

**Minutes of the Meeting of Selborne Parish Council held in
Blackmoor Village Hall on Wednesday 9th May 2007 at 7:30pm**

Present:	Mrs. M Palmer Mr. P Ravenscroft Mrs. A Martin Mrs. A Luty Mr. S Cabrol Mr. S Goater Mrs. L Coney	Chair Clerk
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Also present were 5 members of the public, and 1 representatives of the press.

Item 1 - Election of a Chairman. There were no nominations for chair.

Item 2 - Election of a Vice Chairman. Cllr Ravenscroft nominated Cllr Mrs. Palmer; Cllr Goater seconded this. There being no other nominations all councillors agreed to the appointment of Cllr Mrs. Palmer as Vice chair. In the absence of a chair Cllr Mrs. Palmer chaired the meeting.

Item 3 – Co-option to the Parish Council. To fill any vacancies left unfilled at the election by reason of insufficient nominations. There were four positions available for the Selborne ward and one for the Blackmoor ward. There were no candidates for the Blackmoor ward, but four candidates for the Selborne ward. These were Mrs. Hayley Carter, Mrs. Margaret Barnfield, Mr. Nicholas James and Mr. Phillip Dixon. All four candidates introduced themselves to the council. It was proposed that all four be co-opted to the council. This was agreed by all present and the candidates were duly co-opted. It was noted for the minutes that Cllr Mrs. Palmer, Cllr Ravenscroft and Cllr Mrs. Martin felt it very unfortunate that there had been a problem with Mrs. Carter's nomination papers, which has resulted in her having to present herself for co-option rather than being elected on the 3rd May.

Item 4 – To receive declarations of acceptance of office. All councillors signed their declaration of acceptance of office in front of the clerk and were given declaration of interest forms to complete and return to EHDC.

Item 5 – Apologies for absence. Were received from Cllr McMeekan.

Item 6 – Election of Officers to fill the following posts:

- 1) **Planning Representatives.** All councillors were elected as planning representatives as all councillors sit on the planning committee
- 2) **Footpaths Officers.** **Selborne** – Cllr Mrs. Barnfield and Cllr James
Oakhanger – Cllr Goater
Blackmoor – Cllr Mrs. Luty
- 3) **Tree Warden.** Chris Webb
- 4) **Traffic Subcommittee.** Cllr Dixon, Cllr Mrs. Carter, Cllr Mrs. Martin, Cllr Mrs. Palmer, Cllr Cabrol and Cllr Ravenscroft
- 5) **Finance and clerks subcommittee.** Cllr McMeekan, Cllr Mrs. Carter, Cllr Mrs. Palmer and Cllr Dixon.
- 6) **Village Hall Committees.** Selborne – Cllr Mrs. Palmer, Blackmoor - Cllr Ravenscroft, Oakhanger – Cllr McMeekan.
- 7) **Plestor Committee.** Cllr Mrs. Carter, Cllr Mrs. Martin, Cllr James and Cllr Mrs. Palmer
- 8) **Schools.** Selborne Cllr Dixon. Blackmoor – clerk to write to school.
- 9) **Brickworks Liaison Panel Representative.** Cllr Ravenscroft and Cllr Goater.
- 10) **Blackmoor Recycling Liaison Panel Representative.** Cllr Goater.

On completion of item 1 the meeting recessed to allow members of the public to speak on any matter prior to the re-commencement of the meeting.

Mrs. Comber introduced herself to the council as our new district councillor. The clerk was asked by Cllr Mrs. Palmer to add District Councillors report to the agenda for future months. In the meantime Mrs Comber reported that she would be attending the planning training run by EHDC this coming weekend.

Item 7 – Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th April 2007.

With there being no amendments it was **AGREED** that these were accepted as a true record and signed accordingly.

Item 8 - Disclosure of Pecuniary and other interests.

The Chairman reminded members who had an interest to disclose, in relation to any item included in the agenda for this meeting, that it was their duty to do so at the appropriate agenda item. (As required to be disclosed by Section 94(1) of the Local Government Act 1972; and in accordance with the Parish Councils Order 2001)

Item 9 – Reports of Sub Committees.

i) **Traffic.** - Cllr Mrs. Martin reported that a meeting was held yesterday (8th May) to go through the current position with regard to the Selborne Village Initiative with Hampshire County Council. The county is looking at the coloured surface used for the scheme. Some sections are working others are not, so they will keep a close eye on it. After completion of the scheme there will be a questionnaire sent out to every household for feedback. With regard to the “yellow” surface, in some areas where the colour is rubbing off the yellow is getting lost. There are a couple of solutions to this. One is to grit blast the coloured surface to all of the stark yellow disappears. Another idea is to have a buff coloured material, identical to that used on the new crossing points and similar to that used at the northern end of the village by the school crossing and the approaches at either end of the village, added to the topcoat.

There is an issue that where the “yellow” has rubbed off, it can still be seen by pedestrians but not by drivers, which causes a problem for pedestrian safety. There are currently speed and volume checks underway in the village. There will be another meeting with Jim Soutar in the 2nd week of June and a subcommittee meeting will be held before then. Cllr Dixon reported that he was meeting with parents to discuss the school crossing.

Cllr Goater asked what was happening in Oakhanger and Blackmoor. The clerk replied that she had registered a request that the two villages be included in the village 30 initiative which has just been launched by HCC.

