

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ROOKSDOWN PARISH MEETING HELD IN ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 28 APRIL 2014 COMMENCING AT 19.45.

Present: Cllrs Cavalier(RC), Chandler (MC), Cordner (AC), Khan (NK), Mahoney (PM), Nyengedza (CN), Parkinson (JNP), Statham (CS) (Chairman), B Cllr Cherrett, C. Cllr Reid, RCA representatives, 2 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & APPOINTMENT OF SCRIBE

As Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Statham automatically took the chair. The Parish Clerk took the minutes.

2. APOLOGIES:

3. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2013.

The Chairman decided to present his report after those of the Borough & County Councillors, Police & Rooksdow Community Association

5. REPORTS & FEEDBACK: BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS, POLICE & ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

County Cllr Reid's report summarised at Appendix A.

Borough Cllr Cherrett's report and related discussion are at Appendix B to these Minutes

Rooksdow Community Centre: The RCA report is at Appendix C to these Minutes.

4. REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The 2013/2014 report of the Chairman of the Parish Council and a financial statement prepared by the Clerk are attached as *Appendices D & E to these minutes*.

7. GENERAL QUESTIONS SESSION

There were no further questions.

The meeting closed at 21:17

Date.....

Chairman.....

**Summary of County Councillor's Report to the Rooksdown Annual Parish Meeting
[County Councillor Stephen Reid (SR)]**

1. **Lodge Junction:** at the previous Stakeholder's Meeting, BDBC's Chief Planning Officer stated that all was ready for submission of the planning application for these works. It is now said that a tree survey is needed – which is further delaying things. **KC undertook to find out why this has now been called for.**

PM asked why the TW element of the work had been delayed and was advised that this was due to the need to obtain the tree survey.

*Mr Aylott (WA) pointed out that there are 2 elements to the planned traffic calming improvements (i) the lodge Junction element and (ii) the interim measures(road humps etc)and suggested that they should be done separately. **It was agreed to try to get the TW interim measures element done asap before the estate roads are completed** – in order to reduce the potential for increased “rat-running” arising from the Blackdam Improvement Scheme.*

WA commented that the busgate/sump-busters should have been put in in 2006 but BDBC did not challenge the developers' failure to do so.

SR undertook to try to have a Stakeholders' Meeting convened within 2 weeks.

2. **Illegal Encampment Measures:** SR reported that the finance for the proposed height barrier in Rooksdown Lane is in place, and was asked **what is a realistic timescale for its installation. SR will ascertain that.** As a temporary measure it was questioned whether the existing field gate could not be closed and locked. **A formal request will be made to the HCC Highways re this.**

3. **New Primary School:** SR commented on the planning application (*which was due for discussion at the ensuing RPC Parish Council Meeting*). He highlighted the apparent failure to cater for the effect of the “school runs”. He had asked for the inclusion of parking facilities/drop-off points , but had been advised that these could not be included because the the area around the school had not been adopted – which is incorrect as a planning application may propose works on land the applicant does no own. *There was a suggestion that it might be better to delay the opening of the school for a year if necessary – in order to get what is wanted ie to get it right first time.*

SR commented adversely on the inclusion of flat roofs in the application and had been told by the HCC planners that mitigation measures such as CCTV, roof overhangs etc would limit the potential for unauthorised persons climbing upon them.

4. **Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan:** a second Consultation has just started – which is seeking views only on proposed changes to the original plan. *The document will be perused on behalf of RPc by Cllr Khan (NK).*
5. **Community Library:** the suggestion of incorporating a library facility in a community facility in the retail premises next to the Co-op (which has shortcomings as a retail site because of the lack of rear access) has been passed to HCC for consideration.

Update to Rooksdown Parish Council by Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett (KR)

Pavilions planning application

Now that the application is out I have requested that this matter be determined by Development Control Committee not officers. I have also requested a Viewing Panel visit to see the pavilions in current state and appreciate the concern of local residents because of their proximity to homes and poor condition.

School planning application

I note that the application for the school site is now live and open for comment. Comments have been registered already by Cllr Reid and comments are being prepared by the RCA and Parish – particularly in respect of transport and parking concerns.

