

ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL (RPC)
held in the ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROOKSDOWN
on 25 February 2019 at 1930

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Mahoney (Chairman)	✓		
Councillor Lovett (Vice-chairman)	✓		
Councillor Botten	✓		
Councillor Jasti	✓		
Councillor Mason	✓		
Councillor Morris	✓		
Councillor Payne	✓		
Councillor How	✓		
Councillor Harris		✓	

Clerk:

Martin Whittaker

In attendance:

Simon Bound, Borough Councillor and Manager of Rooksdwn Community Association (RCA) (from item 18/302)

Michelle Biggs, Chair of RCA

All gave permission for their names to be recorded in the minutes.

Action

18/291 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Harris due to work commitments.

18/292 Welcome Norman Morris as a co-opted councillor, and signing of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Morris was welcomed as a councillor and signed the Acceptance of Office. The Clerk will arrange for him to be sent the appropriate Register of Interest forms.

Clerk

18/293 To receive and note any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and requests for dispensation for items to be discussed

None.

18/294 To approve the minutes of the Rooksdwn Parish Council meeting of 28 January

The motion being proposed by Cllr Mahoney, seconded Cllr Mason, **IT WAS RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the minutes.

18/295 To discuss matters arising from the minutes

All actions complete except:

- 18/206 GDPR – The Chairman of the Data Control Committee asked for a meeting to be organised to discuss outstanding GDPR documents.
- 18/182 and 18/214 Apply to BDBC for bus shelters – Cllr Lovett has requested a meeting with BDBC.
- 18/205 update HR docs – Cllr Payne has updated the documents – to be put on agenda for next meeting.
- 18/273:

Clerk

Lovett

Clerk

- Cllr Mahoney offered to provide evidence of excessive speeding during school access times to Cllr Taylor. Deferred to March due to the amount of time required to provide this information.
- Parish and Town Council Investment Fund – Cllr Taylor to meet with the Clerk to discuss further.

**Mahoney
Clerk/
Taylor**

18/296 To invite members of the public to address the meeting (up to 15 minutes in total)

None.

18/297 To receive reports from:

- Chairman of Rooksdown Parish Council - see Appendix A.
 - Cllr Lovett asked whether, in view of the heavy snow early in the month, the council had done all that was reasonable. The general opinion was that we did, bearing in mind we only have space to store about 100 bags of salt. He added that, if we have severe snow gain, the council should put out a plea on Facebook for people to volunteer to refill grit bins.
 - The Clerk was requested to ask the handyman to refill the bins with salt.
- County Councillor Robert Taylor – no report.
- Borough Councillor Simon Bound – no report.

Clerk

18/298 To approve payments

The motion being proposed by Cllr How, seconded Cllr Jasti, **IT WAS RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the payments as follows:

26/02/2019	Award signs	Hi-5 banners (grant)	161.78
26/02/2019	HALC	Clerk's training session	48.00
26/02/2019	Just Salt Ltd	Salt	268.80
26/02/2019	M Whittaker	Feb Salary	767.18
26/02/2019	M Whittaker	Feb overtime	57.78
	Pace Promotional		
26/02/2019	Products	Hi-5 Gazebo (grant)	1,117.80
26/02/2019	RCA	Handyman	936.00
26/02/2019	RCA	Hall hire	30.00
26/02/2019	RCA	Office rent	15.00

Cllr Mahoney agreed to authorise the payments.

18/299 To note bank reconciliations

The reconciliations, verified and signed by Cllr Lovett, were duly noted.

18/300 Planning applications

1. [17/00818/OUT](#) | Residential development of approximately 3,200 homes...All matters are reserved except the primary means of vehicular access onto the A339, B3400 and Roman Road. | Manydown Land Off Roman Road And Worting Road Basingstoke.

After considerable discussion, the motion being proposed by Cllr Mahoney, seconded Cllr Botten, **IT WAS RESOLVED** unanimously that:

- The council wishes to object to the application on the grounds that the No Right Turn from the A339 into Rooksdown Lane means that all traffic from the south heading to Weybrook Golf Club, including cars and delivery vehicles, will access the club via Rooksdown Avenue and Gillies Drive, using residential roads that were not intended for this purpose. This would appear to transfer safety issues from the A339 to narrow residential streets and is unacceptable to the residents.
- RPC wishes to discuss the matter further with the Manydown project team and Borough councillors before making a more detailed

representation prior to discussion of the proposals by BDBC in June.

The clerk was asked to contact the project director and request suitable representation at the March RPC meeting.

