



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Pavilion, Rockbourne Recreation Ground on Tuesday 2nd November @ 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Ash (Chair), Bradwell, Whitworth, Gale Pettifer (Clerk), CCllr Heron.

Also in attendance: Alice Tubbs, Jeff Forsbrey.

Cllr Ash opened the meeting and welcomed the newly appointed Head of Western Downland School, Alice Tubbs, to her first meeting having joined the Parish Council as an observer.

1. To receive apologies for absence. Cllr Kirkcaldy, Cllr Carmichael, Cllr Broadbridge.
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 declared.
3. To review minutes of the previous meeting - held on Tuesday 5th October 2021 - and discuss/update matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items. Minutes approved. Proposed: Cllr Whitworth. Seconded: Cllr Bradwell.
4. To review Parish Council finance. Clerk presented finance report.
 - Bank account change. Information from Unity Bank received. Second quote needed. **ACTION:** Clerk to get second quote.
 - **ACTION:** Clerk to put budget meeting on the Agenda for December's meeting – Councillors to review precept and projects for 2022-2023.

5. To discuss planning matters:
 - a. Planning Decisions – *for notification only.*

Reference 21/11451

Alternative Reference PP-10315196

Application Received Wed 20 Oct 2021

Application Validated Wed 20 Oct 2021

Address FRYERN PARK FARM, WHITSBURY ROAD, BROOKHEATH, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 3PL

Proposal 2 Agricultural Barns (Agricultural Prior Notification)

Status Registered

According to the NFDC Development Manager Case Officer this type of prior notification application is to check that it meets the relevant criteria listed in the legislation and does not need a response from the Parish Council.

b. Tree Work Applications – for notification only.

c. Planning Applications. None received.

d. Other Planning Matters. None received.

6. To discuss traffic management issues, including roads, potholes and ditches.

- Update regarding damage to the banks of the Bourne. Cllr Ash said that a lot of vehicles had been using the verges and pushing the riverbank into the Bourne and collapsing the bank, and that we needed to preserve what was left. CCllr Heron explained that he had been having communication with Cllr Kirkcaldy and Hampshire Highways regarding the collapse of the banks of the Bourne and had been advised that work was unlikely to be carried out before this winter and would probably be undertaken next spring/summer. CCllr Heron had expressed concern to Hampshire Highways that in the event that there are high/fast water flows this winter it could erode or undermine the road and have asked that it be closely monitored. CCllr Heron was thanked for his support in this matter.
- Blocked drain at The Priory. CCllr Heron asked for the details. **ACTION:** Clerk to provide details.
- **ACTION:** Clerk to invite specialists to advise on the Bourne riverbank restoration.
- General discussion about properties experiencing flooding, poor drainage and spray-damage. CCllr Heron asked that all incidents are recorded to enable a stronger case to be made for repairs.
- Cllr Ash asked CCllr Heron when the Traffic Calming Scheme was going to be reinstated. CCllr Heron answered that he did not know. A shortage of HGV drivers meant that the resources needed for the scheme were probably going to be redirected to gritting lorries. CCllr Heron said that Rockbourne Parish Council remains within the top of the Community Funded Schemes and that the priorities were listed according to available resources but that there were no other barriers.
- Alice Tubbs reported that the school was investigating initiatives to improve road use. Park & Stride initiatives, however, were ruled out due to speed of traffic, blind bends and the incidences of near-misses. There was a general discussion about using grass-matts in the recreation ground for parking, using the Village Hall for buses, and talking with local land owners about creating more footpaths. CCllr Heron said that all near-misses should be reported to the Police in order to be considered as a road safety factor.
- CCllr Heron asked that all issues with potholes, drainage, flooding, and spray-damage be reported online - and copied in to him. Report a pothole to Hampshire:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

7. Quality Parish Status (QPS) and review of RPC policies and procedures. *This item was deferred to the next meeting.*

8. To hear reports from other meetings.

- One of the Trustees of the Village Hall has mentioned to Cllr Ash plans for a village-wide event for the summer of 2022. Cllr Bradwell also mentioned an initiative, via the Tower of London, giving away flower seeds - <https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/superbloom-communities-project/superbloom-communities-project-faqs/#gs.fahldp> **ACTION:** Clerk to put community events on the Agenda for December.
- CCllr Heron reported that HCC funding for the Lengthsman will end in 2023/4. Other sources of funding are being sought.
- CCllr Heron reported that HCC have ambitions for becoming carbon neutral – see ‘Hampshire 2050’ - and are looking at the Local Transport Plan and road infrastructure as part of this. A fundamental shift in car driver attitudes to be aware of other road users is a big part of the campaign. The mindset has to change.

9. To discuss correspondence.

- HALC resolution 5(ii) - seeking a default speed limit throughout Hampshire of 20mph in all residential areas, and where people work and play. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate joining the ‘20 is plenty’ campaign.
- Lengthsman scheme – end of HCC funding 2023/4. **ACTION:** Clerk to ask Marcus about his rates.
- **ACTION:** CCllr Heron recommended the Parish Council use the Hampshire County Council resource – ‘Parish Pages’ <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/parish-pages> - for information about information about rights of way, countryside management and funding opportunities.
- Cllr Whitworth said that Overton Parish Council had declared a climate emergency and were welcoming other Parish Councils to join in – see www.sustainableoverton.org.uk.

10. To arrange the date for the next meeting: Tuesday 7th December 2021 @7pm – in the Pavilion, at Rockbourne Recreation Ground.