

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 26th November 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.

Apologies were received from Cllr Lane, Cllr Rawstron and Cllr Welberry. Parishioners - 3 Council – Chairman Shutler, Cllr Liberty-Spark, Cllr Dunn, Cllr Hill, Cllr Smedley and County Cllr Rippon-Swaine.

Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th September 2015.

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

Parishioner Participation:

Kim Dear requested an update on the bus service. Cllr Rippon-Swaine will make further enquiries. He stated that if usage appropriate then the service will be updated.

CURRENT ISSUES & FORWARD PLANNING (Cllr Shutler):

Chairman Shutler reported that he had now cleared Vatchers Common and that further works are needed but by manual labour. Mrs Emmel will now coordinate the upkeep and works on the common.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT:

Financial Matters

Receipts and Bank balances:

Supplier	Invoice	Amount	Date received	Date paid
MJ Hoare	2747	592.20	13/10/2015	
Hampshire Pro	20000000849	150.00	13/10/2015	
TLC Online	462222015	40.00	13/10/2015	13/10/2015
TLC Online	413112015	40.00	13/10/2015	13/10/2015
BDO	1429163	288.00	13/10/2015	
Clerk Oct 15		612.00		
Hampshire Pro	200000981	75.00	20/11/2015	
Hampshire Pro	200000927	225.00		
TLC Online	459282015	40.00		
Clerk Nov 15		612.00		
	Due out:	2,674.20		

Current Account	32,607.48			
Deposit account	19,622.27			
Allotments account	5,501.29			
Parish Hall account	20,698.65			
	78,429.69			
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Correspondence received

Letter received from Ian Searle regarding Twinning with French families, no interest was received from the floor.

Thorney Hill have been donated a defibrillator for their Community hall.

Notice have been received regarding the Cadenza Choir on 2nd December and the Sherry and Mince pies at the Vicarage on 5th December.

New Forest Disability have requested a grant it was agreed that £50 be donated from the Council funds.

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

06/11/15	15/11222	Court Farm	Ringwood Road	Barn	Not decided
09/09/15	15/11279	Willow Cottage	Ringwood Road	Outbuilding	Granted
28/08/15	15/11191	Gina	Ringwood Road	Full planning	REFUSED
24/08/15	15/11141	Smugglers	Sopley	Rebuild	Not decided
24/11/15	15/1500864	Tanglewood	Bransgore	Storage/Hire Business	Not decided

BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Katie Hughes):

Nothing to report apart from Mr Norman Hiscock has been asked to treat the weeds on the gravel pathway.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE REPORT: (Katie Hughes):

Katie reported that the hall had a healthy bank balance.

The Alcoholic Trolley is now available for events and profits would go to the Parish Hall funds.

There is an upcoming Christmas party at the hall on the 18th December.

Table top sale made £75 the event was well supported by sellers but not many buyers.

Public Works Loan is due for repayment in December.

Bellway Homes have been approached for funds towards the refurbishment of the Parish Hall.

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

The clerk confirmed that a couple of fly tipping issues had been lodged with her and they had been reported on the NFDC App and cleared very quickly.

The television program Inside Out have approached Cllr. Hill regarding break ins in the Countryside, she will update us with any further information regarding putting up cameras etc.

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

The clerk reported that A338 will have 4 lanes open from 14th December till 4th January 2016. The speed limit will still be 40 mph throughout; the Cameras will be average speed cameras.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Cllr Lane):

Apologies received for this meeting.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Section 1.01 SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL (an enquiry by a resident).

- No plans for a parents car park. HCC policy to encourage other modes of transport, where possible.
- School representative expected to attend Parish Council meeting.
- DCC have set their half term a week earlier than HCC in February 2017.
- HCC do share their term dates, after agreement with schools and unions, with adjoining Authorities.

HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAYS WEST November 2015

- The Bridge has been hit again recently requiring repair.
- Identifying suitable routes for deliveries to Bellway Homes site near Bransgore.
- Gas leak at Cat & Fiddle on A35 has been repaired, but main replacement in New Year through central reservation.
- HCC will be consulted to minimise traffic disruption.

Section 1.02 HCC HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SERVICE.

- HCC seeking public opinion on prioritising highway maintenance.
- Hours of street light dimming, number of times for grass-cutting (urban and rural) and weed-killing, for example.
- **Public Consultation from 2 November 2015 to 11 December 2015.**
- Consultation document on HCC website.

Section 1.03 HCC HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES.

- **6 month monitoring of impact of revised opening hours of 1st April 2015.**
- **Apart from some localised increase in early morning queuing, no reasons to justify overturning the decision.**
- **Comparison of April-June 2014 & April-June 2015, fly-tipping reduced by 2% across the County.**

Section 1.04

Section 1.05 HCC LIBRARY SERVICE.

- Significant changes the way people access and read books and using libraries differently.
- A new HCC draft Library Strategy proposes a number of changes, a four year investment programme to include improving public access the latest technologies.
- **Public Consultation from 2 November 2015 to 16 January 2016.**
- Draft Library Strategy at:-
<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/libraries/LibraryServiceTransformationDraftStrategyto2020webversion.pdf>.
- Questionnaire:- <https://snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=144587188211>.

Section 1.06 HCC & BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

- Draft Proposal: Ringwood & Sopley Division to be increased to include Burley.
- Draft plan attached.

Section 1.07 HCC COUNCILLOR MEETINGS – October & November 2015.

- 30th Oct – HCC Economy Transport & Environment Select Council Meeting at Winchester.

- 11th Nov – HCC Economy Transport & Environment Parish Meeting at Winchester.
- 12th Nov – Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee Meeting at the Airport (Chairman).
- 16th Nov – HCC Highways & Transport Workshop at Winchester.
- 18th Nov – HCC Gateway Board Meeting at the Gateway.
- 20th Nov – HCC Conservative Group Meeting in Winchester.
- 23rd Nov – Greyfriars Association Meeting at Greyfriars.
- 24th Nov – Community First New Forest Board Meeting at Greyfriars.
- 25th Nov – Cranborne Chase & WW AONB Panel Meeting at Wylde.

Section 1.08 W Steve Rippon-Swaine FRICS DipGS

Section 1.09 Hampshire County Councillor for Ringwood & Sopley Division

Cllr Hill asked how much the plans for the parking at Sopley School would be and could Cllr Rippon-Swaine raise at County level for some funding. The issue of child safety was raised the he confirmed he will look into matter further.

Cllr Rippon-Swaine explained to the meeting that fire engines were to be reduced in Ringwood and would be replaced by Jeeps.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday, 21st January 2016 at 7.30pm (small hall).