

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2013

Present: Mr John Chiverton Chairman
Mr David Goldhawk
Mrs Mary Mansell
Mr Stephen Cooksey Surrey County Councillor
PCSO Pat Booker Attended part of the meeting

Apologies: Miss Caroline Salmon
Mr Tim Gamblen
Mr Charles Hill

MINUTES

ACTION

The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 15 May 2013 were approved and signed as being a correct record.

The Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 15 May 2013 were approved and signed as being a correct record.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 May 2013 were approved and signed as being a correct record.

The Minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 20 June 2013 were approved and signed as being a correct record by Acting Chairman David Goldhawk on the night of the meeting, and John Chiverton also signed the minutes at the meeting on 10 July 2013.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 15 MAY 2013

A24 One of the lights at the War Memorial side of the subway was not working and Stephen Cooksey agreed to follow this up. The mirrors still have not been replaced and prior to the meeting Caroline Salmon advised Pat Clare that she was still chasing Surrey County Council about the replacements. The footpath from the School to Foxmead has been cleared to an excellent standard.

SC

Additional Salt Bin Stephen Cooksey said that the provision of an additional salt bin is not a straightforward matter, but the department concerned will do what they can.

It was not known whether the crater in the pavement outside Scott House in Warwick Road has been repaired, and this needs to be investigated.

VILLAGE HALL

At the previous meeting Charles Hill raised the question about whether the charge of £5 per hour to rent the hall was very low, and perhaps this should be increased as

a means of raising more revenue for the Hall. Mary Mansell reported that the charge for one or two hours is left to her discretion, depending on whether the hall is being used for village matters. For other periods of hire, the costs range from £30 for a morning, £30 for an afternoon or evening, and £80 for an evening up to 11.30 pm. For a full day the charge is £125.

Mary reported that although the Council acts as Managing Agents for the hall, David Kingham has confirmed in writing that provided the Parish Council acts lawfully, Councillors will not become liable for any loss or damage, which remains the responsibility of the Trustees.

It is hoped that the debt owed to Four Seasons for repairs to the hall, and the loan by David Kingham, will be paid off by October. It has been decided not to apply for grants until the Village Hall had funds available which they would need to have if any grants were awarded. However, Stephen Cooksey advised that the applications should go in anyway, because it is likely that any funds awarded could be held in abeyance until the Village Hall had sufficient funds available. Mary Mansell will advise Peter Bray to go ahead with the applications.

MM

PLANNING

Notified Decisions

Anstie Grange, Betchetts Green Road - cut back one oak tree and one pine tree - APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

Applications

Kuoni Gardens, Mill Road - resubmission of application for demolition of existing building and erection of two detached dwellings with garages. The Council had no objection.

Bracken Cottage, Mill Road - erection of two stored rear extension. The Council had no objection.

Mill House, Mill Road - renewal of approved planning permission for the erection of single storey front/side extension following the demolition of existing single storey extension, and replace existing garage with a timber barn style double garage. The Council had no objection.

FINANCE

The following payments were approved by Council:

Patrick Casey (internal auditor)	£150
Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign membership	£10

Brian Nixon of Burleys had met with Mary Mansell to view the area outside the Tyre Service where the railings had been removed. A quotation for £760 plus VAT had been received to supply and install 10 meters of fencing. It was agreed that first Pat Clare should get permission from the National Trust for this work to be done, and when this was forthcoming, Burleys will be asked to carry out the work.

PC

Pat Clare reported that she had been in communication with Caroline Salmon about how the £1740.94 which was available to the Council through the Infrastructure Levy could be spent. There appeared to be some confusion about this. Pat Clare will ask Caroline Salmon to see whether this money can be used to pay for the fencing outside the Tyre Service premises as this was a safety issue

PC

Pat Clare reported that she had written to Zurich Insurance about increasing the cover for the amount of cash held to £20000, as advised by Patrick Casey. To date, she had not heard back from Zurich and will follow this matter up with them.

PLAYGROUND

Mary Mansell said the finger trap caps had now been replaced on the climbing frame igloo. The seat which Terry Mayne had agreed to repair was still broken, and Pat Clare was asked to chase this matter up with Terry Mayne.

PC

A quotation had been received from Burleys to cut back the tops on the new hedge around the playground, remove the plastic cases at the bottom of the shrubs and tidy the area. It was agreed that Pat Clare will contact Burleys to ask them to proceed with this work.

PC

David Goldhawk advised that he had inspected the playground and, apart from the broken seat, everything appeared to be in order.

WAR MEMORIAL

In the absence of Vic Mansell it was not known how far he had got with applying to the War Memorial Trust for a grant to cover the cost of replacing the railings. Mary Mansell will follow this up with him. Pat Clare will check with Terry Mayne on the progress he is making with the repainting of the railings.

MM/PAC

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Police Report - PCSO Pat Booker reported on the figures for South Holmwood, as at July 2013, showing that there had been five crimes. An assault at South Holmwood Village Club. Two shed break-ins resulting in a chainsaw being stolen from one, and two men's bicycles from the other. As yet, no figures are available showing whether the reduced speed limit on the A24 has had an effect on the number of accidents on

the road, but PCSO Booker agreed to follow this up. She reported that in one hour, 70 drivers had been caught speeding.

WEBSITE

Pat Clare reported that she was in the process of compiling the text and pictures for the website, and when this was done, she would circulate the draft pages to Councillors for their comments. The only cost involved in creating the website was the purchase of the domain name "holmwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk" which will be in the region of £108 plus VAT. This will be renewable after 2 years at £68 plus VAT.

PC

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45 pm on Thursday, 12 September, 2013.