

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE, PARK PREWETT ROAD ON MONDAY 22 JULY 2013 COMMENCING AT 19:45

Present: Cllrs Aylott (WA) Biggs(TB), Cavalier (RC), Cordner (AC), Mahoney (PM), Parkinson (JNP) & Statham (CS) (Chairman).

In Attendance:

2 Members of RCA & 7 members of the public, Parish Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from C. Cllr Stephen Reid, and PC Hope & PCSO Nicklin, who were on other duties.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Clerk declared an interest in the Item 8(b), (salary payment).

3. MINUTES

19/14 It was
RESOLVED to receive, confirm the accuracy of, and sign, the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2013.

STANDING ORDER 5[a]vi

20/14 It was
RESOLVED to alter the order of business, and bring forward discussion of Agenda Item 6 .

6. REPORTS & FEEDBACK: BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS, & THE POLICE.

- (a)** A report received from the police is attached at Appendix A to these Minutes. The police are planning more surgeries, have held a Safer Neighbourhood meeting and the new retail shops are to work together for their collective security.
- (b) B Cllr Cherrett's** report is at Appendix B to these Minutes. Arising from comments on Neighbourhood Planning, a meeting of the Planning Working party is to be scheduled in August.
- (c) C. Cllr Reid** was not present. The Chairman reported (i) that there was no further information regarding the Isolation Hospital foundation stone. If nothing is heard soon, it will be destroyed. (ii) the prospect of a grant towards the cost of a parish handyman seems likely.
- (d) Community Association:** SB reported: (i) the new Costa coffee shop had opened, whose manageress had had experience of the problems associated with young people gathering in retail areas. There already signs of people meeting over coffee in this new facility (ii) the existing vacant unit is planned to be a joint Subway/Domino's outlet (iii) further units, probably another takeaway and possibly a hairdresser are planned on that site. (iv) RCA are planning a community engagement session on a Saturday in September, hopefully to ascertain what issues are of concern to the community and what they would further amenities etc they like to see (v) the Summer Fayre was a great success again (vi) rectification of defects in the community centre is progressing slowly (vii) new trustees had been elected at the recent RCA meeting; formation of interest groups is planned (viii) a litter pick and bat walk had been held , Streetz activities are imminent and the youth club now meets on 3 nights a week.

4. MATTERS FOR REPORT

- (a). Park Prewett Hall:** a meeting of the Working Party was to be held on Thursday 25 July. Conservation issues have hopefully been resolved. A public consultation is planned prior to a planning application being submitted.
- (b). Road Traffic Management:** A large number of people attended the RPC stand at the summer fair. A further public consultancy held on 16th July at the Community Centre saw 23 members of the public attend a presentation by TW and their architects. In both cases the plans were generally very well received.
- (c). Old Golf Course Site:** A further attempt is to be made to persuade the Ambulance Trust to agree that construction traffic will be allowed to access the OGC site via the road past the ambulance station. Clerk to reissue e.mail to agree a date for a meeting with David Wilson homes re their outline planning application.

- (d). **Highway Defects:** a recent walkabout survey had been undertaken, a list drawn up and a programme of works agreed. SB asked RPC to raise the issue of surfacing the footway from the mini roundabout to the RCA entrance.
- (e). **Manydown:** BDBC Planning Committee has devised a Draft Plan. SR raised the issue of improved traffic management at the Rooksdown Avenue roundabout, and was advised that only pack Lane improvements were being considered. The Chairman had submitted a request to raise a point of order on the lack of notice allowed for the submission of questions on the draft and that a discussion of A339 traffic issues be included when the Local Plan was to be discussed at BDBC Full Council on 25 July. This will be followed by a public consultation. It was reported that several expressions of concern about traffic issues from parishes north of manydown had not documented in the current plan. The Chairman suggested that development of the Manydown site need not be housing, but KC said that the site had been specifically purchased for that purpose.
- (f). **Fireworks Event:** (i) the Hospital has declined to make a contribution this year; other potential supporters have been approached (ii) children’s rides have been booked and caterers approached (iii) more security staff are to be engaged this year (iv) the banning of private fireworks and Chinese lanterns is to be more prominently publicised (v) car parking issues are to be addressed.
- (g) **Litter & Maintenance in the pocket parks:** WA has contacted BDBC on these matters.
- (h) **Rooksdown Reporter:** AC & the Clerk to meet SB on Tuesday 23 July at 10 am.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At 9:00 the meeting recessed into Open Forum and resumed at 9:38. (i) A resident expressed concern at the illegal encampment of travellers, but was reassured that appropriate action to remove them was in hand (ii) clarification was requested about 13/00914/TWRN: 5 Peggs Way: Prune and crown trees that overhang road and footpath. The Clerk reported that no papers had been received and that this was a simple tree works application (iii) Parking problems on Greenlands Road were reported, a white Transit van and red Astra were specifically mentioned. Notices are to be affixed to offending vehicles (iv) Parking near Norrie Court on Park Prewett Road, where garages are too small and dropped kerbs have been installed, so that vehicles are parking on the pavement, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road; this is aggravated by vehicles parked on the opposite side of the road. Solutions suggested included removing the footpath providing a pedestrian crossing and widening the road. DWH to be approached to ascertain whether there is any room for manoeuvre (v) concern was expressed about the amount of litter in this area generated by the residents. Sentinel Housing and Home group to be contacted.

