

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE, PARK PREWETT ROAD ON MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 19:45

Present: Cllrs Biggs(TB), Cavalier (RC), Cordner (AC), Elliott (PE), Parkinson (JNP) Payne (JDP) Statham (CS) (Chairman).

In Attendance: C. Cllr Reid (SR)
4 members of the public, Parish Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from B.Cllr Cherrett (KC) & PCSO Rob Nicklin.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3. MINUTES

49/13 RESOLVED It was
to receive, confirm the accuracy of, and sign, the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2013.

4. REPORTS & FEEDBACK: BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS, RCA & THE POLICE.

(a) B Cllr Cherrett's report is attached at Appendix A to these Minutes.

During the discussion, it was agreed to provide Taylor Wimpey with a RPC letter of support to the application to demolish the pavilions. As regards the future of meetings the Safer Neighbourhood Panel, it was felt that these are no longer needed, but that contact should be maintained by e.mail and a police representative should attend RPC meetings wherever possible, failing that a report should be emailed to the Clerk.

(b) C. Cllr Reid: reported (i) that he had given a grant to RCA for health education packs (ii) that a response is still awaited regarding plan for improved in the Sheepwash Close (iii) expressed concerns about the interpretation of traffic data collected in the recent HCC exercise [The Chairman is to write to HCC asking when the data will be available to the Parish Council] (iv) HCC seem now to be committed to providing a school in Rooksdown; a decision needs to be made as to how that will be delivered. There is some suggestion that it might comprise 620 rather than 430 places (v) that both the Borough and HCC rates would remain the same in 2013/2014. SR also suggested that RPC consider asking that the installation of fibre optic infrastructure be a condition of all future appropriate planning approvals.

(c) Community Association: Simon Bound (SB) reported: (i) concern at the slippage in submission of the DWH planning application (ii) drains around the Community Centre have apparently been broken since the outset; BDBC are to repair them (iii) Summer Streetz 2013-funding to be given to RCA who will undertake the organisation of events (iv) Sunday's Youth Club Car Wash event had been very successful (v) an Activity Weekend in Dorset is planned (vi) more volunteers are needed for the Community Association (vii) in the meantime, the number of events planned is to be limited & maximised, consideration is being given to making the Summer Fayre into a two day festival (viii) an Easter walk is planned.

In the ensuing discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Co-op to ascertain what street furniture they plan to install outside the new store which it is hoped will open in the summer.

5. REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Welcome signs at gateways to Rooksdown. HCC requested to procure. Method of installation under discussion.
- (ii) Siting of the historic cornerstone. Write to HCC museums curator & Basingtoke & Dist History Society giving a deadline by which the stone will be disposed of..
- (iii) Retention of car parks in Peggs Way: Planning application ready for submission the following day.
- (iv) Installation of rising bollards on Park Prewett Road: Results of traffic survey awaited.
- (v) Parking problems at Downside Close/Sheepwash: plans to widen the road are in hand. Nothing to report.
- (vi) Emergency Plan: Draft to be examined in detail by Clerk/Cllr Parkinson.
- (vii) Provision of Allotments: No response from BDBC. Clerk to write again and copy this to Cllr Cherrett. The Clerk is also to write (i) to a local farmer to ascertain whether land adjacent to

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the Golf Club might be available for lease/purchase (ii) to Mr Townsend stressing that RPC would like to ensure that allotments are provided as part of the s106 Agreement/Community Infrastructure Levy.

- (viii) Notices for Vehicles Parked Inconsiderately: A supply of the agreed version were handed to members at the meeting. **Action completed.**
- (ix) Contributions to Fireworks Event: Donations to charities agreed. Burger van supplier failed to pay agreed contribution for the 2012. Clerk to write to say an alternative supplier will be procured for the 2013 event.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At 8:50 the meeting recessed into open forum and resumed at 8:55. In response to a resident's question the Chairman reported (i) that the Co-op store is working to an official opening date at the end of August. However, T/W may hand over earlier, in which case the opening date might be brought forward. [It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Co-op whether staff would be recruited from the local area]. He also confirmed (ii) the adoption of the Core Area is imminent (hopefully before the Summer); the next stage will be the pegs Way area (which will include the necessary works on the Moths Grace/Crondall Terrace footpath/road crossing works). RPC will be involved in formulating the pre-adoption snagging list (iii) The highway Engineer is to be asked to give precise information nearer the time of proposed road closures on park prewett road.

