

# SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30p.m in The Village Hall, Sherborne St John.

*The Planning Committee met prior to the full Parish Council meeting at 7.00p.m at the same venue. Any comments are recorded below under Planning item.*

Present:

Cllr R Morgan	Chairman	Cllr S Abraham	Vice-Chairman/Treasurer
Cllr N Rougier		Cllr L Agnew	
Cllr J Tomlinson		Mrs P Mayo	Parish Clerk

Also present County Councillor K Chapman and 5 parishioners.

## 14.34. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Leek.

## 14.35. Minutes of the meeting 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Cllr Abraham proposed acceptance of the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 as accurate, seconded by Cllr Morgan who signed the minutes as Chairman.

*It was noted by a parishioner that the minutes for this meeting were still not available on the Parish website due to a technical problem.*

## 14.36. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters raised for further discussion.

## 14.37. Parish Matters

a. Chute – installation of new waste bins by BDBC. The Parish Clerk has received a quote from BDBC to supply and install 90lt bins @ £187 each. The Clerk will send details to Dr Darmady and John Edwards so they can decide if they want one or two and where they would like them placed & then arrange for the installation. **PM**

b. New textile Bank in the car park – for Air Ambulance. After discussion with John Edwards for the Chute Management Committee it was decided that there was insufficient room for another bin. **PM**

c. John Edwards, for the Chute Management Committee, informed the Parish Council that the football club had recently left the Chute lights on and a door unlocked.

d. Grants – countryside access small grants/ Infrastructure grant funding  
Cllr Morgan and the Clerk have been in contact with BDBC about applying for monies from these funds & already allocated 106 monies. One suggestion was to install a cycle/footpath between the Village and Popley along Sherborne/Chineham Road. Other footpaths in the Parish were also noted as needing attention. They will continue discussions to submit a request for funding. **PM/RM**

e. Parish Event – Funding from Parish Council for Village Event

Cllr Morgan has formed a 6 person group to organise a Parish Council event at the Village Green/Hall scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Draft details at present:

4.30 p.m start – to include hog roast, village band combo, bouncy castle, snail racing, clown ice cream van etc

7.30/8.00p.m. second band. Finish at 11.00p.m

Village Hall to run the bar for their funds.

It would be an event run by the Parish Council for all residents instead of a Village fete.

He proposed that the Parish Council agreed to underwrite the event by £1500 in the event it did not break even.

Proposal by Cllr Morgan seconded by Cllr Abraham. Unanimously agreed by all Councillors.

The Clerk will contact the insurance company to check for Public Liability & Event insurance & whether the event needs a music licence. **PM**

The Clerk will check the regulations to ensure the Parish Council is permitted to use public funds in this way. **PM**

## 14.38. Finance

The Clerk confirmed that the first tranche of monies of £15840 from BDBC has been received.

a. Confirmation of Assets register.

The Chairman reviewed the Asset register and signed as accurate for inclusion in the Audit for 2013/4.

b. Signing schedule re expenditure during March/April 2014.

The Councillors reviewed the list of payments made by the Clerk on the Parish Council's behalf since the last meeting and all signed as accurate.

c. **Audit**

The Parish Clerk confirmed that the new Internal Auditor will carry out this year's audit on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

The Chairman confirmed he was happy with the audit forms prepared by the Clerk for this year's Parish Council Audit 2013/4. The Treasure Cllr Abraham will contact the Clerk with any questions.

d. The Parish Council agreed to the refund of an allotment deposit to Mr R Harmer. Proposed Cllr Morgan, seconded Cllr Abraham.

#### **14.39. Correspondence Received**

a. The Clerk gave the Chairman the Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan for review. The documents will be passed to the other Councillors for their comments during the consultation period. **ALL**

b. Use of Chute as Emergency Evacuation Centre for the Grange

After discussion the Parish Council agreed to the request from the Grange to use the Chute Pavilion as an emergency evacuation centre for their residents. They agreed to supply the Manager with a set of keys and contact details of the management. Proposed Cllr Morgan, seconded Cllr Agnew.

