

**Minutes of the Meeting of Selborne Parish Council held in  
Oakhanger Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 9:20pm**

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

Also present were 1 member of the public, and 0 representatives of the press.

**Item 1 – Apologies for absence**

There were none.

***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. Coomer introduced herself as a candidate for the district council elections in May. She was asked to refrain from speaking, as canvassing is not permitted in the build up to elections.

**Item 2 – Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007.**

With the amendments suggested by Cllr Mrs. Palmer (distributed previously by e-mail) 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.** - Cllr Ashcroft noted that the most recent update for the traffic scheme had been circulated by e-mail. Cllr Oliver said he had received reports from people who have written to the Parish Magazine and HCC to praise the work of the contractors, police and HCC during the roadworks. Cllr Chapman to draft a letter to the Herald stating how professional everyone has been. This will be circulated to councillors for approval prior to submission and will subsequently be copied to the County Council officers personally. Cllr Ashcroft stated he would like to have a traffic subcommittee meeting over the next couple of weeks to round off the current roadworks and move forward to the next stage. Cllr Martin will be asked to chair the meeting so that she can report back to the next Parish Council after the elections.

Cllr Chapman had received a letter from Ken Thornber who had received a representation from Claire Keohane, which he would not disclose, but asked for the parish council's opinion on her representation. Cllr Chapman replied on the assumption that the Ham Barn Roundabout may well have been her concern. Following Cllr Kemp Gees comments at the APM about the B3006 Cllr Chapman felt the time was right to meet informally with him to get the ball rolling with the strategic options. Other councillors felt this meeting was best held after the elections so that the new council could take it forward.

ii) **The Plestor** -no report. Project still on hold.

iii) **Planning** -Cllr Miss Thoms asked whether a planning sub committee is still needed as we now have bi weekly planning meetings anyway. Cllr Chapman felt this was for the new council to decide after the elections.

iv) **South Downs Forum /Joint Committee** - no report.

**Item 5 – Matters arising from these and previous minutes.**

Cllr Mrs. Palmer wished to note that with regard to S85 mentioned in the last minutes, the parish council does not have a copy of the guidance from DEFRA for all public bodies, on statutory duties towards the AONB. Cllr Mrs. Palmer will e-mail this to the clerk to forward to the new parish council next month.

- a) **Parish Plan & Parish Leaflet.** The leaflet is now available and the clerk will distribute over the next couple of weeks. The Parish Plan workshop is on the 19<sup>th</sup> April at Selborne Village Hall at 7:30pm.
- b) **Selborne Lions Mouth Renovations.** Cllr Oliver showed councillors pictures of the Lions Mouth before and after the works (with thanks to Natalie Mees.) Now the work is complete the next Parish Council will need to look at clearing out the stream bed, the drainage ditch at the front will also need clearing and then twice yearly maintenance with a light limescale remover. Cllr Oliver to supply clerk with the file on the Lions Mouth and a list of the works for the next Parish Council.
- c) **Selborne Village Initiative.** It was reported that the timber bollards are nearly ready. As was raised at the APM there are still problems with HGVs. The clerk was asked to request to HCC that the owners of the hedges by the weight limit signs at the Alton end of the B3006 cut them back so the signs can be seen. Cllr Oliver had carried out some research on the use of Sat Navs in HGVs. Apparently in the not too distant future these devices will inform of weight limits, which would obviously help the B3006.
- Cllr Mrs. Martin commented upon the e-mails, which have been circulating regarding the colour of the new road surfacing. It is quite a prominent yellow, but there is an assurance from HCC that it just needs to bed in and will lose the starkness of the top surface over the next few weeks. The proof will obviously be visible (or not) as time goes on. It will be for the next Parish Council to get HCC to monitor not just the colour but also the speed as a result of the initiative.

**Item 6 - HCC " Village 30" Initiative.** The clerk had previously sent round details of this scheme by e-mail. It was agreed that the clerk should note the parish council's interest in extending the 30mph in Blackmoor from the School to the Crossroads and down Church road to the Apple farm Office and also an extension of the 30mph in Oakhanger to the northern end of the village. On the subject of speed limits Cllr Mrs. Martin felt that the reply from Cllr Thornber with regard to the Parish Councils request for chapter and verse on HCCs policy of 20mph was not satisfactory. This is to be placed on the agenda for the next parish council meeting.

