



## ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024** in the Village Hall, Rockbourne, at **7.00pm**.

**Members Present:** Cllr Branagan, Cllr Wallis (Acting Chair for this Meeting) and Cllr Wiggins. Also present District Cllr Richards and Mark Baulch (Clerk & RFO).

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

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Leeson (Chair), Cllr Carmichael and Cllr Wise (Vice-Chair).

#### 2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. Correspondence Received

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

16<sup>th</sup> September from Ian Cooper, Secretary at Alderholt Youth Football Club, enquiring on the possible use of the Recreation Ground. Cllr Wallis and the Cricket Club had met with the Club to discuss this further. Proposal is £25 per game. Clerk to draw up draft contract for Councillors to agree upon.

9<sup>th</sup> October from the Licencing department at New Forest District Council informing that the Pub had applied for a Temporary Events Notice, extending the licencing hours to 1am on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. There was no objection to this.

15<sup>th</sup> October from Salisbury Malayalee Challengers Cricket Club enquiring about further use of the cricket field. Cllr Wallis had discussed another request for this with Rockbourne Cricket Club and it was felt that overuse of the ground could cause an issue. Therefore, it was **RESOLVED**: that no further Clubs could use it for now. The ground will be made available to any local people wishing to have a one-off game or similar, but **ACTION**: Cllr Wallis and the Clerk will write to the other two Clubs to explain that it is not available for the level of use that they require.

17<sup>th</sup> October from Dean Brunton, Planning Implementation and Monitoring Team Leader at New Forest District Council, reminding us of the opportunity to apply for a Community Infrastructure Levy grant. **ACTION**: Clerk to liaise with the Councillors that have reviewed the recording of the seminar on this and then prepare grant claims as previously agreed.

18<sup>th</sup> October from Cllr Wise with regards to CCTV for the village. See next agenda point.

19<sup>th</sup> October from a commenter on the land adjacent to Provost Farm Planning Application discussed at last months Meeting as they felt that the Minutes of the last meeting were not correct. The Clerk has checked his notes and believes that they reflected the content of the Meeting correctly. The phrase was 'The applicant said that there would not be 200 calves there at once, 25 per fortnight will arrive'. It was asked that this should read '25 will come in and go out every fortnight'.

22<sup>nd</sup> October from Village Hall explaining that Andy Carr checks the defibrillator and that the battery needs replacing. This will cost around £250. As the Parish Council agreed to cover the annual maintenance costs at their Meeting in July 2022, item number 10 in the Minutes, it was agreed that **ACTION**: the Clerk will arrange for this to be done. The battery needs to be replaced every five years, with the pads every three years or immediately if used. The anticipated costs for the next ten years are therefore £750 for batteries and £520 for pads, which was agreed by the Councillors.

6<sup>th</sup> November from Jamie Burton, Health and Partnerships Manager at New Forest District Council, with regards to a survey of outdoor sports facilities. It was **RESOLVED**: that Cllr Wallis will respond to this.

7<sup>th</sup> November from Cllr Leeson with regards to CCTV in the Village which will be covered later in the Meeting.

#### **4. Public participation time**

A leading Member of the Traffic Working Group spoke about a proposal to have a CCTV trial. The cost to purchase the equipment will be £2,750 and this includes one camera and the necessary signage. The proposal is to have a trial of three months. The Information Commissioners Office will need to be notified, as data will be held. The name of the Data Controller will need to be confirmed. Cllrs Walls and Branagan felt that this needed to be put to the village for opinion. Need a vote of some sort. Cllr Wiggins said that it was only a trial though. A member of the public pointed out that people were under surveillance if they went into Ringwood or Fordingbridge. The Traffic Working Group wanted the expenditure to be agreed at the Meeting. Cllr Wallis felt that more Councillors needed to be involved in the decision and the Responsible Financial Officer reminded the Group that three quotes were needed for the equipment. It was **AGREED**: that further quotes would be sought. It was pointed out that if it was impossible to obtain three, procedures exist for this.

One of the member of the public that has submitted a comment on the land adjacent to Provost Farm Planning Application discussed at last months Meeting said that they had no animosity against the applicant and reiterated that the planned farming would have significant impact on them. The applicant asked when they last had an involvement with calving? The commenter pointed out that they are asking for the siting of the development to be off of the flood plain. Cllr Wallis asked about the history of the farm. The response from the floor was that there were no barns there after the poultry barns and that the poultry business had been run until the occupants at that time died. Cllr Wallis asked whether it had ever flooded? The answer was yes, but after that it was rented out. Cllr Wallis said that she had spoken to a previous occupant and he said that it never flooded. The response from the commenter was that was not true. Previously, they had been contacted during a flood, when the water was running into the barns and the house. The spring is not there, it is further up, but the water from it goes through the land. Cllr Wallis confirmed that three Councillors had visited the site. The commenter asked whether they could see her report? Cllr Wallis confirmed that it had been distributed to all Councillors. She did not think that it could be voted on this evening. The applicant pointed out that there are ways to mitigate flooding which they are investigating as well as commissioning a study on acoustics and mitigating the noise. Cllr Wallis added that the barn will be at a five degree angle away from the watercourse. Liquid will be contained in a drain and an underground tank. Rain from the rooves will run into a ditch. The applicant pointed out that the calves are never with their mothers. They are bought from the dairy farm, collecting them two weeks after they have been used to being fed with replacement milk. Cllr Wallis said that this is the countryside. The farm has been there for many years, once with fifteen thousand chickens. The commenter said that they never had a problem with them. Cllr Wallis suggested that they need to come to a compromise, this is a farmer trying to make some money. The answer was that they have offered them some land but Cllr Wallis added that they already have the perfect place. Another member of the public stated that the enterprise before was not noisy, this noise will have an impact. Another added that this is not a new enterprise. The applicant agreed that this is a new unit, not a new enterprise. They were not worried about flooding from the new piece of land offered. Cllr Wallis said that the flood risk assessment stated to recommend the application. But the commenter said that the Environment Agency have objected due to the lack of mitigation of the flood risk. Cllr Wallis said that they had looked in a lot of detail. They had reached the same conclusion, this is a farmer trying to make a living. But the commenter said that the types of farming were worlds apart. At this point, the discussion was brought to an end as the amount of time spent on it far exceeded the amount permitted.

