



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

All Rockbourne residents are invited to attend Parish Council meetings and to raise issues with Councillors at the start of meetings.

Minutes of the meeting held (virtually via Zoom) on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 @ 7.00pm.

In attendance: Cllr Kirkcaldy (Chair), Cllr Ash (Vice-Chair), Cllr Whitworth, Cllr Broadbridge, Cllr Bradwell.

From the public: Stephen Bailey, Dr Helen Olde.

1. To receive apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Carmichael.
2. To receive declarations of interest. *Councillors are invited to declare any relevant interests at this point or at any point during the meeting.* None received.
3. To review minutes of the previous meeting - held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 - and discuss/update matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items. Minutes approved. Proposed Cllr Kirkcaldy. Seconded Cllr Whitworth.
4. To review Parish Council finance – see Appendix 1. The Councillors expressed satisfaction with the Clerk’s report.
 - Setting the Precept for 2021/2022 – Cllr Kirkcaldy proposed an increase in line with HCC RPI 4.99%. Seconded by Cllr Bradwell. All agreed.
 - Cricket Club contribution to grass cutting of the Recreation Ground – due to C-19 the number of matches in 2020 were affected and the funds to Rockbourne Cricket Club reduced. The invoice from NFDC for grass cutting was £1,292.68, and the RCC have asked for a reduction of their 50% contribution accordingly. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to investigate funding to cover all costs of grass cutting. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate Covid-relief funding.
5. To discuss planning applications.

APPLICATION: 20/11408

TYPE: Full Planning Permission

SITE: MISTS FARM, ROCKBOURNE ROAD, SANDLEHEATH SP6 1QG

DESCRIPTION: Demolition of agricultural buildings & dwelling, with new replacement green oak framed farmhouse & ancillary accommodation, with new replacement smallholding tractor / equipment / storage barn, allowing for roof & ground mounted photovoltaic panels

APPLICANT: Mr Bailey

EARLIEST DECISION DATE: 29 January 2021

General discussion regarding the planning application and the Conservation Officer's comments in particular. Cllr Ash commented that there was a contradiction on the importance of the buildings between the comments of the Conservation Officer and the Heritage Statement.

With respect to the CO's comments about PV panels, Cllr Bradwell commented that in 2007 Parkside Cottage (on the main Rockbourne Road) was given planning permission for photovoltaic panels on the roof – even though these would be visible from the road.

Stephen Bailey addressed the Parish Council and shared a slide show with images of flora and fauna in the landscape surrounding Mists Farm and the farm buildings. Dr Helen Olde also addressed the Parish Council and explained that she is a professor of environmental studies. The family have a keen interest in the environment and would like, at the very least, to preserve, but with intentions to increase, the biodiversity at Mists Farm.

The Councillors expressed thanks for the assurance that the natural features of the farm would be maintained and enhanced. The Councillors agreed that Mists Farm represents a rural landscape that adds value to the Parish.

Rockbourne Parish Council recommend that this application be considered under PAR3 and that permission be granted for the reasons listed below:

- The application will develop the old site making it more sustainable.
- The buildings are currently in a dilapidated state and are not fit for refurbishment or habitation.

APPLICATION NO: 21/10090

TYPE: Full Planning Permission

SITE: 3 TENANTRY FARM COTTAGES, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3PA

DESCRIPTION: Single-storey rear extension (Demolish existing rear extension)

APPLICANT: Mr McLeod

EARLIEST DECISION DATE: 19 February 2021

Rockbourne Parish Council recommend that this application be considered under PAR3 and that permission be granted for the reasons listed below:

- Modest development.
- Like-for-like in scale and use.
- Significantly improving the quality of the dwelling.

b. Planning Application Decisions:

- MALTHOUSE FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NA – application withdrawn.

c. Tree Apps:

Case Ref: CONS/21/0047

Proposed Works: Acacia x 1 Reduce Ash x 1 Reduce

Site Address: The Old Rectory, Rockbourne, Fordingbridge, SP6 3NH

d. Other Planning Matters:

- THE MUSHROOM FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NS – Appeal in progress.

