



## **ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Meeting of Rockbourne Parish Council held on Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.10pm in Rockbourne Recreation Ground Pavilion

### **Present**

Cllr J Hall - Chairman  
Cllr T Ash  
Cllr J Carmichael

### **In attendance**

HCC and NFDC Cllr E Heron  
Mr E Hale – Parish Clerk  
Mr P and Mrs S Thompson  
Mr I and Mr A Coles

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr I Watt  
Cllr N Broadbridge

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

Cllr Ash had asked that the first paragraph of item 12 should include a request for the Clerk to contact HCC to ask them to discuss maintenance of the Knoll with Mr Wallis of Down Farm. Cllr Heron asked to be copied into this.

Cllr Ash also asked for the last paragraph of item 13 to state the work to the verge had been carried out by the owners of Harolds Cottage. Cllr Hall said the owner should be told it is illegal to use weedkiller near to the Bourne. The only weedkiller permitted is pro-biactive roundup and users need to be licenced by the Environment Agency. The minutes of the meeting from 8th January 2018 were then agreed as a true record and signed

### **4. Report by HCC and NFDC Cllr E Heron**

Cllr Heron said HCC was likely to increase their precept by 5.99% comprising 1.99% permitted increase, 1% special allowance, and 3% for social care. The overall increase would not reduce the total deficit of £140m, but the previously proposed cut-backs had not been implemented yet. NFDC were likely to increase their precept by 2.99%. Cllr Ash asked what the cut backs to the Cultural Trust would mean. Cllr Heron said there would be staff cuts but no venues would close

Cllr Hall asked what the HCC policy is on damage to verges. Cllr Heron said HCC won't carry out repairs themselves but will assist the landowners where possible

## **5. Approval of Payments for the Current Month**

The Clerk asked for a payment of £230 to him for clerk duties from November to February inclusive, which was approved. He had been contacted by HMRC saying there was £252 of unpaid PAYE owed. The Clerk has details showing he has always paid income tax through his annual tax return so had asked the Council Auditor, Sophie White, for advice

## **6. Planning Application 18/10147 for Springbourne Farm**

This application is for continued siting of a mobile home at this location. The applicants explained the building is used by their elderly father and has been there for around 25 years. Cllr heron said the Parish Council is only being asked to confirm if the facts are correct, and not if the application should be supported or opposed. Councillors agreed to confirm the facts

The following tree work applications had been submitted:

Western Downland School. Cut down a Cherry tree as causing an obstruction in the car park.

The Dial House. Re-shape a Chestnut tree and reduce it by 30%.

Bourne Cottages. Prune Black Walnut tree and fell Horsechestnut tree.

1 Mintys Hill. Fell a Common Ash tree.

## **7. Traffic Calming**

There had not been any feedback from Mandy Ware of HCC. Councillors had seen new poles along the road near the school and the Clerk will check if these are for the new speed restrictions.

There was discussion about creating footpaths along sections of the road through the village as there are now more pedestrians. This had been an HCC option but had not been taken forward. The Clerk will also check if this could be considered for other funding

## **8. Lengthsman Scheme**

The Clerk has asked for extra visits in the summer and is awaiting confirmation of dates

## **9. Village Website**

Cllr Carmichael is continuing to update the website

## **10. Maintenance of The Bourne**

No update

## **11. Other Meetings Attended**

The Clerk had attended the Western Downland parish liaison meeting and gave feedback on the discussions. The main topics had been Speedwatch, the Local Plan, and footpath maintenance

## **12. Correspondence and Any Other Business**

NFDC are encouraging villages to take part in a litter pick in early March

The HALC Conference takes place at St Marys Stadium on 21st March

The Clerk has received notification that Parish Councils must comply with GDPR but is awaiting more guidance

Mrs Thompson asked about clearance of the footpath which crosses a field and small woodland to the west of the village. Cllr Heron suggested it is logged on the HCC website

Cllr Hall asked if HCC would provide more footpath signs for landowners to install

Cllr Kirkcaldy has circulated details of the Grand Pilgrimage to mark the end of the First World War which he is joining. Cllr Ash proposed that the Parish Council makes a grant of £250, which was seconded by Cllr Hall and agreed by Cllr Carmichael. The Clerk will arrange the payment

Mr Thompson reported that the work to the Church which the Council had given a grant to, was scheduled to be carried out in March

### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 12th March at the Recreation Ground pavilion.  
The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Edward Hale. 15.02.18