Further to the last meeting the clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Mark Kemp Gee to discuss the future plans for traffic on the B3006, which is Cllr Kemp Gee’s chosen project for the next two years.

ii) **The Plestor** - Cllr Mrs Carter briefly explained to new councillors who were unaware, the details of the Plestor project. The scheme is still awaiting the outcome of the grant application to the lottery fund but even with the lottery grant the scheme is around £15,000 short of funding. Other sources are being considered including Developers Contributions.

iii) **Planning** - The clerk reported that at the last scheduled planning meeting Daryl Philips came to talk to councillors about S106 agreements detailing when and how they are used for new housing developments. Selborne is due just over £12,000 in Developers Contribution for Open Space as a result of the residential conversion of Sotherington Hop Kiln, which should be available shortly. Critically, developers will only be asked to contribute to open space if they are not providing it on the development itself and if the parish can show a proven need for the money.

iv) **South Downs Joint Committee** - Cllr Mrs. Palmer reported that the last meeting of the SDJC had been held on the 20th April when Lord Haskins came to address the Committee. . He found the SDJC very interesting and said that the National Parks are very successful; they provide a contact with a meaning for people and farmers are delighted with them. If anyone would like more information from Lord Haskins’ presentation, please contact Cllr Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs Palmer said that the South Downs National Park Designation Order is expected to be confirmed within the next 12 months. However, the Minister may make a “Minded to approve in principle” decision very much sooner than that, at which point any reopening of the Public Inquiry into the boundary would also be announced.

Item 10 – Matters arising from these and previous minutes.

- a) **Parish Plan.** The Parish Plan workshop was held on the 19th April at Selborne Village Hall with Giv Thornton from Community Action Hampshire. Cllr Mrs. Martin briefly explained for the benefit of new councillors, what a Parish Plan is. Cllr Mrs. Martin reported that EHDC as yet do not have a protocol for the use of parish plans, but their value is undoubtedly that the community is consulted on their parish and its future. The clerk was asked if she could bring along the parish plan toolkit (which belongs to Bentley PC) to the next planning meeting so councillors could read through and decide how to move forward.
- b) **Selborne Village Initiative.** This had mostly been covered by the traffic subcommittee report. In addition though the clerk read out the response by Ken Thornber at HCC regarding the county’s policy on 20mph speed limits – listed in appendix A. There was a feeling that this education not enforcement idea was not consistent with previous county thoughts on 20mph. The clerk was asked to write to Mr. Thornber, thanking him for his response but questioning this policy in relation to previous guidelines issued by HCC regarding 20mph. The clerk was also asked to request details of all speed monitoring undertaken in the whole parish over the last 5 years.

Item 11- Selborne Developers Contribution money. Potential Projects. After discussion it was decided that the money should be used to help fund a new playground for Selborne at the Recreation Ground and, if fundraising results in not all of the developers’ contribution money being used, then the surplus should be given towards the Plestor project. Clerk to write to Steve Proctor at EHDC detailing the proposed use of the money.

Item 12 – Finance

a) Current Financial Position. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Councils current financial position as of Monday 7th May 2007 was

i) Lloyds Account	£3,234,80cr
ii) Alliance & Leicester Account	£35,833.87cr

b) It was agreed that the following payments which had been requested since the last meeting be **APPROVED**:

- i) £500.00 Selborne Bellringers
- ii) £96.83 Mrs. L Coney (Clerks expenses April)
- iii) £20.00 Hampshire Playing Field Association (Subs FY07/08)
- iv) £28.00 Selborne Village Hall (Hall Hire – Parish Plan evening)
- v) £50.00 Roger Saunders (replacement glass for Plestor Map)

The Plestor map board had an emergency repair (see above) as the glass shattered and it was not desirable that the map should get wet. Roger Saunders, whilst carrying out this repair noted that the bottom of the frame is rotten. It was agreed that the clerk would ask him for a quote to replace this.

c) Grant requests.

Alton CAB Grant FY07/08 - £335.00. After discussion it was agreed to donate the requested amount to the CAB. It was noted that this amount was higher than in previous years but that the CAB give great support in the local area and do come to see the parish council each year to update them on their work.

d) Change of bank signatories. It was confirmed by the clerk that former Cllrs Mrs. Yeomans, Mr. Coles and Mr. Oliver are to be removed as signatories and three other councillors to be added as signatories. Cllr Ravenscroft to remain as a signatory. It was decided that it was sensible to add members of the Finance committee as signatories. Clerk to arrange.

Item 13 – Correspondence. The Clerk listed in the agenda all items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

Item 14 – Any other Business.

- i) *Clerk to check with Lesley Wells what is happening at Chapel Farm at the moment (there was a noticeable road widening at the northern end of the farm, by the Oakhanger sign)*
- ii) *The question was raised regarding the buses at Oakhanger and bollards in Oakhanger. It was asked that these requests be directed to the traffic subcommittee.*
- iii) *It was noted that the clerk had been asked to get the phone box in Selborne repainted by BT. Could Oakhanger be added as it too is looking tired.*
- iv) *It was noted that there is a large pot hole in Plum Fell Lane (Kite Hill)*

Item 15– Date and Place of next meeting.

The next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd May at Blackmoor Village Hall at 7:30pm. The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday June 13th at Selborne Village Hall at 8:00pm, following the planning meeting at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9:43pm

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Chairman.....