7. PLANNING:

a. New applications: The following responses to new planning applications were agreed:

13/00941/TWRN	5 Peggs Way: Prune and crown trees that overhang road and footpath	No comment
13/00579/OUT	Land North Of Park Prewett (Old Golf Course: Residential development comprising up to 585 new dwellings, open space provision and landscaping with details submitted for the means of access and the primary access route.	No objection. Specific issues to be raised with DWH at a meeting to be arranged.
13/00797/FUL	Erection of a part one storey, part two storey GP Surgery, to include a pharmacy, car parking and landscaping.	No objection, but 4 points to be highlighted with BDBC and PALS

b. Planning Decisions: The following decisions were noted.

BDB/77170	Phases 3 & 5 Merton Rise Reserved matters application for the scale, layout, appearance, access and landscaping for the erection of 238 no. dwellings with associated parking pursuant to outline planning permission BDB/73174 GRANTED
BDB/77187	Land At Park Prewett Hospital: Amendment to reserved matters application BDB/56725 for the erection of 2 no. units in the village centre - Unit 1 cafe (Class A1/A3) and Unit 2 (Class A1/A3):

BDB/77665	Diagnostic & Treatment Centre, North Hampshire Hospital: New Linac, CT and MRI with ancillary accommodation. Construction of plant rooms and generator housing. Erection of a single storey building to provide consultant facility, xray room, MRI Scanner and ancillary accommodation, including revised landscaping and car parking space, to replace existing two storey building. (Revised scheme to approved application BDB/77261): GRANTED
13/00529/ADV	Retail Unit 1 Greenlands Road: Display of 2 no. externally illuminated fascia signs, 1 no. internally illuminated projecting sign and 2 no. non illuminated canopy signs and 1 no. awning sign: REFUSED

8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) **Financial Reports 2013/2014**

Following clarification of detail, a Financial Report & Bank Reconciliation at 17 July 2013 showing balances of £56,191.19 on the 30 Day Notice account and £942.11 on the Treasurer's Account, taking account of cheques up to CQ 374 was noted.

(b) **Payments for Approval**

21/14
RESOLVED

It was
to approve the following payments:

CQ No	Payee	Service	Amount
		CQs signed between meetings	
367	Morelock Signs	Welcome to Rooksdown Signage	£595.51
368	John K Murray	Internal Audit fee 2012/13	£90.00
369	HALC	Staff Appraisal Training Seminar fees	£36.00
370	Rooksdown Comm Centre	Hall Hire 14/5,17/6,16/7,22/7	£70.00
367	Morelock Signs	Cancelled: Replaced by CQ 370	-£595.51
371	Morelock Signs (via The Clerk)	Replacement for CQ 367: Signage	£595.51
		New CQs for signature	
372	BDO	Audit of Annual Return 2012/13	£120.00
373	R. Darley	July Salary only	£387.66
374	HMRC	PAYE on July salary	£97.00
			£1,396.17

9. **MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:** There were none.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A list of correspondence received up to 16 June was noted.

11. **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/CLERK**

Chairman: will meet Clerk to tidy up the Action List.

PM: residents of Norrie Court are throwing litter out of their windows. One resident in an upstairs flat is throwing coke cans out of the window. Contact Home Group.

TB: raised the issue of Japanese Knotweed in the parish, though there was some suggestion that it is in fact bindweed. The weed is to be identified by means of photographs to BDBC and appropriate action taken.

Direction Signage to Rooksdown: it was suggested that there is no signage indicating how to get to Rooksdown. Research to be undertaken.

Internal Signage within Rooksdown: direction signs to the shops, medical centre, community centre etc need to be installed. Co-op to be asked whether they have made any approaches for signage to the shops.

Peggs Way: diamond fencing broken. Investigate for next meeting.

Rooksdown Reporter: (i) lack of information re printing date and distribution dates. Covered earlier (ii) articles re councillor vacancies and availability of grants to be sent to editor by 29 July.

12. **DATE/VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on 23 September commencing at 19:45. Further meetings will be held on 28 October & 25 November 2013. All meetings to be held in Rooksdown Community Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22:20.

Date.....

Chairman.....

Police Report to Rooksdown Parish Council – July 2013

This month sees PC Hope completing 2 charges for Hate Crime offences in Rooksdown. The victims were teenagers, one was subject to racial abuse and the other was subject to behaviour that caused him distress. A 31 year old male has been charged and will be attending court in relation to these offences.

PC Hope and PCSO Nicklin completed a beat surgery / meet and greet at the newly opened Co-op. This was well received with lots of residents popping over to say hello, to collect some crime prevention leaflets, ask for advice and let us know about local issues. Everyone we spoke to had very positive things to say about Rooksdown, only disclosing minor ASB issues which we are already aware of and tackling.

We will also be having beat surgeries in Costa and again outside the Co-op. All event details will be on our website and on posters in each shop.

