



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Rockbourne Parish Council held on Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.00pm in Rockbourne Recreation Ground Pavilion

Present

Cllr I Watt – Vice-Chairman
Cllr J Hall
Cllr N Broadbridge
Cllr T Ash
Cllr J Carmichael

In attendance

Mr E Hale – Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Kirkcaldy
HCC and NFDC Cllr E Heron

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hall asked that the Parish Council discuss the works to the Churchyard later, and declared an interest in this as she is a neighbouring landowner

3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Cllr Ash said he had no issues on the previous minutes but asked for more time between circulation of minutes to Councillors and the minutes being displayed

As agreed at the previous meeting, the Clerk had contacted HCC to ask about the new road signs being erected near the school. HCC had confirmed that these signs are the first phase of the Parish Council funded traffic calming measures. Councillors asked for the times on the lights to be extended to 8.30am to 9.15am, and 3.00pm to 4.30pm to include for school clubs

HCC have confirmed there will be designs issued before the village gateways, the next phase of the works, are installed. Cllr Watt asked if the sign near the Damerham junction would be replaced and it was agreed this would be included. There could be an option to install additional walkways along the road in the future. Cllr Ash said these walkways could be funded as legacy works from the First World War anniversary as the walkways would give better access to the War Memorial

The Clerk had also contacted HCC about maintenance of The Knoll. HCC have said they are making arrangements to set up a legal agreement with Mr Wallis for this

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by Cllr Watt

4. Report by HCC and NFDC Cllr E Heron

No report this month

5. Approval of Payments for the Current Month

Payments of the Clerk's salary and to sponsor Cllr Kirkcaldy on the First World War Grand Pilgrimage had been made as agreed at the previous meeting. The balances in the accounts are now £8,337.72 (current) and £12,043.55 (deposit)

6. Planning Application 18/10241 for Newbourne Farm

This application is to allow lorries to deliver green waste to Newbourne Farm an hour earlier than the current permission. The agent acting for the owner had said this would bring the site into line with other facilities. There would be no processing of waste before 8am and the restrictions on lorries passing through the village would remain. Cllr Broadbridge said the three houses to the north of the site had concerns about extending the operations. However, there were concerns about possible queuing lorries if this is refused. Cllr Ash proposed the decision is passed to NFDC under Option 5. This was seconded by Cllr Watt and supported by all other Councillors

The Clerk reported there had been a Lawful Development application for 2 Whipps Hill to erect an outbuilding. Councillors looked at these details but had no comments

7. Traffic Calming

See under Item 3

8. Lengthsman Scheme

The Clerk has asked for extra visits in the summer. The first Rockbourne visit is due on 16th April

9. Village Website

Cllr Carmichael is continuing to update the website. He will invoice for the website hosting fees

10. Maintenance of The Bourne

No update

11. Other Meetings Attended

None

12. Correspondence and Any Other Business

Councillors have been notified that the Clerk has resigned and will finish on 31st March. The Clerk explained this decision is due to HMRC imposing PAYE procedures on the Parish Council which have implications for his main job. The Clerk will advertise the vacancy. Councillors agreed to pay Total Tax for advice on how to avoid this situation arising when another Clerk is appointed. This was proposed by Cllr Watt and seconded by Cllr Hall. All Councillors were in favour of this

Damerham Royal British Legion have written to neighbouring villages to say they are organising an event in their Village Hall, probably on 9th November. Other villages have been asked to circulate details of any events planned. Cllr Ash suggested there should be a village event in November and said it could be organised by a committee made up from existing village groups

HCC have issued details of Operation Resilience for this year which includes three roads in the Rockbourne area. These include the Whipps Hill road, and Green Lane from Whitsbury Cross back towards Fordingbridge

Cllr Hall explained that a new fence and gate had been put up at the Church which she had been told was to stop earth collecting against the wall and the risk of children falling over the wall. The gate was for mower access. Villagers had said it looked as if the Church was trying to shut people out. Cllr Hall had contacted NFDC Cllr Heron to check if any permission had been granted and the works appeared to have stopped. It was agreed that the Parish Council should be able to discuss the works fully once a planning application has been submitted

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 9th April at the Recreation Ground pavilion.
The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Edward Hale. 15.03.18