The Clerk will inform Piccolo nursery of the agreement in the extremely unlikely event that they were using the Pavilion at the time. **PM**

#### **14.40. Open Forum**

a. The Moss Hill warden Mr Ted Wilkinson supplied the Parish Council with a chart detailing all the plot sizes which fell into 3 bands. He suggested that the rents for 2015 should reflect the 3 bands – small @ £20, Standard @ £40 and Large @ £50, discounted by 50% for those over 65 and registered disabled. Preference will be given to Parish residents.

Cllr Agnew proposed acceptance of his recommendations, seconded by Cllr Rougier.

b. Bus Provision.

Residents Ted Wilkinson & Mike Walker attended the recent HCC Transport Forum. They submitted a report for inclusion in the Villager asking for responses from bus users (this will be placed on the website later). They will send a report on responses to Cllr Morgan before any further action. At the meeting they reported to Stagecoach that the Jazz2 bus often failed to arrive.

They reported that Stagecoach is to run a pilot scheme for 9 months for a late/evening bus service which will probably go around and through many small villages. It is hoped that this will help the evening economy in Basingstoke Centre. The Clerk will contact BDBC representative, Peter Smith, to ask for information on this Pilot in order to advertise it in the Villager. **PM**

c. A resident reported the problems with Village footpaths – Elm Road towards the School is too narrow, Cranes/Tyfield/Vyne roads have verges creeping onto the paths, Gullies in Vyne/Elm/Vyne are again blocked with surface water causing problems.

Resident John Edwards agreed to review the footpaths in the Village and send a detailed list of problems, identifying exact location, to the Clerk for action. **PM**

d. New Lighting Provision. Resident Mike Walker felt the Parish Council had not informed local residents about the detail of the new lighting which is to be installed. The Parish Council reminded the meeting that it had placed an advert in the Villager at the time but received only one reply. Cllr Abraham agreed to include information on the lighting in his report for the Villager's June edition. **SA**

e. Bund behind Kiln Road. The problems with the Bund have not been resolved by HCC. Resident J Crawley will contact them again and inform the Parish Council of any results.

f. Post Office. Cllr Abraham reported that the Parish Council may have to send a letter in support of the owner's request to deregister the property as a shop so that she could sell as a house. While BDBC saw the shop/Post Office as a strategic amenity it was uneconomic and the current owner could not continue to run the business.

#### **14.41. Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman Julian Crawley gave a brief update on the progress of the Plan.

There is a 5 person Steering Committee although as one member wishes to resign there is a need to find another resident to take his place. He commended one member, Mike Harrison, for the amount of work and research he has carried out to gather evidence for the Plan. The programme is at present May 2015 for completion. The Website is nearly finished and will then be updated on a regular basis.

Members are at present contacting organisations and groups within the area for their comments. He confirmed that this could be done by e mail or where appropriate as a personal visit by one of the group helpers.

He and Mike Harrison will attend a Planning Aid England Workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

There is a meeting of the Steering Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> May when the consultants Maroon Planning & Shaping Communities will be present for advice.

Cllr Tomlinson suggested advertising the Plan in the School Magazine while Cllr Agnew made a strong suggestion that the school should be asked to do a project with pupils in order to both gain their input and as a way of interesting their parents in the project.

#### **14.42. Planning**

The following applications were discussed prior to the meeting.

14/01007/HSE 14A Manor Rd – construction of 1<sup>st</sup> floor with dormer windows & roof lights – objections registered

14/0081/FUL Village Hall – single storey ext. To side to form store room – no objections

T/00207/14/TCA 10 Vyne Road – fell, Laburnum, White beam, Acer, Sycamore & crown Eucalyptus – no objections

#### **14.43. Councillors' Comments**

Cllr Chapman apologised that he would be unable to attend the AGM 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and would send a report for the Parish Council to review for information.

He reported that:

HCC spent £68 Million on Gale & flooding damage which it is hoping to recover from Central Government.

HCC Children Services had recently had an unscheduled Ofsted inspection

HCC had to make £100million saving in 2013/4 & must make another saving of £90million for the current year

#### **14.44. Close**

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.15p.m.