

**Minutes of the Meeting of Selborne Parish Council held in
Selborne Village Hall on Wednesday 13th December 2006**

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.	Chairman
	Mrs. L Coney	Clerk

Also present were 4 members of the public and 0 representatives of the press.

Item 1 – Apologies for absence

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

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

There were no questions

Item 2 - PC Leana Warwick – Whitehill Community Reassurance Team.

Based at Whitehill, the Community Reassurance Team was set up in April this year, taking officers off response teams and putting them into the community. There were originally two members of the team but currently PC Warwick is working on her own. She covers most of the East Hampshire District down to Butser Hill.

Before the formation of the team all traffic issues went to the traffic response team but their priority is serious traffic issues including deaths, RTAs and so on; local issues including speed and heavy lorries were therefore not high on their list, hence the creation of the CRT. Selborne was generated from the outset as one of 40 sites that command her attention, and since June the team have logged 25 hours and 25 minutes on site in Selborne. They carried out speed checks and cautioned 4 drivers in Selborne village but no speeding tickets were issued. They have however issued 7 fixed penalty notices for weight restriction violations (which is 7 more than most parishes.) Unfortunately there are more industrial estates being created in rural areas and lorries are exempt from the weight restriction if they are delivering within the parish.

When asked about Blackmoor PC Warwick said that work had been done with the school children in Drift Road. It was pointed out that there are no speed restrictions, and could PC Warwick put suggestions forward for the imposition of speed limits. Yes, was the reply, but it is not really part of her remit. Cllr Ashcroft said the same speed related problems happen on the B3006, he asked whether a cascading speed limit or indeed a 50mph could be imposed on the stretch from Alton to Selborne. Cllr Ashcroft felt that the problem was that the police and the county couldn't agree over whom can make the decision regarding the imposition of speed limits. PC Warwick suggested speaking to Mick Truan in the traffic division. Her job is to enforce the laws and educate people on it, the rest has to come from traffic management and engineering. PC Warwick also noted that she has now been to 15 PC meetings and as yet has not seen any representatives from the county at the same meetings.

Her statistics show there have only been 4 traffic accidents in Selborne since 2003. Councillors felt there had been more but people don't know how to report them, because they don't feel it warrants a 999 call. PC Warwick suggested that if someone is hit by a wing mirror or any other traffic related accident they should dial 0845 045 45 45 and ask to be put through to Alton police. If these incidents are not reported they will not appear on the statistics. If possible try to get the vehicles registration number which will help.

PC Warwick was asked whether she deals with Oakhanger much. The traffic problems are different to those in Selborne but just as acute. The road is single track in places with no footpaths; the 30mph was installed around 6 years ago but there are still speeding issues. She recalled that the haulage company Staceys had been coming through the village quite legitimately as they were not subject to the same restrictions imposed on planing permissions as TJ landfill were.

PC Warwick was asked what the fine was for overweight lorries and whether VOSA were informed of offenders. The fixed penalty is £30.00 and it is a non-endorseable offence. She has however as yet , not had any repeat offenders. VOSA are not informed as overweight lorries re not really their remit.

It was requested that the accident report forms be made available in PC Dears office in the village hall, in case there are traffic incidents. Unfortunately the form is computerised but she could make the follow up questionnaires available, on which people can make additional comments.

Finally PC Warwick was asked what she would suggest to help reduce speed related accidents in the parish. She suggested looking at the rural community speed watch after it completes it trials which are due to end in April and maybe speak to Crondall who are the nearest village involved in the trial. She has also seen that information signs for drivers such as the solar panel sign on the stretch of

road towards Le Court, (Speed Information Devices) have proven effective. However the statistics from the county have shown the average speed through the bulk of the village of Selborne is only 22mph. Cllr Ashcroft asked whether PC Warwick had looked at average speed cameras which may show a different result. She said she did not have any experience of this system. PC Warwick was asked if she would look at cars that park on the pavement causing an obstruction in Oakhanger. She agreed to have a look. Cllr Chapman thanked PC Warwick for coming to the meeting. PC Warwick replied that she does have to spread herself thinly but hopefully she is better than no help at all.

Frank Wheelan said he had a letter from the chief constable Paul Kernaghan which says that the parish council are at fault if they do not know what is happening with regard to traffic policing in their village, as police presence would have been initiated by the parish council. Mr Wheelan will forward the letter to the clerk for consideration by councillors.

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 – Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th November 2006.

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

Item 5 – Reports of Sub Committees.

