



## **ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Meeting of Rockbourne Parish Council held on Monday 11th June 2018 at 7.40pm in Rockbourne Recreation Ground Pavilion

### **Present**

Cllr K Kirkcaldy (Chairman),  
Cllr I Watt, Cllr J Hall, Cllr N Broadbridge, Cllr T Ash, Cllr J Carmichael

### **In attendance**

NFDC and HCC Cllr E Heron, Mrs A Conlan, Mrs K Smith, Mr P Thompson, Mr E Hale

### **Apologies for Absence**

None

### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Kirkcaldy and Cllr Hall declared an interest in Planning Application 18/10729 as they are both neighbours of the site. They said they would leave the meeting when this item is discussed

### **1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2018 were accepted as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman

### **2. Report by HCC and NFDC Cllr E Heron**

Cllr Heron spoke about difficulties the County Council is having in maintaining roads due to budget restrictions. There is no chance of increased funding so HCC is maintaining a declining network. Cllr Kirkcaldy said there is a legal requirement for HCC to keep the roads in a reasonable state of repair and asked why he has seen potholes being filled while adjacent ones are left. Cllr Heron said this happens when the holes are different shapes or sizes and need to be repaired in different ways. There was discussion about making claims for damage to vehicles and Cllr Heron clarified that motorists cannot always claim for vehicle damage when a hole has been reported. Highway Authorities are allowed a reasonable period of time to make repairs before anyone can claim

### **3. Approval of Accounts for Financial Year 2017-18**

Councillors had received a summary of the annual accounts which show the Parish Council had a surplus of £4,943.59. This has increased the Council bank balance to £22,311.27 but £12,000.00 of this is allocated to traffic calming, as discussed at the Village Assembly. The Accounts had been audited by Sophie White of Total Tax and she had no concerns. Cllr Kirkcaldy proposed, and Cllr Ash seconded, that the Accounts were approved by the Parish Council. All Councillors voted in favour of this and the Accounts would now be submitted to the External Auditor

### **4. Approval of Payments for the Current Month**

The Clerk asked for approval of the following payments:  
£174.00 to Hampshire Association of Local Councils for annual membership  
£663.17 to Came and Company for Parish Council insurance, which includes the pavilion  
£100.00 to NFDC for membership of the GIS Partnership

£180.00 to The Play Inspection Company for the play area inspection

£100.00 to Sophie White as a donation to a charity of her choice for the internal audit

These payments were all approved by Councillors.

Cllr Ash had emailed Councillors to ask for a donation to Western Downland School for it to create an artwork for display to commemorate the end of the First World War. Councillors agreed on a donation of £250.00 for this artwork

## **5. Review of Planning Applications**

The Clerk reported that the application to increase the operating hours of Newbourne Farm has been approved, but the application for Springbourne Farm has been rejected. The latter was an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness

### **A. 18/10530. Stable Block at Braeside**

Councillors supported this application as it is in keeping with the surrounding countryside

### **B. 18/10584. Orangery at Marsh Barn**

No objections received. Councillors supported this application as the extension is in keeping with the surrounding area and will enhance the existing building

Cllrs Kirkcaldy and Hall left the meeting during discussion of the next application

### **C. 18/10584. Replacement Dwelling at Court Orchard House**

Councillors reviewed this application and had concerns as follows:

The design is out of keeping with other buildings in that part of the village. In particular the design of brickwork and choice of roof coverings are unsuitable.

The garage block is much larger than the current one and will be much more dominant on the site.

The proposed building would have a detrimental effect on the Conservation Area and AONB.

The site is close to the historically significant Tithe Barn and Church so needs a sensitive design.

Cllr Ash proposed that the Parish Council recommends Refusal of the application under Option 4 for these reasons. This was seconded by Cllr Broadbridge and all other Councillors supported this.

## **6. Review of Traffic Calming**

This had been discussed in the Parish Assembly previously

## **7. Review of Lengthsman Scheme**

Councillors asked the Clerk to arrange more works by the Lengthsman as soon as possible to include cutting of all the footpaths particularly those around the school and to the west of the main street, and cutting the grass and tidying around the War Memorial

## **8. Review of Clerk Vacancy**

The Clerk confirmed that his resignation still applied as he is now working full time in another job. The Chairman had been contacted by a potential replacement from West Moors. Cllr Heron suggested advertising in Wiltshire and Dorset villages as some were close to Rockbourne

## **9. Correspondence and Any Other Business**

Mr P Thompson spoke about recent works to the Churchyard and clarified some previous issues

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will depend on appointment of a new Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Edward Hale. 15.06.18