7. PLANNING:

a. New applications:

The following responses to new planning applications were agreed:

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| BDB/77649 | Diagnostic & Treatment Centre, North Hampshire Hospital: Erection of extension to existing Diagnosis and Treatment Centre, comprising 2 no. new operating theatres and associated accommodation, including plant room and ventilation plant over. Erection of new fencing to relocated chiller plant | Papers not yet received. Will be examined in the first instance by the Planning WP |
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b. Planning Decisions:

The following decisions were noted:

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| BDB77441 | St Michaels Hospice: Erection of single storey front and rear extensions to the existing hospice building to provide enhanced day care facilities: GRANTED |
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8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Financial Reports 2012/2013

A Revised Financial Report & Bank Reconciliation at 25 February 2013 showing balances of £49,882.45 on the 30 Day Notice account and £342.41 on the Treasurer's Account, taking account of cheques up to CQ was noted.

(b) Payments for Approval

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RESOLVED

It was
to approve the following payments:

| CQ No | Payee | Service | Amount |
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| CQs | signed between meetings | | |
| 339 | Seltek Warehouse via the Clerk | Payment for 3 grit spreaders | £882.00 |
| | New CQs for signature | | |
| 340 | Rooksdown Comm Centre | Hall hire charges Jan/Feb/March | 120.00 |
| 341 | R. Darley | Salary & Admin Expenses December 2012 | £477.74 |
| 342 | HMRC | PAYE on salary December 2012 | £96.93 |
| 343 | Prontaprint | Print newsletters Inv 14786 & 14913 | £550.00 |
| 344 | BDBC | Planning fees (50%) for 2 car park applications | £385.00 |
| | | Total | £2,511.67 |

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

It was confirmed that 2 of the 3 RPC will be accommodated on a BDBC seminar on 28 February (the 3rd nominee is now in any case unlikely to be available).

10. REQUESTS FOR GRANT FUNDING: A request from Disability Wareness UK had been referred back to them for more information to determine eligibility or otherwise. In the light of their response it was agreed that no grant could be made.

11. ACTION IN EVENT OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Three grit spreaders have been received and will be housed with grit supplies in the storage area at the Community Centre. The last two bins being stored by the Clerk are to be located at the top of Mailing Way and on Parcel Drive by Post Corner. Hi-viz jackets/tabards and suitable gloves are to be obtained for those councillors who will be assisting with grit supplies in winter conditions. A risk assessment governing working in adverse weather conditions had been drafted by the Clerk and circulated to members.

12. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Biggs: That an item Additional Notice Boards be added to the February Agenda. The necessary information was not available and will be discussed at the next meeting

13. THE PARISH COUNCILS (GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE) (PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS) ORDER 2012:

Follow up action had been taken.

14. CORRESPONDENCE:

A list of correspondence received up to 22 February 2013 was noted.

**51/13
RESOLVED**

It was that a grant of £50, equivalent to the cost of one ticket to the Mayor's Charity Ball, would be made to the Mayor's Charity.

The Clerk confirmed that it is usual for the Chairman or his alternate to attend the BDAPTC meetings. The Chairman agreed to check his diary.

15. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/CLERK

It was agreed that a business plan for Park Prewett hall would be prepared by Cllr Biggs/Simon Bound (SB).

In view of difficulty in determining a mutually convenient date to all parties, SB will hold an initial discussion with the editor of the Kempshott Kourier re layout of a proposed new style Rooksdown Reporter, covering points transmitted to him by the Clerk. A suggested layout would then be presented to RPC for comment.

In view of adverse comment on parking problems caused by the reduction in available space in the hospital car park, an extract of a letter sent to the hospital is to be passed to AC for inclusion on Facebook.

An amended version of a draft parking notice to be placed on vehicles parked inconsiderately anywhere in Rooksdown is to be produced by the Clerk and circulated to councillors.

Cllrs Cavalier and Corder gave their apologies for absence from the next meeting planned for 25 March.

16. DATE/VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday 25 March at 19:45, 22 April (Annual Parish Meeting at 19:45, followed by the Parish Council Meeting. All meeting to be held in Rooksdown Community Centre. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.40

Date.....

Chairman.....

Update to Rooksdown Parish Council – 25th February 2013

Update from Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett

Broadband update – there are plans to upgrade the cabinets on the older areas of Rooksdown with fibre optic cabling late spring / early summer. As soon as dates and locations are confirmed the information can be shared locally.

Pavilions Management – waiting on confirmation that the planning application has been submitted by the landowners, HCA, and developers (Taylor Wimpey) in order to provide comment and then representation from the community at Development Control.

Community youth facilities – seeking confirmation that the consultation plans have been presented by BDBC to the local community groups with options for use of funding and that a date has been set for running the consultation.

Community Centre – chased up the snagging on external works and the damage to drains following a note from Community Centre Manager. Expecting BDBC lead officers to respond with what works will be undertaken when to complete the handover.

Park Prewett Main Hall - HCA and developers continue to amend their outline plans and work with the Parish on potential options for taking on the use and running of part of this building with a view to achieving a mixed use community and residential development. As soon as an application comes forward it can be discussed and consulted on with local residents who have expressed an interest.

Limes Park adoptions – update expected from Parish Councillors following latest meeting with TW on site issues and adoption progress.

