

**Minutes of the Meeting of Selborne Parish Council held in  
Selborne Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 8:00pm**

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

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

**Item 1 – Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Chapman and Cllr Ravenscroft.

***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.***

*Mr. Blyth wished to note that the December and January minutes were missing off the website and could they please be uploaded. Cllr Oliver to check and amend.*

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

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 noted that the most recent update for the traffic scheme had been circulated by the clerk this morning. Cllr Carter had received from HCC the hard copies of the sheet of comments arising from the exhibition on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. They will be distributed to every household in the village. Cllr Ashcroft reported that he had been to the South Downs Advisory Panel and had requested that the Joint Committee are made aware that the roads in this area are not suitable for accommodating the resultant extra traffic with increased housing and that traffic needs to be kept to A roads. A viable alternative to the B3004 and B3006 would be a link road from the A325 to the A31. This however had not been mentioned on the recently circulated update from the Bordon Initiative working group.

It was also noted that PC Dear has been intercepting overweight lorries trying to pass through Selborne during the road closures and issuing penalty notices. The closures have meant that the roads through Blackmoor and Oakhanger are deteriorating rapidly and HCC have confirmed that they will look at all of the roads which have been damaged as a result of the B3004 & B3006 closures, after the works have been concluded.

ii) **The Plestor** -The Big Lottery Fund has said it will not be making any grant decisions now until May, so the plans are still on hold. After discussion it was decided that if the EHDC grant is in place and it is just the lottery grant, which is on hold, then maybe the work could be done in two stages, and therefore work could proceed with the groundwork's, landscaping and restoration and ragstone path. Cllr Carter to arrange subcommittee meeting to go through this possibility. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Maltby regarding the piece of land outside the Old Bakehouse. The Bollards have still not been reinstated and the grass where the contractors have been is atrocious. Mr Maltby to be given 28days to complete restoration and repair or the parish council will have the work done on his behalf and forward the bill.

iii) **Planning** -See minutes of planning meeting. In addition it was noted that there are two items at North Planning on 15<sup>th</sup> March concerning Selborne – South Lodge, Blackmoor and Sotherington Hop Kilns, Selborne. The question was asked as to why Sotherington is on as a section 3, which is for information only. Cllr Oliver and Cllr Palmer to speak to EHDC and District Council Womack to ascertain why this is a section 3.

iv) **South Downs Forum /Joint Committee** - Cllr Palmer reported that the South Downs Management Plan is being revised in light of the comments made during the consultation. It was hoped that it would be adopted in July but this is now looking more likely to be October. The Meyrick case in the New Forest, which had prompted the South Downs National Park designation to be put on hold, has been decided in the Court of Appeal and the judgment has no implications for the SDNP the designation process for which will now resume. It was also noted by Cllr Ashcroft that the Parish Council must comply with s85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act

2000 (The CRoW Act) in whatever decisions it reaches. (Section 85 is a general duty on all public bodies. It requires that "In exercising or performing any functions in relation to, or so as to affect, land in an area of outstanding beauty, a relevant authority shall have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty

- v) **Selborne Brickworks Liaison Panel** - No report
- vi) **Blackmoor Recycling Liaison Panel.** - No report.

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

- a) **Parish Plan & Parish Leaflet.** The leaflet has now gone to print and should be ready in the next week or two. Once they have arrived the clerk will place leaflets into plastic holders ready for distribution to the local pubs, shops, the museum, tourist information and local nurseries. Cllr Martin will speak to Giv Thornton and rearrange the parish plan workshop, which was cancelled on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March due to ill health. Once the date is known Cllr Martin will inform councillors and the date can be submitted for the parish magazines.
- b) **Selborne Lions Mouth Renovations.** The clerk confirmed that Mr. Clarke would be looking to start around the last week of March / first week of April. The Highways are providing the sandbags for use while the work is done and Cllr Oliver and Ashcroft will clean up the area and insert a block for the diverter to stop the water coming through the mouth whilst the work is done.
- c) **Goslings Croft Play Area.** The clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the solicitor who confirmed that there is likely to be a delay in the progress of the land registry application for Goslings and it may be worth putting on hold until a further submission can be made in 2008. The clerk will be meeting a representative from Land registry at her conference tomorrow and will see if there is a way of speeding up the process.  
The clerk was asked to speak to the probation service with regard to clearing the path up to Goslings, which has become rather bramble infested.

**Item 6 - Blackmoor Church.** A request was received from the vicar regarding the piece of land next to the war memorial, in front of the gate into the churchyard, which is in a poor state. The clerk read out the letter, which stated that the land belongs to the PC. Councillors were unaware of this and the clerk was asked to write to the Blackmoor PCC asking them why they thought it belonged to the parish council.

