

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

Present:	Mr John Chiverton	Chairman
	Mr David Goldhawk	Deputy Chairman
	Mrs Mary Mansell	
	Mr Terry Mayne	
	Mrs Kathy Wheeler	
	Mr Ian Foster	
	Mr Ian Fairbrother	
	Miss Claire Malcomson	District Councillor
	Mr Clayton Wellman	District Councillor
	Mrs Pat Clare	Parish Clerk

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The minutes were signed as a true record of that meeting by the Chairman. This was proposed by Mr Foster and seconded by Mr Goldhawk.

### MATTERS ARISING

Bus Shelter on A24 - MVDC have arranged for repairs to be done, but has warned that any future vandalism to the shelter will not be repaired, and the shelter will be removed.

### VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Mansell stated that there was little to report. However, a complaint about certain activities at the Club is being dealt with by the Chairman of the Village Club.

### PLANNING

The following applications and decisions have occurred since the last meeting in June.

#### Applications Registered

The Lodge, Oakdale, Mill Road - Conversion of The Lodge into 2 dwellings - MO/2015/1241 - Submitted 21/8/2015. The Parish Council has written to MVDC to oppose this application.

Woodholm, South Holmwood - removal of Condition 4 relating to MO/2015/0291 which restricts the tyre fitting service to mobile tyre fitting only. - MO/2015/1221 - Submitted 14/08/2016. The Parish Council has written to MVDC opposing this application.

Wymbleton House, Henfold Lane Conversion of existing stable buildings to form 3 dwellings - MO/2015/1224 Submitted 14/8/2015. The Parish Council has written to MVDC to oppose this application.

18 Warwick Close, South Holmwood - Erection of part single, part two storey side and rear extension. - MO/2015/1263 - Submitted 14/08/2015. The Parish Council has written to MVDC to oppose this application.

Spring Copse, Anstie RH5 4LL - Erection of replacement garage and shed, resiting of wood store and remodelled drive - MO/2015/1164 - (Parish Capel within 20 m of Holmwood Parish). Submitted 10/08/2015

Scammells Lodge, Red Lane - Erection of replacement bungalow. - MO/2015/1163 - Submitted 21/7/2015

## Decisions Made

Devon House, South Holmwood. Erection of 7 terraced houses. - MO/2014/1460 - APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 20/8/2015

Woodholm, South Holmwood - change of use to holistic therapy centre. - MO/2015/0291 - APPROVED 29/07/2015

Foxmead, Horsham Road - Change from nursing home to a single residential dwelling MO/2015/0888. APPROVED 23/07/2015

Folly Farm, Folly Lane. - Erect portal steel framed agricultural building to replace existing fire damaged building. - MO/2015/0783 - APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 14/7/2015

Land adjacent to A24, Beare Green - Construction of a 12.6 hectare solar farm. - MO/2014/1092 - APPEAL DISMISSED 10/7/2015

25 Warwick Close, South Holmwood - Demolition of existing garage and erection of a new two bedroomed end of terrace house. - MO/2015/0836 - WITHDRAWN 8/7/2015

Broadstone, 1A Warwick Rd, South Holmwood - Erection of single storey side/rear extension - MO/2015/0633 - APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 30/6/2015

Scammells Corner, Red Lane - Creation of a vehicular crossover with 2m high automatic gate and fence - MO/2015/0647 - APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 22/6/2015

## Appeals

Bury Hill Wood, off Coldharbour Lane, Holmwood, Dorking. - Proposed construction of an exploratory drillsite. - MO/2009/0110 - The local press reported that following SCC's decision to refuse permission for this drillsite, the applicant applied to the Appeal Court and the SCC decision was overturned. On 7 August 2015, SCC was granted permission to appeal against the Appeal Court's decision, so the matter is still ongoing.

Some discussion took place about the fact that despite the National Trust, who owns the land, opposing the Woodholm Holistic Centre the application was approved by MVDC. Now a second application to remove Condition 4 has been submitted, and this has been opposed by the National Trust. Mr Foster was concerned that this application should not be approved. Councillor Malcomson agreed to investigate this further and try and bring some pressure to bear in an attempt to prevent approval being given. CC

## **PLAYGROUND**

The Clerk presented the inspection report prepared by Wicksteeds. There were four items listed as medium risk:

- 1 Gaps in tiles under the link non-bump see-saw may create trip/fall hazards, and recommend a new surface is provided.
- 2 The litter bin is damaged and consideration should be given to it being replaced.
- 3 Access by dogs is not physically prevented and routine inspection should include monitoring and removal of animal faeces.
- 4 There is an open access onto the roadway which children could run off into if unsupervised.

The Clerk had obtained a quotation for replacing the tiles under the see-saw which amounted to £3463 plus vat.

Mr Mayne agreed to regularly empty the contents of the litter bin into a black sack and place that in the litter bin in Betchets Green Road. Nothing can be done about the gaps in the hedging because the land belongs to the National Trust, and they will not allow their land to be completely fenced in. **TM**

Some discussion took place about the noisy squeak in the see-saw mechanism which is a sealed unit. If Wicksteeds are instructed to lay the new safety surface, they will also be asked to stop the noise at the same time.

#### **WAR MEMORIAL**

The Clerk reported that Burleys have completed the ground work under the railings, and this has been a considerable improvement. Also people were pleased to see the Union Jack flying there, and this will remain there until some time in November.

