

Southbourne Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020 at the St John's Church Centre, Main Road, Southbourne at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr C Bulbeck (Chairman), Mrs Bangert*, Mr Brown*, Mr G Hicks, Mrs L Hicks, Mr Jennings, Mr Redman, Miss Tait, Mr Taylor and Mrs Thorne.

* Also District Councillors for Southbourne

4 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

286. Apologies were received from Mrs M Bulbeck, Mr Feltham and Mr Hayes.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

287. None

Minutes

288. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2020 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

- Minute 263 – fourth bullet point, delete “with”

Open Forum

289. A member of the public commented on the unkept hedges along the public footpaths. Mrs Bangert commented that she had reported a number of problem hedges to West Sussex Highways.

290. A resident commented that he had been trying to sell his house and that one potential purchaser had decided not to buy it because they did not like the state of the footpath and verges in the road. He commented that the verges were not properly looked after and allowed to encroach across the footpaths. Parking on the verges was turning them into quagmires and the footpath in Longlands Road in was breaking up.

291. Parking outside and close to the schools continued to be a problem. Members had been in touch with the PCSOs about this to see if they could help. Mr Brown would contact Mr Magill about this matter. Members would be visiting the Infant and Junior Schools shortly so would also raise it with them. It was also suggested that discussions with the Southbourne Club should be re-opened to see if there could be a resolution to the problems. Mr Hayes and Mrs Bangert would speak to the Schools and the Club.

County Councillor Report

292. The County Councillor's written report was received and noted.

District Councillor Report

293. The District Councillor report was received and noted. Members agreed a written report was helpful and requested that future reports be included with the agendas.

Village Signs

294. Mrs Thorne presented proposals for the new village signs and Members agreed the following new signs including the County Shield should be progressed with West Sussex Highways:

- Nutbourne West – Eastbound, between Inlands Road and Priors Orchard and Westbound as close to the Thatched Cottage as practical. Mr Brown would check with Chichester District Council whether the sign had to state 'Nutbourne West' or whether 'Nutbourne' was permissible.
- Southbourne – Eastbound, between Tuppy Barn and Parham Place and Westbound as level as possible with but opposite the Eastbound sign for Nutbourne West
- Prinsted – At the two turnings off Main Road on to Prinsted Lane
- Hermitage – Eastbound in the current location and Westbound by the settlement boundary.
- Lumley – A single sign as close to Rose Cottages as possible.

295. Members noted that the exact locations would need to meet the requirements of West Sussex Highways.

Vision, Business Skills and Councillor Training

296. Of the two proposals put forward for a vision statement it was noted that three Members had expressed a preference for the first one. It was agreed that the statements would be considered further at the training day on 16 May 2020. The training would take place from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the St John's Centre.

Monthly Parish Council Drop-in Session

297. 12 residents had attended the drop-in session on 7 March 2020 with concerns about litter, dog poo, parking, hedges and the successful appeal by Rydon Homes. A resident had also attended to thank the Parish Council for the new bus shelter adjacent to Bramley Gardens.

298. It was noted that there were a number of litter and dog poo bins owned by the Parish Council and some litter bins owned by the District Council. The litter bins were emptied separately from the dog poo bins and Members agreed that there should be a rationalisation of them, now that the District Council permitted dog poo to be placed in general waste bins.

Finance

299. a. Expenditure - The Council noted the following expenditure since the last meeting:

Expenditure		
Surrey Hills Solicitors	Invoice 2952	£540.00
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Viking	Invoice 774527	£545.77
Ace Shelters	Invoice 1060	£3,142.20
Poison Free Pest Control	Mole control at Recreation Ground	£390.00
G Burley & Sons	Invoice 01404	£463.20
The Safe Shop	Invoice SI-1276987	£1,844.76
VisionICT	Invoice 10881	£60.00
VisionICT	Invoice 10895	£21.60
VisionICT	Invoice 10970	£270.00
Staff	Aggregate Salary & Pension (DD)	£2,980.24
	Total	£4,952.83
	Transfer for current payments	£4,952.83

300. b. New Homes Bonus 2020/21 – Members noted that there had been support from residents for the proposed outdoor fitness equipment on the Recreation Ground. The New Homes Bonus allocation for 2020/21 was £23,057.75 and applications needed to show they had the support of residents.

301. Resolved – That the Parish Council bid for New Homes Bonus 2020/21 funding in the sum of £23,057.75 to provide outdoor fitness equipment.

Notice of Motion

302. The Council Parish Council considered a Notice of Motion proposed by Mr Brown regarding support for the Chichester to Emsworth (CHEM) cycle route.

303. On being seconded by Ms Tait it was Resolved that

Southbourne Parish Council notes the ambition for the Chichester to Emsworth (CHEM) Cycle route has been ongoing for the last 10 years. In this time there have been several serious incidents involving cycle users on this road, mainly at junctions. Over that time a Climate Change Emergency has been declared, air pollution is increasing and it is an accepted fact that encouraging more cycle users onto the road is one positive action to mitigate these two very serious issues. To enable this to happen there must be a provision of safe cycle route that links into the Chichester City centre and beyond. Southbourne Parish Council therefore strongly supports the provision of the CHEM route and commits to lobby and campaign to ensure this vital route becomes a priority for Chichester District Council, West Sussex County Council and Highways England and a reality for all

cycle users.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

304. The Steering Group had gone through the list of items outstanding. Members were pleased to note the 30 percent response rate to the housing needs survey of the Parish.

Welcome Pack

305. The suggestion for a parish welcome pack had arisen from a previous drop-in session. However, St John's Church had recently produced a leaflet which was very informative. It was therefore suggested that St John's be approached to consider a possible joint leaflet when their current stock of leaflets run low.

Review of Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control

306. Members noted that Chichester District Council was carrying out a consultation on the review of the Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control. The Parish Council did not make any comments.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

307. It was noted that the District Council's Local Plan would be delayed. The Council was disappointed to note that the appeal by Rydon Homes to build 199 houses north of Cooks Lane had been successful.

Southbourne Environment Group (SEG)

308. The next litter pick would be held on 20 March 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting at the Village Hall. A working party for footpath 212 would be held on 28 March 2020. A Phase 1 Habitat Survey would be carried out in either April or May 2020. A 'BioBlitz' wildlife data collection day would be held on 28 June 2020, however data could be dropped off before that date. The Nutbourne Barn working party had planted trees, removed bramble and placed coir rolls in the stream.

309. The Co-chairs would be discussing the future direction of the SEG as there was a need to support the work of the NPSG and also continue the practical projects.

Annual Parish Meeting

310. The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors would be held at the St John's Church Centre on 14 May 2020 at 7 p.m. PCSO Baylee Read would be invited to speak at the meeting.

Items for Future Meetings

311. Items for future meetings included:
- Update on signage

Date of Next Meeting

312. 21 April 2020

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.34 p.m.