



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 27th June 2023** in the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Rockbourne, at **7.20pm**.

Members Present: Cllr Kirkcaldy (Chair), Cllr Forsbrey, Cllr Leeson, Cllr Wallis, Cllr Wise, Mark Baulch (Clerk)

The following members of the public were also present: Bea Churchill, Simon Churchill, Adele Holmes, Sara Jayne Pierrepont, Alice Tubbs

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Carmichael and member of the public Jeannie McGraghan

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest. Cllr Kirkcaldy and Cllr Carmichael had previously signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and made the required declaration verbally, Cllr Kirkcaldy at the meeting 9th May and Cllr Carmichael to the Proper Officer of the Council at the home of the Officer on 22nd June. The remaining four Councillors all now completed this process.

3. To elect Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Kirkcaldy was nominated as Chairman and unanimously voted for. Cllrs Leeson and Wise were nominated as Vice Chairman, with a vote being unanimously in favour of Cllr Leeson. This appointment was proposed by Cllr Kirkcaldy and seconded by Cllr Forsbrey and so Cllr Leeson was duly appointed.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 9th May 2023

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held 9th May 2023, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Leeson, seconded by Cllr Wise.

Cllr Wise asked about the Actions within those Minutes.
Clerk to investigate and report back to Council on the digital switchover: **ACTION** carried forward as no response received to date.
Cllr Kirkcaldy to e-mail again about ice warning signs on road: He has done so.
Clerk to invite District Councillor Janet Edwards to the next meeting: **ACTION** carried forward as she was unable to attend.
Other actions are covered in this agenda.

5. To discuss letter received from Jeanie McGraghan

The letter had been sent out to Councillors in advance. The Clerk read out the letter for the benefit of the Public in attendance:

This is the issue I want to raise.

The potential installation of further dragons teeth along the road edges throughout the village particularly at the Damerham end.

Due to 'car parking' along the edge of the Bourne the once grass verges along the Bourne now consist of muddy gouged tracks which are nigh on impossible to walk along. Cars wheels are now being parked so close to the waters edge that the banks are in danger of collapsing.

Living towards this end of the village, I am constantly aware of how little pedestrian access now remains along our street.

I note that some new dragons teeth were installed nearer the school, perhaps by home owners themselves? Is that the only way forward, I wonder?

I know available parking in the village is limited I don't think that verge parking should be permitted where it is causing damage to the banks of the Bourne and to the detriment of our village and its residents.

Jeanie

Simon Churchill clarified that Jeanie McGraghan's point is the damage to the verges.

Cllr Forsbrey said that this was not solely the result of parents. Tractors cause damage, as do vans and lorries.

Bea Churchill asked about the Dragons Teeth. Are they the responsibility of the [County] Council?

Cllr Kirkcaldy confirmed that they are.

Adele Holmes advised that the originals were installed about 20 years ago, many have now rotted.

Cllr Kirkcaldy said that he remembered pre-installation and that they had not made much difference.

Simon Churchill disagreed, huge difference made, verge outside Sue & Jeff's is now immaculate.

Cllr Forsbrey agreed that they do make a difference.

Cllr Leeson added that it gives a height perspective to drivers.

Simon Churchill said that outside some places some teeth are now leaning. But they would stop erosion and slow traffic.

Adele Holmes pointed out that they were never installed by Minty's Terrace.

Cllr Kirkcaldy asked Alice Tubbs what the Council suggest?

Alice Tubbs replied not that, but I did not suggest it. Happy to raise it.

Simon Churchill said that some bus drivers are very fast.

Alice Tubbs confirmed that they had spoken to the bus company.

Cllr Kirkcaldy said that it was all down to people. Are they actually speeding? The survey showed that they were not.

Simon Churchill said they probably slowed when they saw them.

Cllr Kirkcaldy said that they had to be visible.

Cllr Wallis asked about reducing the speed limit?

Cllr Wise confirmed that Hampshire had looked at it.

Cllr Forsbrey pointed out that Dorset have reduced limits.

Cllr Wallis asked if we could calculate the number of seconds difference between travelling through the village at 20mph and 30mph?

Alice Tubbs pointed out that stopping distances are very different at those speeds.

Cllr Kirkcaldy said that the school does have a walking bus.

Alice Tubbs said that was never going to solve the problem. The school is reliant on opening up to people beyond the catchment area. Ideally, it would serve residents, but those days are gone. Over 50% of pupils are from outside of surrounding villages.

Parking on site is limited. Open to any ideas?

Cllr Forsbrey asked about the potential for a deferred pick up point, say in the car park in Fordingbridge?

Simon Churchill said this may be an insurance issue.

Alice Tubbs confirmed that it was a financial issue.

Cllr Kirkcaldy said it is about education.

Cllr Leeson said that at the North End, you could tell that people were speeding by the length of the skid marks in the road. Also, daily screeching of brakes. Can we stand outside the Pub with a speed gun?

