

**Minutes of the Meeting of Selborne Parish Council held in
Blackmoor Village Hall on Wednesday 10th January 2007**

Present:	Mr. P Chapman Mr. W Oliver Mrs. A Martin Mr. D Ashcroft Mr. J Coles Mrs. L Yeomans Mrs. M Palmer Mr. A Chisholm Mrs. C Keohane Mrs. H Carter. Mr. P Ravenscroft Miss. J Thoms	Chairman
	Mrs. L Coney	Clerk

Also present were 0 members of the public and 0 representatives of the press.

Item 1 – Apologies for absence

None received.

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.

There were no questions

Item 2 – Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th December 2006.

It was **AGREED** that these were accepted as a true record and signed accordingly.

Item 3 - 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 4 – Reports of Sub Committees.

- i) **Traffic.** - It was reported that there were still heavy lorries coming through Selborne; clerk to write to PC Warwick to ask her to come out and monitor the lorries. The road outside the brickworks is breaking up again, as is the road down Sotherington Lane by Snap Wood, and the road to Hartley Mauditt. Clerk to report to Highways and using these examples, highlight the state of our local roads. Further to the last e-mail from Ruth Olczyk, clerk to arrange daytime meeting with her to look at the highways issues throughout the parish. It was noted that the brickworks had been doing their bit to keep Honey Lane clear, however local farmers and agricultural contractors have been destroying the verges recently. Clerk to write to Priory Farm. Finally, Cllr Martin noted that mums in Selborne have started wearing high-visibility jackets to take their children to school because the traffic had become so bad.
- ii) **The Plestor** - Cllr Carter reported that she is still awaiting grant responses and needs to organise a sub committee meeting. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Maltby, thanking him for his letter and reminding him that it is two bollards that will need replacing when his building work is complete.
- iii) **Planning** - see minutes of planning meeting. Cllr Ravenscroft also reported that he had been to the Regulatory Committee hearing (10th January) regarding condition 2 of planning permission F.21878/008/CMA. Mr. Ravenscroft, Mark Kemp Gee and Mr Benham Crosswell all spoke on the matter. The application for relief from condition 2 was refused unanimously.
- iv) **South Downs Forum / Joint Committee** - No report.
- v) **Alton Community Forum** - No report.
- vi) **Selborne Brickworks Liaison Panel** - No report. Next meeting Monday 5th February 2007
- vii) **Blackmoor Recycling Liaison Panel.** - No report. Next Meeting Monday 5th February 2007

Item 5 – Matters arising from these and previous minutes.

1) Selborne Village Initiative. – (Traffic Scheme HCC) Cllr Ashcroft reported that he and members of the traffic subcommittee met with Jim Soutar this morning (10th January) The cost of the project has now increased to £160,000. The main topic was the pinch point/crossing along the street. By agreement of all including Maria Newbery from the Wakes the crossing point is to be to the north of the wakes yard entrance and across to the Limes.

Raised crossings with gentle slopes on and off were requested to define pedestrian crossing points. The school headmistress said she has found a lollypop person for the school crossing, so no further enhancement at that point is to be done. The road will consist of a black carriageway with buff sides and no white lines. A public consultation to be arranged in early February subject to village hall availability. Dates suggested are 9th and 12th. Cllr Martin to arrange with the Village Hall. Consultation to be held ideally between 3pm and 8pm. The parish council was asked to develop the village gateway design and encourage all hedges overgrowing the footpath to be cut back. All the main works will be completed by the end of financial year. (End March 07) Mr. Soutar has invited members of the traffic sub committee to go to Winchester on Tuesday to speak in favour of the project to the Executive Committee who will be approving and paying for the scheme. At this point it was decided that the parish council should formally vote on whether they were happy to approve the scheme in advance of the traffic subcommittee representatives attending the meeting at Winchester. All who voted were in favour of the scheme and one abstention was lodged from Cllr Martin.

2) Parish Plan & Parish Leaflet. The clerk reported that the Parish Plan workshop has been arranged for the 22nd February with Community Action Hampshire. The workshop will be held at Selborne Village Hall at 7:30pm. Cllr Ashcroft felt it might be helpful to look at the Environmental Survey undertaken by Burlands Farm and the Rural Housing Survey in advance of the workshop, as their content could be relevant. The clerk also handed over the pack sent by Cath Hart at Countrywide Access to Cllr Oliver to organise the layout and content of the parish leaflet.

Item 6 – Finance

a) Current Financial Position. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Councils current financial position as of Monday 8th January 2007 was

i) Lloyds Account	£1,291.92cr
ii) Alliance & Leicester Account	£29,635.79cr

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

- i) Xxx.xx Mrs. L Coney (Clerks wages Dec)
- ii) £30.62 Mrs. L Coney (Clerks expenses Dec)

Item 7 – Correspondence. The Clerk listed in the agenda all items of correspondence received since the last meeting. Cllr Oliver requested that in response to the letter from HCC Minerals & Waste regarding the core strategy that the clerk write to Bill Lamb to confirm that the PC agrees with the content of the policy but makes the observation that in the section on environmental protection the word “encourage” has been used in place of the word “require” which it is felt weakens its impact. The clerk was also asked to write in response to the letter from Daryl Philips regarding changes in planning administration. The letter is to request that submissions are entered complete on to the website and at the same time as the initial cover title letter is loaded on the website. Cllr Martin volunteered to attend the Hampshire Action Team meeting at Greatham and would reply to the organisers. Cllr Oliver volunteered to look at the HCC & Winchester Open Space and Recreation Study, prepare an outline response and bring to the next planning meeting / PC meeting.

Item 8 - Legal Review of Parish Lands and Leases. Cllr Oliver explained the background to Goslings Croft and the clerk’s efforts to register it as a village green. However because the Parish Council held a lease on the land up to 1996, the period of maintenance on the site without a lease has not been long enough to warrant registration as a village green (20 years required) Therefore permission was sought from the council to consult a solicitor regarding adverse possession and the future security of the site. This was AGREED by all and the clerk was asked to speak to the Open Space Society to see if they could recommend a suitable person to help in this matter.

Item 9 – Any other Business.

- i. *Thanks was noted to Rosie Painter for delivery the St Thomas Day Bread in December*
- ii. *Cllr Coles noted that the phone box in Blackmoor is now card only.*
- iii. *Cllr Martin noted that she had been in touch with the lady at EHDC regarding walking to health in Selborne and would report further at the next meeting.*
- iv. *Cllr Thoms reported that badgers had been reported near the former Red Tin Bungalow.*
- v. *It was noted that there are building works at Hanger House, Kite Hill and scaffolding together with lighting had created a lighthouse effect. Clerk asked to write to the owner and ask them to turn the lights off at night.*
- vi. *Cllr Ashcroft noted the fallen beech Tree in Dorton Wood, which he will remove.*

Item 10– Date and Place of next meeting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th February 2007 at Oakhanger Village Hall 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

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Chairman.....