Surgery site

I have still been unable to get any confirmed update on the progress of this site but have spoken with the officers involved. It is understood by lead officers that funding remains an issue as does the ability to keep the surgery open on its existing site whilst building new permanent building behind it. Until this is resolved a timetable to proceed and seek funding is unclear. I will pursue officers and HCA for information on the progress of a permanent building for this much needed facility.

Manydown meeting

As requested I have asked Cllr Izett to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the proposed Manydown development as set out in the Local Plan. The meeting is expected to take place in the next few weeks. There are clearly concerns re whether and when sufficient infrastructure will be put in place in the event of development. Similarly there are serious concerns regarding the impact of traffic flows that will potentially have significant impact on access to and egress from Rooksdown – especially as it is as yet unclear what impact the Old Golf Course development will actually deliver.

At least the Parish is confident that it has been fully involved in the Old Golf Course development to date. Whilst Manydown is in much earlier stage, it is nonetheless appropriate for the Parish to engage in early consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

Open space consultation

Having chased progress on this again after last meeting I am aware that an initial meeting on site has now taken place and also that the RCA is seeking to engage BDBC in more advanced planning for the next stages of community facilities and development funding. We have an allocated lead officer but will need to seek regular updates to ensure that we get a plan and then actions against that plan completed.

Community Centre snagging

I am waiting a response from the lead officer in respect of my last progress chase of the agreed set of actions and timeline to deal with them.

Report It

Residents are reminded that in adopted areas of Rooksdown they can report incidents of overgrown shrubbery on paths, fly-tipping etc. to the borough council:

By phone 01256 844844

By e-mail customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk

On the Report It feature on the web site www.basingstoke.gov.uk

Where residents are members of local management companies they may want to contact the management agent first to understand what services are provided locally and by whom.

Police – use 101 or ring the local station.

**REPORT FROM ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Presented By Simon Bound (SR), Community Centre Manager**

SR's opening comment was "What an amazing year!! A lot has been going on and lots of grant funding has been secured.

The Youth Project continues to go from strength to strength, but police sup[port has been poor – though our CSPO has been excellent.

The police should not assume, because Rooksdown is seen as a low crime area, that we do not have any problems. What we need is a rapid response on odd occasions eg in the event of youth nuisance, specifically the problem of youth workers having to remove trouble-makers.

Rooksdown Parish Council

Summary Income & Expenditure Account

Income	2013/2014 £	2012/2013 £
Precepts (Inc Community Tax Support)	20,001	18,900
BDBC Limited General Grant	1,100	1,100
Bank interest received	28	26
VAT	1,651	621
Miscellaneous	2,760	2,320
Total Income	25,540	22,967
Revenue Expenditure		
S.137 expenditure	3,809	4,282
Salaries	5,874	4,653
Admin/Office expense	1,306	1,429
Training	60	120
Printing (Incl Newsletter)	1,152	2,022
Insurance	462	450
Audit	190	215
Subscriptions	671	551
Meetings costs	426	210
Grounds Maintenance	216	0
Grit/Salt Supplies	496	565
Events (Jubille/Fireworks)	3,839	5,253
VAT	1,003	1,652
Capital Expenditure		
Grit spreaders	0	735
Salt Bins	0	680
	0	1,415
Total Expenditure	19,504	22,817
Net Income / (Expenditure)	6,036	150
Cumulative Fund Balance		
Balance brought forward at 1 April	49,099	48,949
Add Total Income	25,540	22,967
Transfers from general fund	0	0
Less Total Expenditure	19,504	22,817
Balance carried forward at 31 March	55,135	49,099

Rooksdown Parish Council
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

	£	31.03.14 £	£	31.03.13 £
Current Assets				
Prepayments				
Cash in hand	0		0	
Bank current account	737		215	
Bank deposit account	54398		48,884	
		<u>55,135</u>		<u>49,099</u>
Current Liabilities				
Trade creditors	0		0	
Accruals	0		0	
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>55,135</u></u>		<u><u>49,099</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY				
General Reserve		4000		2,000
Earmarked Reserves				
Capital Projects		47620		45599
Street Furniture		1500		1,500
Contribution to Fireworks Event		2,015		
TOTAL RESERVES		<u><u>55,135</u></u>		<u><u>49,099</u></u>

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Chairman

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Responsible Financial Officer

Date

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