



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 10th September 2024** in the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Rockbourne, at **7.00pm**.

Members Present: Cllr Leeson (Chair), Cllr Branagan, Cllr Carmichael, Cllr Wallis, Cllr Wiggins and Cllr Wise (Vice-Chair). Also present District Councillor Richards and Mark Baulch (Clerk & RFO).

There were also three members of the public from the parish and a record of their names is held.

1. Apologies for absence

A member of the public, name noted

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Correspondence Received

The Council had received a number of e-mails as follows.

7th August from New Forest District Council with regards to the annual canvass. A notice has been placed on the official Notice Board.

13th August from Village Hall with dates of events. These have been distributed via email.

15th August from New Forest District Council concerning annual community consultation regarding crime and disorder. This will be distributed to all Councillors.

16th August from Clerk to the Verderers regarding forthcoming election. A notice has been placed on the official Notice Board.

30th August from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service regarding an inspection of the Pavilion. Clerk and Chair will gather documentation and facilitate visit.

2nd September from Cllr Wallis regarding ongoing work to finalise building regulation requirements. Councillors will assist in this work.

3rd September from Hampshire Association of Local Councils regarding decarbonisation workshop. This will be distributed to all Councillors.

3rd September from New Forest District Council regarding polling station suitability. This will be distributed to all Councillors.

3rd September from Hampshire Association of Local Councils regarding services for the future. This will be distributed to all Councillors.

3rd September from SSEN regarding consumer vulnerability strategy review. This will be distributed to all Councillors.

17th September from New Forest District Council regarding District meeting. This will be distributed to all Councillors.

4. Public participation time

The Council was asked about the collapsed river bank next to the road. **ACTION:** Clerk to follow up with Highways Agency as this is urgent before the river becomes very full again.

There was some discussion about Agenda items 9a and 9d and these are recorded in those sections.

5. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 30th July 2024

All confirmed that they were a true record and they were PROPOSED by Cllr Branagan and SECONDED by Cllr Wallis and were signed by the Chair.

6. Action points from the minutes of the last meeting held on 30th July 2024

All had been actioned or are covered in this Agenda, except for the checking of the gels on the defibrillator.

7. Reports by the Downlands & New Forest Ward Councillor and representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Richards reported that changes to the planning rules were anticipated with the new Government changing the way in which housing targets are calculated. The District target will double. This takes no account of projections for future need and we have a falling population. It also takes no account of the National Park. Council will push back. Confirmed that there will be another opportunity to bid for Community Infrastructure Levy money and expecting bid window soon. Unfortunately, Rockbourne did not feature in the new cycling routes, although Sandealth did. A 20mph zone has been suggested in Fordingbridge. A new Local Plan is being worked on.

8. Payment of outstanding creditors

The Clerk presented the latest invoices and statement of accounts to the Councillors.

The largest expenses were the grass cutting (£1,200) and the second election, although at just over £1,200 this was around £400 less than the first invoice.

9. Planning Matters

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

a. Planning Applications

Reference	24/10567
Alternative Reference	PP-13156564
Application Received	Mon 17 Jun 2024
Application Validated	Thu 15 Aug 2024
Address	MUSHROOM FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NS
Proposal	Conversion of existing barns to 2 dwellings; fenestration and external alterations; porch (Prior Approval Application)

Discussion: Cllr Leeson said that there were originally two storage units which were rented out. Public replied that this was the mushroom farm and had permission to put a barn up and replace the original ugly buildings. Received permission as light industrial units. One bungalow is now four or five buildings. DCllr Richards said that she had asked about this and was told that it needed to be a full planning application as the property is in the National Landscape area. Cllr Wise felt that the Planning Officer wrote a strange response. Cllr Wiggins queried whether Permitted Development applied and DCllr Richards said not here. Public added that one of the buildings looks huge because it is on the hill a bit. Access on the road with the pinchpoint is lethal. It is only a footpath. Another public added that the original buildings were very low level. Cllr Wise said that it is in the National Landscape area but not in the conservation area. Public added that they had stored some building plant and vehicles in there but not much else although Cllr Leeson thought that he had advertised some space at some point.

The Council **DECIDED**: to respond PAR4: we recommend REFUSAL for the reasons listed. This development continues to grow and put further pressure on the access to the property as well as adding to the traffic in this delicate area. The junction on to the main road is becoming very dangerous, with potholes, collapsing riverbank and the positioning of the intentional pinchpoint.

PROPOSED by Cllr Wise, seconded by Cllr Wallis, decision Unanimous.

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.

b. Planning Decisions

Reference	24/10398
Alternative Reference	
Application Received	Mon 29 Apr 2024
Application Validated	Fri 03 May 2024
Application Decided	Thu 25 Jul 2024

Address CAE MALWEN FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NA
Proposal Application for approval under paras 75-78 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (General Development Order) for a pop-up temporary campsite.
Decision Granted

c. Planning Appeals

Reference 23/11053
Alternative Reference APP/B1740/D/24/3342891
Appeal Received Thu 02 May 2024
Decision Date Fri 02 Aug 2024
Address WOODBINE COTTAGE, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NH
Proposal Front gates and new access.
Decision Granted.

Reference 24/10726
Alternative Reference APP/B1740/13050171
Appeal Received Thu 14 Dec 2023
Decision Date Thu 29 Aug 2024
Address MARSH FARM COTTAGE, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NF
Proposal Conversion of garage/workshop to ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling.
Decision Refused.

d. Application Amendments

Reference 24/10278 & 23/10307
Alternative Reference PP-12916761
Amendment Received Wed 28 Aug 2024
Address SPRINGBOURNE FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NS
Proposal Variation of condition 2 of application 23/10307 to allow a proposed change to the approved design and siting of the replacement dwelling.

Discussion: Cllr Wise said that they are making the house bigger. DCllr Richards said that the planners do listen, but everything they are doing is allowed due to precedent. Allowed to extend by 30%. Cllr Wise added that they are well advised.

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10. Children's Play Area

The Clerk reported that three providers, Vita Play, Redlynch Leisure and Infinity Playgrounds had visited the site to assess the work required to repair or remove parts of the equipment to ready it for a formal assessment. Quotes are now awaited although none of them suggested that the equipment needed to be removed from use.

11. Users of Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Copies of the Deeds of the ground were passed to Cllr Wise and these will be passed to a local lawyer for inspection with a view to having the land registered.

12. Working Groups (LGA1972 s7.48)

Traffic Working Group has had no further meetings and Hampshire Constabulary are not replying to Cllr Wise. He will continue to try.

Cllr Wallis has given documents to the building inspectors office and will now ask for these to be returned. A meeting with Sarah to discuss the website is needed.

Cllr Leeson is putting together a new WhatsApp group for the Bourne and flood prevention group.

13. To arrange the date for the next meetings –

The next meeting will be Tuesday 8th October 2024 @ 7pm, in the Pavilion, Rockbourne Recreation Ground.

Those wanting to join the meetings are asked to please contact the Parish Clerk: rockbourneclerk@outlook.com for details.