

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Ampfield on Monday, 12th April 2010 commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: Miss M.I. Rothwell (Chairman) – Presiding
Mr E.H. Butcher, Mr A Clark, Mr G.J. Choules,
Mr D.J.E. Gilks, Mr M.D. Hatley, Mr. J. A. Jones,
Mr. B. Nanson, Mr. G. C. A. Roads

1729 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Mr D. Stevens who was absent for personal reasons.

1730 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th March 2010, having been circulated previously, were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

1731 Matters Arising from the Minutes

1731.1 Works at Two Lakes, Straight Mile

Letters had been exchanged between the Chairman of the Council and the Chief Executive of Test Valley Borough Council about the work carried out on ponds and lakes at Two Lakes, Straight Mile. There was nothing new to report. Borough Councillor Mr Hatley, along with Borough Councillor for Romsey Extra Mrs Nokes, intended to conduct a site visit.

1732 Declarations of Interest

Mr Hatley declared an interest in the Village Hall as Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee.

1733 Public Participation

Mr & Mrs Rendell from The Cottage, Knapp Lane were present. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.05pm and invited them to speak. Mr & Mrs Rendell had noted from the minutes of meetings held in September and November, a reference to a proposed development in the Parish. The Chairman confirmed that an informal briefing had been given by Pegasus Planning Group to Council

members about a possible housing development. This was usual in the preliminary stages of such developments and was not a presentation of a planning project. The exact location of the proposed development was not yet fixed but was expected to be on land between Morley's Lane, the A3090 and Keats Restaurant.

The annual newsletter, which would be distributed shortly to all households in the Parish, would explain what had happened so far, the location of the proposed development and how events were to be taken forward. An independent housing needs survey would be conducted followed by presentations given by the developers. All Parishioners would get the opportunity to attend the presentations and make their comments. Mr Hatley advised that Test Valley Borough Council had asked all landowners in the Borough in 2009 to identify land for possible development under the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment project; this was a public document and could be viewed.

The meeting was re-convened at 7.15pm.

1734 Annual Parish Assembly

Councillors were reminded about the deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter. Council noted the section of the text from the Chairman's Report which outlined the situation at Morley's Green. Presentations on a number of topics would be made at the Parish Assembly and Mr Clark agreed to provide the necessary equipment. Road safety was always a key topic at the Assembly and Mr Hatley advised that, following speed checks on Baddesley Road "camera signs" were to be erected.

1735 Bus Shelter at Green Pond Lane

Mr Hatley confirmed the procedures to be followed in relation to Hampshire County Council and to the Planning Department, in the demolition of the bus shelter. A contractor had been identified to carry out the work. Typically, however, Hampshire Highways required the use of an approved contractor to carry out such work but this requirement would be waived as long as the contractor appointed carried £10 million of public liability insurance. Fencing around the site would have to be used and a license would have to be applied for by the contractor. The normal license fee would be waived. The person who dealt with bus shelters at Hampshire Highways recommended that the new shelter be erected before the old one was demolished; he would be happy to advise on how to proceed.

Council confirmed their agreement to the demolition of the bus shelter. It was agreed that Mr Hatley would seek confirmation of procedures and charges from Highways in writing after which Council would decide on the contractor to be used. The style and placement of any new shelter would be decided after

discussion with Hampshire Highways. An additional quote from a leading manufacturer of shelters would then be sought for both demolition and erection.

1736 Ampfield Recreation Ground

1736.1 Water supply

Monies from Section 106 Developer Funds had been received to pay for the cost of installation of the water stand-pipe on the Recreation Ground.

1736.2 Playground inspections

Digley Associates had now been employed to conduct three quarterly and an annual inspection of the playground; these inspections were in addition to the weekly inspections carried out by Councillors. It was noted that the reduction of bolts on the various signs, pointed out by an earlier inspection, had not been carried out; this would be completed in the next few months.

1736.3 Damage to the cricket square

Molehills had continued to appear despite repeated treatments. Council agreed to the attendance of a molecatcher whenever required.

1736.4 Drainage and maintenance

The Chairman thanked Mr Clark for the comprehensive paper he had written about the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and of the cricket square. Mr Clark summarised the advice received from various sources about how to deal with the drainage problems and with the maintenance of the square. Council agreed, in principle, to the proposal to install drains across the football pitch at 5 metre centres, north to south. This would cost approx. £20,000; it could not be funded from the Precept and Mr Hatley would try to identify suitable grants.

It was also agreed that the whole ground be spiked and a spring feed applied by TVBC. Council would sponsor a member of the Cricket Club to attend 2 courses run by the Institute of Groundsmen. In preparation for the new season Council agreed to the Cricket Club's request to paint the portacabins, erect a privacy panel to screen the toilets from the White Horse and remove those parts of the pipework which protruded from the concrete base.

A sign announcing details of the next cricket match would be added to the Recreation Ground sign. Mr Nanson would liaise with the Cricket Club about the style and wording. To help with maintenance of the square

Council agreed to the purchase of a small roller at an estimated cost of £300.

1737 Financial Matters

1737.1 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Mr Nanson and seconded by Mr Jones (with the exception of the cheque for £6.48 which was proposed by Miss Rothwell), that the following accounts be paid:

<u>Cheques to be signed at the meeting:</u>	£ (inc VAT)
Sharp Electronics (UK) Ltd	75.62
HALC-affiliation fees	325.00
Cllr. Nanson- items for Recreation Ground	6.48
Ampfield Parochial Church Council-	<u>200.00</u>
Burial Ground admin	<u>607.10</u>

Payments made between meetings

P Reynolds – internal audit to 31 st January 2010	290.00
Office Stationery –D Matthews	<u>37.76</u>
	<u>327.76</u>

1737.2 Income

Income had been modest in the last few weeks of the financial year at £126.61, comprising mostly of renewal of web site sponsorship.

1738 Date of the Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 17th May 2010 commencing at 7.00pm. The Annual Parish Assembly would be held on Monday, 10th May 2010 at 7.30pm. Both meetings would be held in the Village Hall, Ampfield

1739 Closure

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman.....

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