Another visit was made to Saxonwood School. We intend on popping in regularly as the children respond really well to our interactions and have lots of fun. We are also arranging dates to visit all play schools / nurseries in Rooksdown when time allows.

There was an incident of criminal damage between the 10th and 12th of July where damage was caused to a roof of an outbuilding belonging to Parklands Hospital. The children who caused the damage came forward and have written a letter of apology. The damage was caused by playing ball games near to the hospital.

A public order incident has happened in the Co-op over the weekend, which is being formally handled by PC Hope and PCSO Nicklin. A member of staff was distressed by the actions of this particular person and we are doing all we can to identify them and take appropriate action.

A bird seed tray was glued at Rooksdown Cemetery which then caused birds, including robins, to get stuck. The RSPCA were called who rescued the birds. I urge people to check public bird feeding locations to ensure that trays are not glued and to report any suspicious activity in and around areas which attract large amounts of bird activity.

PC Hope and PCSO Nicklin work very closely with many different units within Hampshire Police. An ANPR operation was recently carried out by local target patrol officers, traffic and force support which led to a male being arrested following a dynamic vehicle intervention in Rooksdown. He was later found to be in possession of a large quantity of class A drugs and is awaiting trial.

We will also be hosting a panel meeting which the Parish will be invited to. This is to discuss local policing priorities and to decide NEW policing priorities decided by a wide range of people from within our community. This is planned for the 29th August at 1800 at Rooksdown Community Centre.

PC Hope and PCSO Nicklin

Update to Rooksdown Parish Council – 22nd July 2013

Update from Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett

Summer Fayre – I have to start this month with a huge well done to the RCA team and Parish colleagues on this year's summer event. It was great to see so many people there and an increasing presence of community groups with a local presence such as the Scouts, nursery and of course the Co-op. It shows how Rooksdown is maturing and what more can be achieved once we have a school to add focus for young families. It is also hoped that the school will generate more volunteers because as the summer events keep getting and the RCA will need help to keep raising the bar.

Rooksdown Primary school consultation – the consultation has been extended into August to accommodate the fifth option of interest expressed by Winklebury school. The summer event consultation on the options led to a lot of interest being expressed but showed that many prospective parents are still unclear on what the options mean and need more information in order to express a preference. This has been fed back to HCC and I am waiting for a response that provides more detail on how to get key messages out to parents. The revised options for consideration are:

- **Option A: Primary provision as part of Castle Hill Junior School** - Create a 420 place primary provision on the new school site with the provision being managed by the Head Teacher and Governing Body of the existing Castle Hill Junior School.
- **Option B: The creation of a new primary school** - Create a new, stand-alone 420 place primary school on the site reserved on the development.
- **Option C: Primary provision as part of Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College** - Create a 420 place primary provision on the reserved school site with the provision being managed by the Head Teacher and Governing Body of the existing Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College
- **Option D: Alternative Proposals** - proposals for viable alternative options are welcomed
- **Option E: Primary provision as part of Winklebury Primary School** - Create a 420 place primary provision on the new school site with the provision being managed by the Head Teacher and Governing Body of the existing Winklebury School

You can make your views known by writing to Glenn Parkinson, School Organisation Officer, Children's Services Department, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG or by e-mail at glenn.parkinson@hants.gov.uk.

Co-op store and local shops – the new shop and coffee shop are fantastic and it's great to see the facilities being used. The opening represents a further landmark in moving us toward completion of the Rooksdown community infrastructure. With movement on the permanent site for the surgery also underway we have to keep focus on getting each of the promised requirements delivered.

Pavilions Management – still trying to get a date for the submission of this planning application i.e. for the proposed removal and landscaping of the pavilions.

Open Space consultation – received plenty of great ideas and feedback and expect to see this reflected in options in the early autumn.

Park Prewett Main Hall – the communication and consultation process on the Parish plans for the hall continues. There is welcome support for the Hall being brought back into use – especially community use, but little surprise that there are also resident concerns re parking, traffic and noise issues that may arise and need to be addressed through planning.

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.

Planning updates – no update from last month

- The Local Development Framework goes before Full Council this week.
- Rooksdown activity includes e.g.
 - **Rooksdown surgery site** – an initial application for a permanent facility at the current temporary site is expected later this summer and if approved will be in place by end of 2014. This releases the original site in the core area but continues the use of an existing and familiar location.
 - **Barn site** – planning application is progressing for 20 dwellings and the commercial use of the barn itself
 - **Old Golf Course** – in progress
 - **Trumpet Junction** – potential for revised plans to come forward in the autumn of this year
- Previous applications that may come forward again e.g.:
 - **Manydown** – awaiting outcome of the LDF process but early consultation on potential development and use of this site has begun with a consultant appointed by the council to identify and assess potential options for consultation
 - **Aldermaston Triangle** – this land has been brought forward for development and an initial development brief prepared for release to interested parties. The main issues for consideration appear to be
 - Housing density and mix
 - Traffic management and parking (especially A340 junctions)
 - Elevation and landscaping

All such issues will be heard as the land is marketed and the development brief and developer responses to it are understood.

This appendix is the outstanding actions list as at 22 July 2013 which is printed in landscape.