

Minutes of the Meeting of Selborne Parish Council held in Oakhanger Village Hall on Wednesday 11th January 2006 at 7:30pm

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

Also present were 2 members of the public, 1 representative of the press, and District Councillor Womack (present from 8pm through to approximately 8:45pm)

Item 1 – Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ravenscroft and Cllr Ashcroft.

On completion of item 1 the meeting recessed to allow questions and comment from the public.

Sheila Goater thanked the council for their commitment toward providing financial support for the renovation of Oakhanger Village Hall and asked when she could apply for the money. Cllr Chapman responded that as the grant money has been placed in the 06-07 budget, if she made application in March then it could be paid at the beginning of the financial year in April.

Item 2 – Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14th December 2005

After discussion, 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 Subcommittees.

i) **Traffic.** - Cllr Oliver reported on behalf of Cllr Ashcroft that Minette Palmer had sent the clerk a copy of a report from the Transport Research Laboratory, which detailed the latest ideas in traffic calming. Cllr Ashcroft had subsequently passed a copy of the report to HCC to see if the ideas can be built into the Selborne Traffic Plan.

ii) **The Plestor** - Cllr Carter spoke with Terrafirma to confirm that the work will start on the Plestor in September. It was **AGREED** by all present to allow Terrafirma to complete the detailed plans at this stage. After the last meeting the clerk was asked to look at whether the Millennium Oak tree currently being looked after by Cllr Coles could be planted in Church Meadow as the Plestor was no longer considered suitable. Its provenance was such that the tree warden felt church meadow to be unsuitable and so it was **AGREED** by all present to ask Cllr Coles to re house the Millennium Oak in Blackmoor by the War Memorial as the tree currently residing there is dying

iii) **Planning** - Cllr Chisholm gave his apologies for being absent the last couple of meeting but he had been suffering a virus, but stated that planning appeared to be running smoothly to his knowledge.

iv) **Clerks Committee** - It was agreed to discuss details of the clerks hours and overtime in closed session following the conclusion of the meeting.

Item 5 – Matters arising from these and previous minutes.

a) Oakhanger

Latchford Lane. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write a follow up letter to Colin Taylor asking for an update with regard to the temporary patching as it appears no works have been carried out so far, and an idea of the timescales of proceedings.

b) Selborne

The Recreation Ground. Following the last meeting the clerk spoke with HAPTC who have stated that there is no template document for Recreation Ground Leases and believes that Parish Council should get a lease drawn up by

a solicitor and not take any notice of another parish's document. It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Oliver, Chapman, Keohane, Ravenscroft and the clerk should meet to go through the existing lease and draft a new lease for circulation and comment from all councillors prior to engaging a solicitor to cost out and formalize the agreement.

East Plestor Cottage – Right of Access. Cllr Oliver and Chapman had checked through the draft document to see if any alterations are required. Cllr Oliver suggested that the 14-day notice period be made 28 days for the convenience of Parish Council meetings although it is understood that in the case of an emergency then no notice need be given. Pending approval from the Shirlaws solicitors Cllrs Chapman, Oliver and Carter would sign the deed on behalf of the Parish Council.

c) Blackmoor

Blackmoor Play Area. Cllr Coles reported that a Grant application has been made to NW Area Committee for a £2500.00 project grant. Application has also been made to release the £2050 developers contribution and an application is currently underway to apply to the Big Lottery fund for £5000. The clerk was asked to obtain details from EHDC of the breakdown of Developers contribution money available to each village in the parish. Cllr Womack was asked to enquire if Blackmoor was due any extra developers contribution money from a development on the parish border at Whitehill.

Item 6 – Selborne Toilets. Cllr Oliver had spoken with Brian Redwood who has now devised another site plan for the new toilets, this time in the back car park; we await the plans but may well only see them at the NW Area meeting on the 24th January. The definitive plan shown to the last parish council meeting (ES3/004) has since been superceded and a copy of the Plan (ES3/005) now includes a marked out car park and noticeboard in the middle of the car park. There appears to be an amount of miscommunication between EHDC Environmental Services and their Tree Officer with regard to where the toilets can be sited in relation to the trees and roots in the car park. The toilets are vital to Selborne's economy and Mr Redwood has made it clear that too many further delays would result in Selbornes new toilets being put on hold for a couple of years. Cllr Chapman observed that at some stage a decision may have to be made as to whether to have the right toilets in the wrong place, sacrificing parking or hold out for the right toilets in the right place a few years down the line. It was agreed in the meantime that as many councillors as possible attend NW Area meeting on 24th January to lobby the councils case for the correct siting of the toilets. It was also noted that it has been EHDCs environmental department that has so far caused the 6-months of delays with the project not the parish council.

Item 7 – Chapel Farm Prior Notification Order. F.21878/011/AGR/KO Farm Reservoir. This is a replacement application after the one submitted 6 months before had been turned down and had stated a full planning application would be required. Apparently the Environment Agency has requested that Chapel Farm put in this new PNO. The previous notification had been turned down for fear that the reservoir would be used for slurry and it fell less than 400m from a building. The case officer, Keith Oliver has stated that EHDCs agricultural consultants are establishing if this work is necessary and what the reservoir will be used for. It is accepted that the reservoir is necessary then EHDC will only be able to comment on its siting. If it is not accepted that it is necessary then EHDC will return the PNO and request a full planning application.