2. Applications not on agenda

None.

Clerk

18/301 To receive an Allotment update – Clerk

The clerk reported that the transfer documents were still in the hands of Persimmon's solicitors and agreement had not quite been reached. It had also just become apparent that Vivid Homes would be co-signatories and therefore would need to review the transfer documents. This may further delay the process.

The clerk was asked to organise a meeting of the Allotments Working Group. Cllr Morris volunteered to join Cllr Mason as council representatives on the group.

Clerk

18/302 To discuss arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman suggested that the APM should be held to coincide with the 29 April RPC meeting. There were a number of suggestions for alternative dates and formats, and it was agreed that these would be discussed in more detail during the March meeting.

18/303 Chairman and Clerk's correspondence

The clerk reported that he had received some parish council training leaflets from HALC and distributed them to interested members. He also reported that he had received details of traffic diversions because of roadworks in Monk Sherborne, but these did not seem to affect the parish significantly.

18/304 Chairman to close meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.24.

Appendix A

Chairman's Report for Rooksdown Parish Council meeting – February 2019

My actions from last Parish Council meeting:

- **18/273 Grit Bins – Chairman will organise installation and filling of the new bins in Sherborne Fields**

Grit bins have been installed - *See item below.*

- **18/273 Chairman will raise the state of the roads around Squirrel Wood development with developer & James Holts, Hampshire Highways**

The state of the roads has been discussed on site with Mark Glendenning (Homes England) on 29.1.19 who raised it directly with the Site Manager at Squirrel Wood. They acknowledge the issue and apologise for the state of the roads since the beginning of the year ... however, the state of the roads doesn't appear to have improved much since this intervention and therefore would suggest that we need to increase our representation for AllenBuild to respect the residents of Rooksdown who have had to put up with this mess & inconvenience for nearly a year now ... and have many years to come ... reminding them that Rooksdown is a residential site and not just route towards their building site.

- **18/273 Chairman to provide evidence of excessive speeding during school access times to Cllr Taylor to help with the discussion with regard to school parking, safety, traffic and danger to children**

This data takes several hours to pull together but will be prepared well ahead of the proposed meeting in March.

I've been on holiday for 3 weeks in February (just getting back today 25/2) so have not attended any of my usual regular stakeholder meetings.

Updates on the projects that I have been involved in over the last few months:

GRIT BINS in SHERBORNE FIELDS


Thanks to Cllrs Mason & Lovett for helping me install the recently purchased grit bins for Sherborne Fields, positioning them:

- St Catherine Road,
- Junction of St Anthony Rd/St Catherine Road,
- Wadham Gardens
- Keble Road.

It looks like we made it just in time for the bad weather that gripped us at the end of January, *making it a safer place to live for residents.*

The message opposite was posted on the Sherborne Fields Facebook page ... and was generally well received.

It appears that a large number of the residents have been complaining to the managing agent HML about what they get for the service charge they have to pay (including, amongst other things, grit bins).

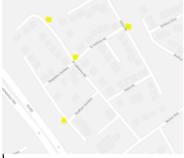


Rooksdown Parish Council
Empowering our community

You may have noticed a number of **grit bins** appearing on the Rooksdown Parish Council part of Sherborne fields today ... hopefully just in time before the first proper snowfall of the winter.

They are located at:

- Top of **St Catherine Road** on the green area to the east of the road (yellow bin)
- Junction **St Anthony Rd** and **St Catherine Rd** on the green area to the north east (green bin)
- **Wadham Gardens** by the path to the west of the road and parking spaces (green bin)
- **Keble Rd** on the planted area to the east of the junction with **St Anthony Rd** (green bin).




Rooksdown Parish Council (RPC) has provided these bins because the roads either belong to the management company or have not yet been adopted by Hampshire Highways.

Hampshire Highways won't put bins on unadopted roads, and we don't know of any plans for the management company to provide them.

Please note: The bins are filled by volunteers from the Parish Council, and the salt and grit is provided for use on public roads & pavements only.

Please don't use this grit on your private paths and driveways.

If any of the bins need refilling, please email the Parish Council on clerk@rooksdn.org.uk and we'll fill it as soon as possible.



I know that Cllr Bound has arranged for a resident meeting regarding the management company on Monday 4 March where his trying to organise both a director of the Sherborne Fields Management Company and the Managing Agent (HML) to attend. We look forward to an update following the meeting.