Cllr Kirkcaldy said that we cannot do that. It has to be carried out within the boundaries of guidelines.

Simon Churchill asked how long ago it was carried out?

Bea Churchill asked if you can use a speed gun on your own property?

Cllr Kirkcaldy replied that you can, but you may get abuse.

Cllr Forsbrey asked if an average speed check through the village could be done?

Cllr Wallis asked about white lines in the road and a speed indicator like in Godshill?

Cllr Forsbrey asked if we can have those? Speed reducing barriers have not worked and we need to prioritise, it is only a question of cost and installation.

Adele Holmes confirmed that Hampshire County Council put a metal pole in for the speed indicator.

Cllr Forsbrey asked why nobody has looked at this in another way? Weight limit?

Cllr Kirkcaldy suggested that we needed the farmers to bring their animals through the village again.

Cllr Wallis added not just through the village.

Simon Churchill said that traffic calming in Godshill is much better. White lines and speed indicators do work.

Bea Churchill agreed that white lines make such a difference.

Simon Churchill asked if we can look into it?

Cllr Forsbrey added that roads will not solve themselves.

Cllr Kirkcaldy suggested that we contact Hampshire County Council again.

Cllr Leeson suggested a 20mph limit in the village and 40mph further out.

Bea Churchill said that we never see a speed trap here.

Simon Churchill added that they have them in Sandleheath, so why not here?

Cllr Wise asked whether Hampshire County Council meet with anyone here? How do we engage with them? We need to build relations.

Cllr Forsbrey added that it could only help if we get other Parishes on board with it.

Cllr Kirkcaldy confirmed that Sandleheath and Martin are interested in the '20 is Plenty' scheme.

ACTION: Approach Hampshire County Council on speed reduction measures and dragons teeth.

Simon Churchill added that chalk streams are very rare and need to be protected.

Cllr Wallis added that the footpath used to be the other side of the Bourne.

6. Payment of outstanding creditors

The Clerk gave a financial report, the contents of which were noted.

Cllr Wallis said that we need to encourage more use of the pavilion.

ACTION: We also need to organise the removal of bunting in the village through the WhatsApp group.

7. Planning Matters

New Forest District Council is the local Planning Authority and consults Rockbourne Parish Council on planning applications received for Rockbourne Parish.

Planning Decisions – for notification only

Reference	23/10188
Alternative Reference	PP-11951590
Application Received	Tue 21 Feb 2023
Application Validated	Tue 21 Feb 2023
Address	NEWBOURNE FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NT
Proposal	Use as a residential garden in association with the residential use of Newbourne Farmhouse (Lawful Development Certificate for retaining an existing use or operation).
Status	Decided
Decision	Was Lawful
Decision Issued Date	Mon 22 May 2023
Reference	23/10166
Alternative Reference	PP-11926753
Application Received	Wed 15 Feb 2023
Application Validated	Wed 19 Apr 2023
Address	STABLE FLAT WEST PARK, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3JB
Proposal	Change of use from one dwellinghouse into two dwellinghouses (Lawful Use Certificate for retaining an existing use or operation).
Status	Decided
Decision	Was Lawful
Decision Issued Date	Thu 1 Jun 2023

Please note that Rockbourne Parish Council is a Statutory Consultee for Planning Applications and as such does not make the final decision on any Application. The decisions and comments this Committee make will be fed into the planning process and added to reports by Planning Officers. New Forest District Council is the Planning Authority and will issue the final decision notice (Planning Determination) once their investigations into the application, consultation period and decision-making process have been completed.

8. Children's Play Area

It was RESOLVED at the previous meeting that the Council would instruct the Clerk to check with New Forest District Council on a potential consultant for this work and to research potential funding streams for the refreshing of this asset. This has been completed and the play area has also been visited by a sales person from Redlynch Leisure that will prepare some quotes. In addition, Alice Tubbs made the Council aware that the school are having some of their play area renewed and that there may be a financial benefit to the works being carried out at the same time. She has promised to send details to the Clerk and it was RESOLVED that **ACTION:** This Company will be asked to quote and a third quote will also be sought. Proposed by Cllr Kirkcaldy, unanimously agreed.

Tree Inspection

It was RESOLVED at the previous meeting that the Council would instruct the Clerk to obtain three quotes for the required work. Three quotes had been sought from local companies and these were presented to the Council. It was RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to engage Wadey Trees to complete the work as this was the lowest priced quote. Proposed by Cllr Kirkcaldy, unanimously agreed.

- 9. To arrange the date for the next meetings** –The next meetings will be Tuesday 25th July 2023 @7pm and Tuesday 5th September @7pm – in the Pavilion, Rockbourne Recreation Ground. Those wanting to join the meeting are asked to please contact the Parish Clerk: rockbourneclerk@outlook.com for details.