There is obvious concern that if the notification is approved and the landowner extracts clay from the site, what will happen to it. It would need to be specified that the clay couldn't be removed from the site. It was commented that could rainwater not run off into Oakhanger Stream as easily as into a reservoir. It was also noted that although there are currently no cattle on site, the farm has been pastoral in the past and the presence of cattle should therefore be assumed as cattle could be easily put back on to the farm.

In the absence of the clerk, who will be on holiday, Cllr Yeomans will liaise with Cllr Ashcroft to construct the council's comments on the subject for circulation to all councillors for comment prior to giving a response to EHDC.

Item 8 – The Wakes. Cllr Oliver requested that the clerk write to the Wakes regarding the future prospects of the Butchers Shop on the High Street. The shop is looking dilapidated and the parish council is concerned at its deterioration. The clerk should address the letter to Maria and send a copy to Sir Patrick Cordingley. If no response is received then the clerk will have to ask the conservation officer to look at it with urgency.

Item 9 – Footpaths. Cllr Oliver stated that there were no obvious paths in Selborne that needed joining up. He has also spoken with member of the National Trust and local walkers who agreed that signage in Selborne is dreadful and farmers have caused a number of routes to become disused as there are so overgrown. The clerk will speak to the footpaths officer at Basingstoke, to try and get these issues addressed, in particular Newton Valance Farms who have a number of overgrown paths.

Item 10 - Parish Plan. Deferred to next meeting.

Item 11 - Vacancy arising on the Council. Cllr Ryan had officially requested to resign with immediate effect. A notice for a casual vacancy for the ward of Selborne is to be posted up on the notice board on Thursday 12th January and should an election not be requested a new councillor would be co-opted at the February meeting. A

copy of the vacancy notice has been sent to the Returning Officer at EHDC and EHDC have been informed of the vacancy.

Item 12– Planning applications and decisions.

Applications.

F.49173/FUL Single storey side extension to provide double garage and study. Old Police House, Goslings Croft, Selborne. NO OBJECTION

F.27405/006/FUL - Retention of Hard core track with access. Land Adjoining Marsh Cottage, Bradshott Lane, Blackmoor. NO OBJECTION

F.33798/006/FUL Porta cabin for office use. Estate Office, Blackmoor Estate, Church Lane, Blackmoor. NO OBJECTION

F.27626/004/CAT Fell One Maple. Hastards Corner, Hastards Lane, Selborne. NO OBJECTION

Planning Decisions All decision notices together with conditions / reasons can be found on EHDCs website.

F.40129/FUL Land Adjoining 4 New Road Cottages, Selborne Road, Selborne. Change of Use from Open Space to Residential Land. NOTICE OF REFUSAL

F.34313/010/FUL Oak Tree Farm, Gibbs Lane, Oakhanger. Replacement dwelling and detached double garage. NOTICE OF PERMISSION.

F.33798/005/FUL Estate Office, Blackmoor Estate, Church Lane, Blackmoor. Detached Porta Cabin style office (renewal of F.33978/002) NOTICE OF PERMISSION

Item 13 – Finance

a) Current Financial Position. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Councils current financial position as of 11th January 2006 was £1281.30 credit in the current account and £26,284.47 credit in the Deposit Account

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

- i) £650.00 Selborne Recreation Ground (Grass cutting 05)
- ii) £Xxx.xx Mrs. L Coney (Clerks wages Dec)
- iii) £279.04 Inland Revenue. (Clerks NI & Tax)
- iv) £117.43 Greenhams (Grit Bin Bradshott)
- v) £15.00 Bentley Parish Council (50% costs towards clerks conference March 06)

c) Grant Requests Received.

- a) Selborne Bell Ringers £200.00. – Deferred until the clerk has received supporting accounts.
- b) St Mary Magdalene Church, Oakhanger. Oakhanger church has asked for help with the cost of replacing the wooden flooring (circa £2000.00) and also they are looking to replace their noticeboard with an oak one made by a local cabinetmaker. (£250.00 + signwriting) After discussion on whether the parish council is permitted to grant money toward the repair of the fabric of the church, it was proposed by Cllr Thoms and **AGREED** by majority (7 for and 1 against) to grant the church £250.00 towards the noticeboard only. (This had been budgeted in the current financial years precept)

Item 14 – Correspondence. The Clerk listed in the agenda all items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

Item 15 Any Other Business.

Cllr Carter had received correspondence from Mr. Maltby stating he was happy to go ahead with the exchange of letters in order that he can place a skip on the Plestor and to pay our costs of around £100.00. It was **AGREED** that he could move the bollard so long as he pays for us to put in a boundary line in its place.

Item 16 – Date and Place of next meeting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 8th February 2006 at Blackmoor Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

The meeting then went into closed session to discuss the clerk's hours.

Date.....

Chairman.....