On a separate note, it was great to see the community spirit in Rooksdown during the recent bad snow at the end of January / beginning of February ... *Rooksdown being a great place to live.*

I know that at least 8 different people helped me to get my car off the development so that I could get to the airport on 2 February ... *for which I am most grateful.*

Chalk slurry from the Allen Build site. Hazelwood Drive / Ringway North footpath



27 December 201

Cllr Bound & I had a meeting with Mark Glendenning (Homes England) and James Holt (HCC) at Squirrel Wood in regards to the state of the flooded footpath on Tuesday 29th January.

Mark then spoke to Bryan Hare (Ops Director) & Joseph Stewart (Site Manager) who agreed to build a deeper 'French drain' trench along the edge of the site to hold more water and to prevent water run-off & chalk leaching from the site.

Bryan also added that it was his intention to produce a resident bulletin to give an update on progress and to explain what had caused the issue with the chalk & slurry on the footpath.

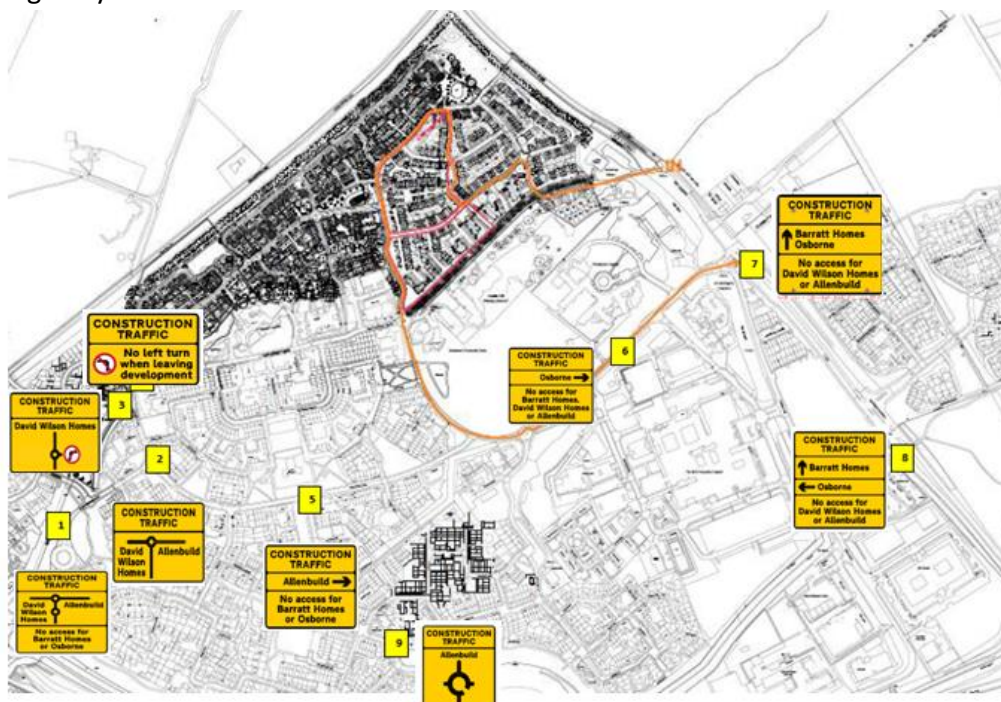
To date I have not seen any bulletin & the state of the roads has not



27 January 2019

Contractor Delivery Signage across Rooksdown

After many months of working with Mark Glendenning and as raised in previous updates – the construction traffic signs have now been installed around the development (as per below) following sign off from Hampshire Highways.



This should help with the issues of construction traffic travelling the wrong way around the development ... *which has not been a great experience for the residents of Rooksdown.* Also, in some place, contradictory signs can now be removed.

Residents should continue to highlight when they see construction traffic using the wrong routes around Rooksdown. We need to ensure that we highlight to the different sites where contravention of construction routes is identified, to ensure the safety of residents and keeping *Rooksdown as a great place to live*.

Maintenance of bins / benches

A number of the bins & benches around Rooksdown that looked rather dirty and uncared for (or had been vandalised) originally highlighted by Cllr Botten during 2018 have now been renovated following on from my request & meeting with Alan Tully on 15th January **... making Rooksdown a great place to live for all residents**



Councillor Training – follow up

Following the Parish Council meeting this evening, we will be putting aside some time to work on the Parish Council's strategy as the beginnings of a vision document for the Parish Council.

This will follow on from the excellent Councillor training received from John Brown & Amy Taylor from HALC at the back end of 2018.

Thanks to Martin for arranging this activity.

Paul Mahoney – February 2019