**Item 7 - Selborne War Memorial.** Cllr Oliver researched the war memorial at Winchester Records Office which confirmed that the war memorial is not owned by the Parish Council but was funded by public subscription and overseen by the PCC. Cllr Oliver to furnish the clerk with the details on the ownership so this can be passed to Stuart Tait at Selborne PCC.

#### Item 8 – Finance

a) Current Financial Position. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Councils current financial position as of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2007 was

i) Lloyds Account	£404.00cr
ii) Alliance & Leicester Account	£27,833.87cr

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 Mar)
- ii) £46.14 Mrs. L Coney (Clerks expenses Mar)
- iii) £300.00 Selborne PCC (Grant 06/07)
- iv) £240.00 Blackmoor PCC (Grant 06/07)
- v) £508.06 HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI)
- vi) £976.00 Hampshire Printing Services (leaflet)
- vii) £2996.25 Ian Clarke (Lions Mouth Restoration)
- viii) £73.00 Mr. W Oliver (Expenses for Lions Mouth prep)
- ix) £414.90 Allianz Cornhill (Insurance 07/08)
- x) xxxx Mrs L Coney ( Clerks Wages April)

It was also noted that following the renovation work on the Lions mouth, the clerk was awaiting a quotation to construct and install a sign as requested by Environmental Services to inform people that they should not drink the water from the fountain. It was AGREED by all present to allow the clerk to go ahead with the works so long as the quote came in at less than £350.00 + VAT

c) Allocated funding for FY 2007/08. The clerk was asked to note the funding already allocated for the new financial year. This is allocated (i.e. already approved) funding for projects that are awaiting payment and does not include the day-to-day monies for running the council or unapproved funding requests.

3,000.00	HCC re Oakhanger Traffic Calming
2,500.00	Selborne School
1,500.00	Project contingency pot,
3,246.00	Plestor allocation - 07/08 reflects £3000 06/07 + £246.00 05/06
6,000.00	Oakhanger Recreation
300.00	PCC monies 06/07
5,000.00	Project Reserve Fund - includes £1000 unspent from 06/07
<b>21,546.00</b>	

The clerk was asked to write to Oakhanger Village Hall to explain that although there is provision in the budget for Oakhanger Village Hall this figure was for budgeting purposes only and is not an approval of a grant. When the Village Hall have their accurate budget figures, the parish council will consider their grant request and will take into account matched funding by other organisations. Their initial request was for 20-25% of the overall cost, rather than an actual figure, which will be considered at the appropriate time.

**Item 9 – Correspondence.** The Clerk listed in the agenda all items of correspondence received since the last meeting. The clerk was asked to send Cllrs Oliver, Martin and Palmer a copy of the HCC cabinet letter regarding the village initiative.

**Item 10 – Any other Business.**

- i) *Cllr Coles wished to express on behalf of the Parish Council his thanks to Cllrs Chapman and Oliver for their hard work during their terms in office. Both councillors replied that it had been a pleasure.*
- ii) *The clerk was asked to see if the phone box in Selborne could be painted as it looks very tired, (however a note that the contractors do not dig up the adjacent water point!)*
- iii) *Cllr Carter asked if the new road surface has been registered. It has not but would have to be replaced like for like if it needs to be dug up.*
- iv) *Cllr Miss Thoms requested that organizations that request funding and then do not spend it be reminded that they may be requested to return it and that the clerk should make this clear to future applicants.*
- v) *Cllr Miss Thoms noted that councillors were asked to look at the Regional Housing Strategy at the last meeting. Could this be placed on the planning meeting agenda for the end of this month?*
- vi) *The clerk was asked to write to Altonian Coaches to request that they do not pull up on the traffic calming, but pull off to the side of the road the same as the other bus companies.*
- vii) *Cllr Mrs. Yeomans asked that the clerk report the potholes in Oakhanger again, and ask that the bollard at the traffic calming, which has snapped, be replaced.*
- viii) *The clerk was asked to follow up the request to PC Warwick regarding parking on the pavement in Oakhanger.? Please clarify if it is an offence to park on the pavement*
- ix) *The clerk was also asked to report the pot holes in School Lane, Selborne*

**Item 11– Date and Place of next meeting.**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at Blackmoor Village Hall at 7:30pm

The meeting then went into closed session to consider the next item.

**Item 12 – Clerks salary.** Having looked at the suggested increases from April 2007 onward, Cllr Chapman proposed that the clerks salary be raised to £10.00 so that it is in line with her other parish at Bentley and that in future years both councils jointly look at salary increases. This was AGREED by all present.

The meeting closed at 10:35pm

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Chairman.....