**Item 7 - Selborne War Memorial.** The clerk reported that she had received a quotation for the underpinning work of £3645, but was having difficulty find someone to give a second quotation. Cllr Oliver said that he had not made it to Winchester records office yet, but will do so in the near future and would look up the faculty records to ascertain ownership of the memorial. The clerk also noted that she was also due to be introduced to a war memorial grants representative at her conference who may be able to give guidance on funding if it is required.

**Item 8 - Regional Housing Strategy Review 2007.** For information. Councillors were invited to complete the online response form for this consultation. [www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/rhb](http://www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/rhb)

**Item 9 – Finance**

- a) Current Financial Position. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Councils current financial position as of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 was
  - i) Lloyds Account £2113.70cr
  - ii) Alliance & Leicester Account £27,833.87cr

The clerk was asked to produce a breakdown of allocated funding at the next meeting so that new councillors in May have a record of outstanding financial commitments.

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 Feb)
- ii) £46.90 Mrs. L Coney (Clerks expenses Feb)
- iii) £750.00 Selborne Village Hall (Bench Grant, previously agreed)
- iv) £55.00 Selborne Village Hall (Hall Hire)
- v) £13.50 Local Council review (Subscription 07/08)
- vi) £252.00 HAPTC (Subscription due 1<sup>st</sup> April)
- vii) £205.62 Bookers and Bolton (Legal fees)

**c) Grant requests.**

- i. Selborne PCC. Grant request for grasscutting during FY06/07. Invoices supplied to clerk in advance of the meeting as requested at the last meeting. It was therefore **AGREED** to grant £300.00 to Selborne PCC
- ii. Blackmoor PCC. Request for grant for FY06/07. Accounts supplied to clerk in advance of the meeting. The clerk said she had looked at the accounts and could see £240.00, which had been spent on Grasscutting in the churchyard. As the Parish Council is limited as to what it can give money towards with regard to churches it was **AGREED** to give £240.00 to Blackmoor PCC to cover this. However the clerk was asked to

make the PCC aware that there is £300 in the allocated fund so in future if they spend the full £300 they can request the full grant amount.

**d) Grasscutting on parish lands 2007.** It was **AGREED** to ask Mr. Croft to continue cutting at Goslings as he is felt to provide good value for money. The clerk reported that Mr. Ward was still able to cut the Plestor but was no longer taking out public liability insurance, as SPC is the only public area that he cuts, as all his other work is private. It was **AGREED** that the council has been very happy with Mr. Wards work in the past and the clerk should investigate whether Mr. Ward can be put on the parish councils insurance so that he is covered whilst undertaking this work for the PC. The clerk will see if the probation service can do a trim round the Plestor in the meantime.

**Item 10 – Correspondence.** The Clerk listed in the agenda all items of correspondence received since the last meeting. The clerk was asked to send Cllr Oliver number 28, Social Justice Board - Local issues in your parish. The clerk was also asked to contact EHDC to arrange a planning meeting to discuss S106 – developer's contributions.

**Item 11 – Any other Business.**

- i) *Cllr Martin reported that Walk to Health workshop in Selborne has had a very good response.*
- ii) *The clerk was asked if there had been an answer from Ken Thornber with regard to the 20mph request. The clerk replied that she had received an e-mail saying the issue would be explained fully, shortly.*
- iii) *Pot Holes. Councillors were asked to e-mail the clerk with an specific pothole locations so she can raise them with Highways.*
- iv) *Cllr Palmer noted that councillors were all invited to the Village Hall 100birthday celebrations in May.*
- v) *Cllr Oliver noted that PC Dear would like to have a monthly surgery (fixed hours) in Selborne Village Hall where people can come and raise issues they may have. If the surgery works well then it may move out to the other villages. Clerk to write to PC Dear to inform him that Selborne PC would support the idea. However, the clerk was asked to make note to PC Dear that the other villages would like this surgery extended to their areas as soon as possible.*
- vi) *It was noted that BOAT 68 had been reported to HCC and BOAT 66, the nearby homeowner had reported to both the gas board and Mark Kemp Gee a smell of gas.*
- vii) *The clerk was asked to speak to PC Warwick with regard to people still parking on the only stretch of pavement in Oakhanger.*
- viii) *Cllr Ashcroft was concerned at the resultant water levels in local springs as a result of the boreholes in Oakhanger. Clerk to write to the Environment Agency asking what the implications are for local farms and to clarify the terms and conditions imposed on South East Water for using these boreholes.*
- ix) *It was suggested the clerk invite Ferris Cowper to the APM to talk about EHDCs new initiatives.*

**Item 12– Date and Place of next meeting.**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at Oakhanger Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9:50pm

Date.....

Chairman.....