie Hughes. Only one burial the late Mr John Harrison.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE REPORT (Cllr Eccles):

The Leader fund has been approached and an application has been placed by Mr Barry Hughes.

£436.80 was taken on the bar 31st October at a private party.
£336 profit was made on the Skittles Evening.

Upcoming dates for the Parish Hall: 12th December Christmas party. 31st December New Years Eve party.

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

Cllr Shutler to hang some new gates, Willie Manners has offered to brand the gates. The thoughts going forward were to hand the gates upside down and welding a bolt on the top. It was also suggested that they should be riveted. Cllr Shutler will sort the aforementioned gates and it was noted that this is urgent to prevent further loss.

Vatchers lease has been signed by Chairman Shutler and Clerk Katie Hughes it has been sent back and just awaiting confirmation from the Solicitors.

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

Coping stones to be replaced on the Woolpack Bridge.

Thatchers Lane culvert has collapsed and needs to be replaced. 6 weeks to get road closure in place and then it will be completed asap. Cllr Smedley wanted to take the opportunity to thank Cllr Shutler and his colleagues for their work on the drainage ditches. The Clerk mentioned that she would be requiring an invoice by March 2015.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Cllr Woodfield):

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT NOVEMBER 2014 CLLR BARBARA WOODIFIELD

RINGWOOD EAST AND SOPLEY

New Forest District Council has published a revised Statement of Community Involvement setting out how residents can have their voices heard on district-wide planning strategy as well as on planning applications that may affect them. The council is the planning authority for the areas of the district outside the National Park boundary. The public is invited to comment on the document before it is considered for adoption by the council in early 2015. The Statement of Community Involvement details how the council will consult with local people on both the preparation of local plans and planning guidance. It also describes how residents can find out about, comment on or object to planning applications that may affect them. Councillor Paul Vickers, New Forest District Council's portfolio holder for planning and transportation, said: "It is vital that we involve residents in the process of developing our planning policy to ensure that it reflects their views. This is an important opportunity for people to have their say on how we do that and I would encourage them to do so."

The document can be viewed online at newforest.gov.uk/haveyoursay from **Friday 21 November 2014 to Friday 9 January 2015**. It is also available to view at the council's Appletree Court offices in Lyndhurst (during normal office hours).

All comments should be sent to the Policy and Plans Team, New Forest District Council, Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7PA or e-mailed to policyandplans@nfdc.gov.uk, to be received **no later than Friday 9 January 2015** (please include your full name and address and give details of which parts of the document your comments relate to).

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Urban Design – Highly Commended

THE GATEWAY RINGWOOD

Architects: New Forest District Council Environmental Design Team and Hampshire County Council
Architects Client: New Forest District Council Contractor: Main Building - Osborne, and Public Square – Scandor
The Gateway in Ringwood co-locates Town, District and County Council facilities in one central building, adding a new public square and replacing previous information services and WCs in what was once a rather muddled corner of Ringwood's main car park. The judges felt this to be a sensitive addition to what was a fragmented public realm on the edge of Ringwood. The rather modest building seems designed to respect the scale and morphology of the historic core whilst the focus of the design and by far the more successful is the design of the public realm. This was felt to be an excellent example of participatory design and the judges wanted to reward the project with a high commendation.

It was requested that could the Councillors Reports be uploaded to the Sopley Website for public access.

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

The report was received at the meeting by Cllr Rippon-Swaine and circulated by hand to Council and Parishioners.

Meeting closed at 20.21pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 15th January 2015, could we change to 22nd January due to the Clerk's daughters 18th Birthday. So next meeting was confirmed as 22nd January.