- i) **Traffic.** - Highways have had a shuffle and as a result Ruth Olczyk is now heading up the team for this area. With regard to the road works in Selborne, the budget figures have been agreed, a public meeting is now required before the work commences in February. Cllr Ashcroft will organise a traffic sub committee meeting early next week to arrange the public consultation, which will be over 48 hours at the village hall, with a member of Mr Soutar's staff on hand to answer questions. Ideally the public consultation will be prior to the next PC meeting on the 10th January. Ruth Olczyk will be invited to the January meeting, as she may be able to answer any outstanding queries, if indeed there are any.
- ii) **The Plestor** - Grant applications are in and just awaiting replies. In the meantime, the ragstone path has been damaged by Mr Maltby's skip, and needs repairing, the bollards also need replacing. Clerk to write to ask Mr Maltby when rectification will be undertaken.
- iii) **Planning** - see minutes of planning meeting
- iv) **South Downs Forum / Joint Committee.** Cllr Ashcroft reported that the South Downs Forum had its AGM, the South Downs National Park is still proposed to happen over the next couple of years and there was a presentation of a £600million pound budget for Natural England. Cllr Mrs. Palmer reported that she had copies of the minutes of the recent Joint Committee meeting and planning meeting if anyone wanted to read them.
- v) **Alton Community Forum** - No report.
- vi) **Selborne Brickworks Liaison Panel** – The refusals regarding conditions 4 & 7 were discussed as was the new application for relief from condition 2, which the county will be objecting to. Lorries are still leaving the site and the county is looking at 24-hour surveillance. The Environment Agency confirmed that they are investigating the site but declined to comment further until they have concluded their work. HCC and EA are also looking at work currently being carried out near the reservoir.
- vii) **Blackmoor Recycling Liaison Panel.** The panel meeting was held at Oakhanger. At the previous meeting there had been complaints from a resident regarding concrete lumps on site and the height of the materials on site. At this meeting HCC reported that they had measured the height of the materials and it was correct and the concrete had been removed. The plans for the restoration of the site are expected at the next meeting, although there is the opportunity to apply for an extension to continue operations in the future.

Item 6 – Matters arising from these and previous minutes.

- a) **Parish Plan & Parish Leaflet.** The clerk reported that SPC had been awarded a countryside access grant for 50% of the cost of producing a parish leaflet. The clerk had also spoken to Community Action Hampshire regarding a parish plan workshop, which Giv Thornton (Parish Plan Liaison CAH) was happy to attend in the New Year. It was suggested that the meeting workshop was organised for February to enable adverts to go in the parish magazines. Clerk to arrange the date Cllr Martin. Cllr Chapman was pleased to report that he had received three responses from Oakhanger people willing to volunteer to help with the parish plan.
- b) **Parish Website.** www.selborneparishcouncil.com Cllr Oliver updated councillors on progress with the site and with an OHP demonstrated how the site works, showing both site content for each village as then the PC pages, including agendas, minutes for the last year and councillors details. It was decided that a website sub committee should be organised to suggest extra items to be uploaded to the site on both the parish council itself and also the villages within the parish. It was suggested that the wording for the parish leaflet could be incorporated on the site. It was **AGREED** that the committee would be chaired by Cllr Oliver, and would include Cllrs Carter, Palmer, Martin, Keohane, Yeomans and Chapman.

Item 7 - Dates of Parish Meetings for 2007. The dates for 2007 parish council meetings were **AGREED** as follows:

10th January – Blackmoor

11th July - Oakhanger

14th February – Oakhanger
14th March – Selborne (8:00pm)
11th April – Oakhanger
9th May – Blackmoor
13th June – Selborne (8:00pm)

8th August - Blackmoor
12th September – Selborne (8:00pm)
10th October - Oakhanger
14th November - Blackmoor
12th December – Selborne (8:00pm)

The chairman pointed out to councillors that in a change to the normal schedule the January meeting would be at Blackmoor not at Oakhanger.

Item 8 – Finance

a) Current Financial Position. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Councils current financial position as of Monday 6th November 2006

was	i) Lloyds Account	£1,152.03cr
	ii) Alliance & Leicester Account	£31,033.98cr

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 Nov)
- ii) £32.83 Mrs. L Coney (Clerks expenses Nov)
- iii) £40.00 Land Registry (Registration of Lions mouth & Well Head)
- iv) £407.10 Inland Revenue (Clerks Tax & NI)
- v) £450.00 David Court (Grasscutting Goslings Croft)

c) **Grant request** –. £750.00 Selborne Village Hall. Details from Tim Rouse as requested.

“An estimate of the costs as shown below:-

Clean and refurbish Foundation stone	£125
Remove old Seat and make site ready for new Seat	£175
Make and Design New Seat	£1200
Fix new seat securely to site	£100

The final costs will be worked out when the design is approved, If you would like I can arrange to come to the council and show the designs when they are ready. The funding for the project is based on £100 from the Village Hall, £750 from the Parish Council and £750 from East Hants District Council. We are proposing to use Chris Treweary who did all the specialist work on the Hall Window project to under take the commission, and hopefully use Selborne Oak. I have spoken to EHDC and submitted the proposal which they support, this funding is all in the next financial year 07/08. All the other costs associated with the celebration will be met by the Village Hall.” – Tim Rouse via e-mail.

It was **AGREED** by all present to grant the requested amount of £750.00. It was suggested that the old bench could be relocated to the Recreation Ground.

Item 9 – Correspondence. The Clerk listed in the agenda all items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

Item 10 – Any other Business.

- i. *Power failures in Oakhanger. It was requested that the clerk write to Southern Electric to ascertain why there have been so many power failures recently and what they intended to do about them.*
- ii. *Walk to Health – Selborne. As per e-mails circulated to councillors over the previous week EHDC would like to start a walk to health programme in Selborne. Cllr Martin was happy to progress this with EHDC and took details from the clerk.*
- iii. *Goslings Croft. The clerk received a letter from HCC regarding the lease at Goslings Croft. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Oliver before coming back to the council to decide how to progress the application to make the play area at Goslings a registered village green.*
- iv. *Cllr Chapman reported a number of mammoth potholes on the Hartley Mauditt Road. Clerk to report to Highways.*

Item 11– Date and Place of next meeting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th January at Blackmoor Village Hall 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 10:20pm

Date.....

Chairman.....