A member of the public then asked about the Wessex Internet banner at the recreation ground. Does it have to stay there? Cllr Wallis said that she did a deal with Wessex. **ACTION**: Cllr Wallis will ask them to remove it. The same person was also concerned about the track being blocked if the gate was not opened in plenty of time for the footballers. **ACTION**: Clerk to ensure that this point is covered in the draft contract. Another person asked about the proposal to turn part of the recreation ground into hard standing for car parking and stated that they would support this plan.

#### **5. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The correspondence received above on the Minutes was reiterated. All confirmed that they were a true record and they were **PROPOSED** by Cllr Branagan and **SECONDED** by Cllr Wiggins and were signed by the Chair.

#### **6. Action points from the minutes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

All had been actioned or are covered in this Agenda, except for the Bus shelter. Having seen the details of the preservative to be used and the measures to be taken to ensure no contamination of the waterway, the Council has agreed to accept the kind offer for a member of the public to treat the timbers on this structure, as they are showing some signs of rot.

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

D.Cllr Richards asked whether Rockbourne has an emergency plan? New Forest District Council will be holding a community forum on this on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at Lyndhurst from 1:00pm-4:30pm and Councillors are encouraged to attend. .

## 8. Payment of outstanding creditors

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

## 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

None.

### b. Planning Decisions

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| <b>Reference</b>             | 23/11262   |
| <b>Alternative Reference</b> | PP-12634753  |
| <b>Application Received</b>  | Mon 04 Dec 2023  |
| <b>Application Validated</b> | Mon 04 Dec 2023  |
| <b>Application Decided</b>   | Mon 28 Oct 2024  |
| <b>Address</b>               | SPRINGBOURNE FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NS  |
| <b>Proposal</b>              | Demolition of existing barn consented for conversion to 3 dwellings; replacement new barn to provide terrace of 3 dwellings with parking |
| <b>Decision</b>              | Granted Subject to Conditions  |

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| <b>Reference</b>             | 24/10278  |
| <b>Alternative Reference</b> | PP-12916761   |
| <b>Application Received</b>  | Mon 25 Mar 2024   |
| <b>Application Validated</b> | Mon 25 Mar 2024   |
| <b>Application Decided</b>   | Thu 10 Oct 2024   |
| <b>Address</b>               | SPRINGBOURNE FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NS   |
| <b>Proposal</b>              | Variation of condition 2 of application 23/10307 to allow a proposed change to the approved design and siting of the replacement dwelling |
| <b>Decision</b>              | Refused   |

*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.*

## 10. Children's Play Area

The Clerk reported that a second quote for repairs and partial removal had now been received, from Vitaplay, with the total amounting to just over £2,500, which is significantly less than Infinity had quoted. The other supplier, Redlynch, has yet to reply. **ACTION:** Clerk will attempt once more to gain a quote from Redlynch, as they have visited. Should this fail, a like-for-like comparison will be made available at the next Meeting so that agreement can be reached on commencing these works with the appropriate supplier.

## 11. Users of Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Cllr Wallis confirmed that the new ladder and loft hatch for the Recreation Ground Clubhouse have now been installed. **ACTION:** Cllr Wallis will now contact the Buildings Inspector once again in order to have the building regulations signed off.

## 12. Working Groups (LGA1972 s7.48)

Although absent from this meeting, Cllr Wise reports that the Traffic Working Group has finally made some progress on Speedwatch and a number of volunteers have completed their online training. Next steps are on the ground training and a formal sign off for the locations we have proposed to work from.

Cllr Wallis had nothing further to report than the items covered above.

Cllr Leeson has reported that phase one of the Bourne works was incredibly successful. A member of the Working Group also reported that they will be contacting some of the property owners next to the waterway in order to have further works completed.

## 13. To arrange the date for the next meetings –

The next meetings will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 @ 7pm in the Village Hall, Rockbourne. Those wanting to join the meetings are asked to please contact the Parish Clerk: [rockbourneclerk@outlook.com](mailto:rockbourneclerk@outlook.com) for details.