



## ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL held in the ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROOKSDOWN on MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 AT 7.45 PM

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Mahoney (Chairman)	✓		
Councillor Botten	✓		
Councillor Bound (Borough Councillor)	✓		
Councillor Lovett (Vice Chairman)	✓		
Councillor Mason	✓		
Councillor Payne		✓	
Councillor Parkinson	✓		

Also in attendance: County Councillor Stephen Reid

- 138/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence received and accepted for Councillor Payne
- 139/16 To receive and note any declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda**  
Councillor Mahoney declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 145/16
- 140/16 The Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Rooksdown Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
The Chairman signed as a correct record, the minutes of the Rooksdown Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- 141/16 To receive an update on matters arising not covered on the agenda elsewhere**  
None
- 142/16 To open the meeting to members of the public**  
***Standing orders were suspended for this item***  
None  
There were no members of the public in attendance
- 143/16 To receive reports from:**
- Chairman to Rooksdown Parish Council**  
Councillor Mahoney's verbal report was **NOTED**
- Clerk to the Parish Council**  
There was no report submitted
- County Councillor**  
County Councillor Stephen Reid's report was **NOTED** and can be found as **Appendix A**
- Borough Councillor**  
Borough Councillor Simon Bound's verbal report was **NOTED**
- Rooksdown Community Centre**  
Simon Bound's verbal report was **NOTED**
- CSPO**  
There was no report received

**144/16 To note the current financial situation and to sign the bank statements**

This item was deferred until the next Parish Council meeting given the absence of the Clerk

**145/16 To consider and agree requests for Payments**

The requests for payments (below) were approved for payment

FOR	ITEM	AMOUNT	INVOICE NO	METHOD OF PAY
Karen Ross	Salary	£807.14	October	SO
NEST	Pension	£14.63	September	DD
NEST	Pension	£14.63	October	DD
Karen Ross	Salary	£807.14	November	SO
HMRC	Tax and Ni	£35.70	October	E Payment
HMRC	Tax and Ni	£35.70	November	E Payment
Microsoft	Office 365	£446.40	E02002RH5P	E Payment
RCA	Room Hire	£34.00	202	E Payment
SOL	Training	£25.00	INV 016/16	E Payment
Paul Mahoney	Expenses	£109.02	n/a	E Payment
NEST	Pension	£14.63	November	DD

**146/16 To consider the Budget for 2017 / 2018**

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the Parish Council would construct the budget in such a way as to achieve a zero increase for the residents. Linked to resolution 147/16. Proposed by Cllr Mahoney, seconded by Cllr Lovett. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution

**147/16 To consider the Precept for 2017 / 2018**

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the Parish Council would maintain the precept the same for Rooksdown households as in the previous financial year i.e. For households to pay the same amount as in 2016/17. Proposed by Cllr Mahoney, seconded by Cllr Lovett. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution

**148/16 To consider whether to support the community use plans for the farm barn and retail units**

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the Parish Council would support the community use plans for the farm barn and retail units. Proposed by Cllr Bound, seconded by Cllr Lovett. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution

**149/16 To consider applying for a LIF grant for Green Spaces**

This item was deferred until the next Parish Council meeting

**150/16 To discuss the rental / purchase of an SLR sign for Rooksdown**

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the Parish Council would pay for the rental of an SLR sign for an initial period of 2 months at a cost of £160 per month (resolution 150/16), after which the Parish Council would like to consider the impact of the SLR sign on speeding in the development before considering any further such rental. Proposed by Cllr Mahoney, seconded by Cllr Lovett. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution

**151/16 To consider the purchase of car park signs (x2) for the car parks on Peggs Way that are to be transferred to the ownership of Parish Council from Homes & Communities Agency**

This item was deferred until the next Parish Council meeting

**152/16 To consider planning application**

**16/03969/FUL**

**Erection of temporary ward and linked walk way for a period of 5 years (East of Sherborne Building) Land To The East Of Sherborne Building North Hampshire Hospital Aldermaston Road Basingstoke Hampshire**

The Parish Council agreed the following response to the planning application –

*In relation to the erection of a temporary ward and linked walk way (East of Sherborne Building) Land To The East Of Sherborne Building North Hampshire Hospital Aldermaston Road Basingstoke Hampshire – Rooksdown Parish Council is extremely concerned about the loss of 14 parking spaces that the planning application includes and also the potential increase in demand for parking as a result of the new building which will add to the existing tensions on The Avenue and across Rooksdown*

*Rooksdown Parish Council believes this problem could be mitigated by a 'no waiting order' on The Avenue and restricted parking along Park Prewett Road*

*Rooksdown Parish Council requests that in the event that the Borough Council approves this planning application, such parking restrictions be included as a condition of the approval notice and implemented before the start of any building work*

All members supported the above response unanimously

**153/16 To discuss arrangements for a Parish Council Christmas meal**

It was agreed that Councillor Lovett would identify a venue for a Christmas Meal on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and would let all Councillors know

**154/16 To confirm the date of the next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:50pm**

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Report from Stephen Reid for Rooksdown Parish Council November 2016**

#### **Wellington Terrace / A339 roundabout.**

No further update on the junction changes. The evolving Manydown plans show the Roman Road being severed from the roundabout so there is a potential long-term solution to the safety problem. The treatment of the A339 / Rooksdown junction is an important one. It is in Rooksdown's interests to make it look as 'minor' as possible.

#### **Traffic calming / Lodge Junction / The Avenue**

I am a little surprised at the lack of complaints from motorists about the new road layouts along the Avenue and the fact that the new Lodge Junction now makes rat-running more difficult.

The problem now is parking along the Avenue which has reached such proportions that it turns the road in single-lane traffic. In addition ...

#### **Hospital plans for a new building**

... the hospital has plans for a new building near the Maternity suite / Sherborne Building. It will result in 14 (private) car parking spaces being lost, but when spaces are at a premium, I can understand the concern that it might make the Avenue situation worse.

Cllr Bound and I have discussed. A route to explore is whether the Officers at BDBC would be willing to attach a traffic order to the new building's consent, which would require double yellow lines along the Avenue.

#### **Aldermaston Road Triangle**

Following approval of the plans by the Borough Council, activity has started on site.

#### **Rooksdown School**

I attended the consultation in the school about the expansion of the school. The session was positive with one exception: when I raised the issue of a drop-off point for the school run, a transport consultant told me that it was against County policy. It isn't, of course, and I tabled a question at the last Council meeting that resulted in the answer I wanted.

I have a meeting next week about the plans. One interesting fact is that a road is to be built to the rear to accommodate heavy traffic such as cranes and lorries. A second potential drop-off point!

I visited the school this month and had a pleasant conversation with the Head Teacher. It is a pleasure to see the building being used. Mr Martin would welcome a fuller understanding of the potential siting of the Skate Park.

#### **Build quality**

We continue to meet with residents affected by poor build quality on their new homes. I had an interesting discussion with David Wilson Homes: their quality control standards seem much better and I will monitor their progress with interest.

#### **Doctors' Surgery**

Work continues at a pace. I watch with interest.

#### **New Hospital**

I attended the Annual Meeting of the Norths Hampshire CCG and asked what had changed to stop them supporting the new hospital. The upshot is that a review is being undertaken, to report in January.

#### **Secondary Schools**

I have completed my visits to the secondary schools in Basingstoke. I will update the Council orally on my thinking.

#### **Councillors' Grant**

The (just short of) £1000 has been paid to Rooksdown Football Club.

Stephen Reid, Nov 2016