#### **GRASSCUTTING**

There was considerable discussion about the grass cutting on the A24. This matter is being reviewed by MVDC and Councillor Malcomson reported that she has been involved in this. Consultation is taking place with Brighton Council to see how they organise grass cutting in their area as they have achieved some considerable savings in expenditure. Mrs Mansell proposed that the Clerk should write to MVDC expressing the Parish Council's views that instead of cutting all the grass on the central reservation and on the sides of the road, they should cut the edges of the reservation to a width of about 4 ft and leave the centre as they have done at North Holmwood, but cut the areas of the intersections at more regular intervals. All the grass should be cut at the end of the summer. **PAC**

It was reported that the grass around the telephone box in Warwick Close has been cut and that MVDC has added this area to their schedule of grass cuttings.

#### **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

Mrs Mansell has tried to make the distribution list as fair as possible. If anyone is unhappy, they should see her about it.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR**

As there is funding available from MVDC (£300) and from the British Heart Foundation (£400), the Parish Council only has to find about £500 to enable this defibrillator to be purchased. Mrs Mansell reported that both the Village Club and the Village Hall are each prepared to pay one-third of the balance, which will be about £166.66 each. The defibrillator will be installed inside the Village Hall. This was proposed by Mr Mayne and seconded by Mrs Mansell. Mr Foster abstained. The Clerk will now take this matter further with MVDC, and the British Heart Foundation, so that the funds can be made available. She will also consult the insurers to see if they have any concerns about this. **PAC**

#### **ENGLISH RURAL VIEWS ON "RIGHT TO BUY"**

A letter has been received from English Rural expressing their concern about the need to continue the protection currently afforded local needs homes, developed using the Rural Exceptions Policy. They have asked Council to write to the local MP, in support of their concerns. The Clerk will send a letter to Sir Paul Beresford supporting English Rural's views. **PAC**

#### **MVDC COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE**

MVDC are asking for comments on this very lengthy and technical draft, but it was felt that no-one on the Parish Council has the expertise to make any comments on this.

## PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

Mrs Wheeler had been asked to put this item forward for discussion. The problems of parking in the village have been discussed many times in the past, but it is difficult to see how any measures can be taken to improve the situation because people have to park somewhere. Councillor Malcomson agreed to speak to Councillor Cooksey about the Highways painting a white line around the corners to keep them free from cars. **CM**

## IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSED SCC CHARGE FOR DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE AT TIP

This was raised by Mrs Wheeler. In an attempt to reduce the cost of providing community recycling centres (CRC'S) SCC is proposing:

Introducing charges for non-household waste (such as DIY waste) or not accepting it at all.

Reducing opening hours on weekdays.

Closing CRCs on the least busy weekdays.

Full closure of some CRCs.

Only accepting waste at CRCs in clear plastic bags.

Selling good quality second hand items at CRCs.

It was felt that by imposing these changes, this would lead to further fly tipping in the area. SCC has a consultation on their website which people can comment on:

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/e-i-waste-operations/shaping-surreys-community-recycling-centres>

Councillor Malcomson said that this consultation is inadequate and finishes on the 30 September, but she and Councillor Wellman have set up a petition on the SCC website to oppose the charges and the reduction in the hours that CRC's are open. People can sign the petition using the following link:

<http://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/nochargecrc/>

## FINANCE

The following payments were approved:

<u>Invoice No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
WEB7654	HCI Data	£83.70	461	Domain name
2973	Image Co	£60.00	462	Newsletters
726248	Wicksteeds	£72.00	463	Playground Inspection
50326	Burleys	£907.20	468	War Memorial groundwork
50338	Burleys	£1740.90	467	Ground Work to date
1426350	BDO	£276.00	469	External Audit
	P Clare	£1140.00	465	Salary to 30/9/2015
	HMRC	£285.00	466	Clerk's Income Tax
	P Clare Expenses			
	Mileage 159@40p	63.60		
	Stationery	25.37		
	Postage	2.05		
	Use of Home	75.00		
	Broadband/Tel	136.37	£302.29	470 Expenses

The Clerk reported that the Infrastructure Levy of £627 had still not been paid by MVDC. She thanked Councillor Malcomson and Councillor Wellman for confirming their agreeing to this payment, but Councillor Monkman had not yet responded to an email from Rod Show asking him to approve this payment. As Councillor Monkman is so difficult to contact, the Clerk will speak to Rod Shaw to see if the payment can be made without his approval. **PAC**

The Clerk submitted a financial statement showing that when all the above payments had been processed, and the Infrastructure Levy and the Precept and Concurrent Grants for September had been received, there will be £9,989.80 available to cover the expenditure for the rest of the year. The Clerk anticipates that planned expenditure is likely to be in the region of £2,981 and, after the VAT has been reclaimed, the Council will have approximately £7859 to meet other projects.

The quotation for replacing the tiles under the see-saw in the Playground amounted to £3463 plus vat. It was agreed that Council will wait until the next meeting in November before deciding whether to agree to this expenditure. This was proposed by Mr Foster and seconded by Mr Mayne. The Clerk will write to Wicksteeds advising them that a decision will be made about this at the next meeting. **PAC**

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Brooklyn, Horsham Road, RH5 4NG - Mrs Mansell reported that there was a hard double driveway being built at this property. She suggested that the Clerk write to the National Trust to see if they were aware of this and had given permission. **PAC**

Buckingham Road/Betchets Green Road - Mr Goldhawk said there was a patch of greenery on the right hand side when exiting from Buckingham Road into Betchets Green Road. As this is National Trust land, he asked the Clerk to write to them stating that it was a hazard, and asking them to cut it back so it will be possible to see down the road. **PAC**

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 19 November 2015.