6. To discuss traffic management issues, roads and ditches.
 - RPC were pleased that after the meeting with Cllr Heron (27.01.21), to discuss traffic management issues, the pothole outside of Minty's Farm House was repaired.
 - Rockbourne Traffic Calming Scheme update – update email received (02.02.21; 17.04pm) from Cllr Heron regarding the scheme, which the Clerk shared. Rockbourne Parish Council expressed great dismay regarding its contents. Portions of a communication from an unattributed spokesperson apologised to Cllr Heron for the delays to the scheme but warned of further delays due to difficulties with suppliers' staff on furlough, and the difficulties in organising 'normal site meetings'. There was no indication of any possibilities of the project commencing any time soon. The Parish Councillors expressed frustration at a lack of progress within the two years of communication and engagement with HCC, and the increased costs experienced during that time. **ACTION:** Clerk to draft a reply to Cllr Heron.
7. Parish Lengthsman: next visit Monday 8th February. Footpaths behind Minty's Hill identified for clearance of vegetation, plus a general litter pick through the village.
8. To hear reports from other meetings.
 - Cllr Kirkcaldy and the Clerk met (virtually) with Norman Jones, re: Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan/housing development. Dorset County Council are proposing to increase the number of houses at Alderholt by between 300-3,000 homes. The consequence on Rockbourne village would be significantly increased traffic movements. Dorset County Council are inviting comments on their planning application by 25th March. **ACTION:** Clerk to forward planning application for Dorset County Council to Cllrs, particularly regarding traffic management.
Action: Clerk to liaise with Lee Ellis, Clerk of Alderholt Parish Council.
9. To discuss correspondence.
 - NFDC Consultation on their 'Mitigation for Recreational Impacts on New Forest European Sites' planning document (circulated 14.01.21).
 - Hampshire Local Transport Plan consultation (circulated 19.01.21)
 - HALC - Her Majesty's Land Registry (HMLR) land ownership online survey (circulated 27.01.21). **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate response.
10. Any other business.
 - Stephen Bailey – land opposite Rockbourne Roman Villa – general discussion about the PC using the plot to enhance the entrance to the village. Mr Bailey was pleased for the PC to take over the care of the plot provided that the biodiversity of the land was maintained.
 - Cllr Broadbridge drew the attention of the Parish Council to incidents of people taking exercise and walking off the designated footpaths; and, dog walkers allowing their animals to run out of control. **ACTION:** Notice to be placed on Parish Council website.
 - **ACTION:** Cllr Broadbridge to email/phone Adele Homes regarding access to the defibrillator; and, also to enquire who owns the field behind

the Dial House (where the pop-up camping site is) because of a broken stile in need of repair.

- **ACTION:** Clerk to check map of stiles/footpaths to see if all stiles are identified.

11. To arrange the date for the next meeting: *Tuesday 2nd March 2021 @ 7pm.*

Appendix 1: Financial Report

ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL - Report to Councillors			
ACCOUNTS April 2020-March 2021			
<u>INCOME</u>			
Apr	1	Current Account (carried over)	23,059.79
	30	NFDC - Precept	6,166.50
Jun	23	Co-operative Bank - complaint credit	10.00
Sep	28	NFDC - Precept	6,166.50
	29	RCC - grass cutting contribution	646.34
Nov	13	RCC - grass cutting contribution	775.61
Jan	14	NFDC - Covid-19 Support Payment	252.00
			<u>37,076.74</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Apr	6	Clerk wages - January	240.00
		Clerk wages - February	324.00
		Clerk wages - March	510.00
	21	J G Bonello	110.00
May	1	Came & Co - insurance	673.99
		HALC - affiliation fees	197.69
		Clerk wages - April	260.00
	6	M Castle - pavilion building regs	4,252.40
		St. Andrew's Church - grant to graveyard*	1,000.00
Jun	1	Clerk wages -May	260.00
	25	M Castle - fixing water leak	1,272.67
	26	High Speed Training	252.00
	29	Jamie Carmichael	407.56
Jul	1	Clerk wages - June	284.00
	8	M Castle - pavilion int/ext painting	4,566.96
Aug	1	Clerk wages - July	260.00
		D S Tree Services	1,080.00
		DD 1&1 Internet Ltd	11.99
	21	M Castle - playground equipment	3,182.36
Sep	1	Clerk wages - August	260.00
		DD 1 & 1 Internet Ltd	11.99
Oct	1	Clerk wages - September	260.00
	6	DD 1&1 Internet Ltd	11.99
	26	Transfer to deposit account	8,000.00
		Southern Fire Protection	433.80
Nov	2	Clerk wages - October	260.00
	2	Zoom subscription	143.88
	4	DD 1&1 Internet Ltd	11.99
Dec	1	Clerk wages -November	260.00
		Clerk - ink cartridges	35.90

		DD 1 & 1 Internet Ltd	18.00
	4	M Castle - replacement bus shelter	3,042.20
	9	NFDC - grass cutting fees	1,292.68
		Lexis Nexis - Arnold Baker 12th Ed	119.00
Jan	1	Clerk wages - December	260.00
		DD 1 & 1 Internet Ltd	18.00
	7	PKF Littlejohn LLP - PC accounts	48.00
	31	Jo Bonello	110.00
		Blissford Signs	210.00
			<u>33,953.05</u>
		<i>*c/f grant promised in 2019</i>	
		Income	37,076.74
		Expenditure	33,953.05
		Total	<u>3,123.69</u>
Apr	1	Deposit Account	12,128.87
Oct	5	Bank credit interest	12.36
	26	Transfer from current account	8,000.00
			<u>20,141.23</u>
Apr	1	Rec Ground Account	<u>45.59</u>
		Grand total	<u><u>23,310.51</u></u>