Resident enquiries – the following is a list of enquiries I am dealing with for local residents:

- **Parcel Drive / Pumphouse Way** – still waiting for sight of plans and a date to start the work to re-shape the bund and open the play area.
- **Pegg's Way car park** – waiting update from Parish following recent developer meeting
- **Sheepwash and Downside Close** – still waiting to hear of progress within county team to reach a resolution on the siting of low rail / bollards or cutting back the current verge to enable more parking space

Bus gate / rising bollard and Moth's Grace / Crondall Terrace crossing point – Cllr Reid has agains raised progress on this with County colleagues and may provide a further update at the meeting.

Free school progress – there has been a flurry of correspondence between the trust and HCC regarding plans and decision points for the school. I am pressing to see exactly what community consultation is planned ahead of decisions being made in May/June.

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.

Rooksdown Safer Neighbourhood Partnership – with PC Ian Hoile moving on to a new role the chairmanship and need for the RSNP is under review. Attendance has been low and dwindling with a view that much of the detail it covers can be managed through other community meetings. What's the view of the Parish given that Rooksdown remains a low crime area?

Planning updates – no update from last month

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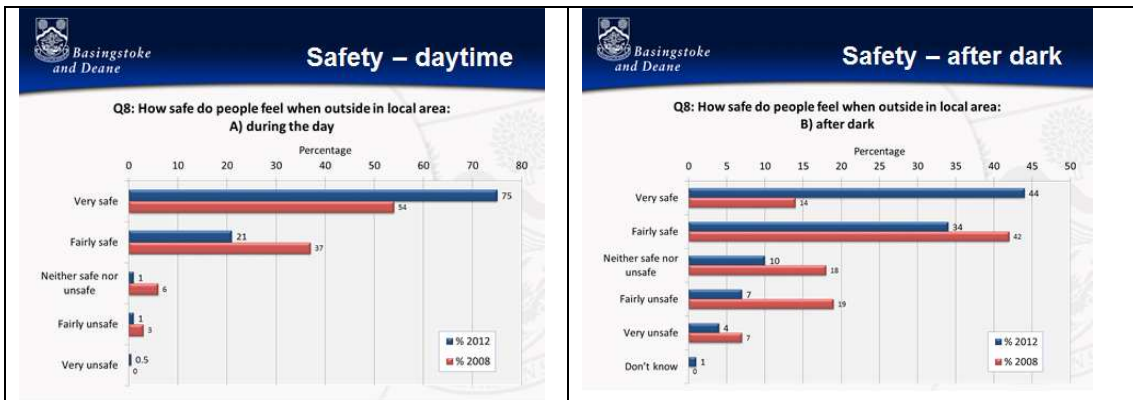
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- Site selection within the SHLAA continues to progress within the process for determining the Local Development Framework. It is no surprise that site allocation affecting Rooksdown includes activity already scheduled e.g.
 - **Barn site** – revised planning application is in consultation showing use of site 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
 - **Shop units** – planning application is in consultation period re two shop units – café and sandwich shop – within the overall 4 units of retail space
- It will also draw attention to previous applications that may come forward again e.g.:
 - **Manydown**
 - **Aldermaston Triangle**

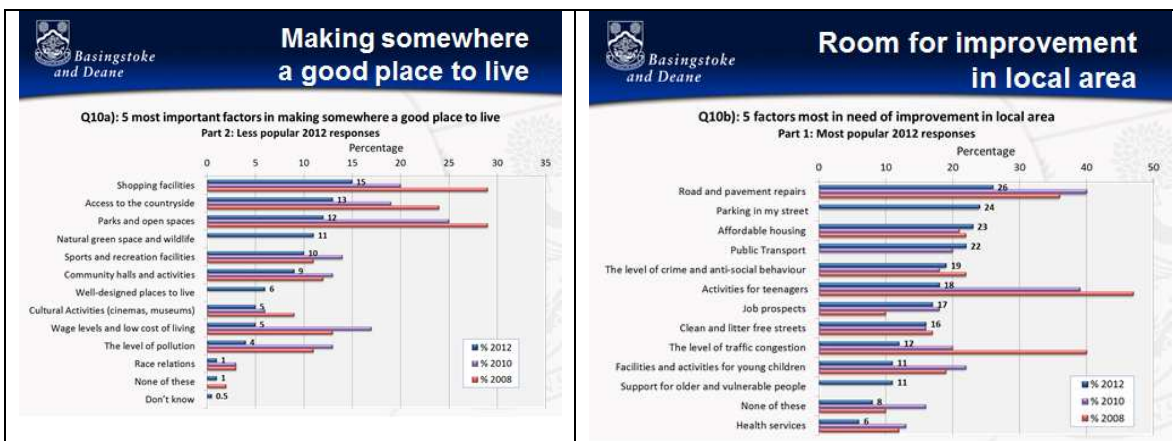
Snapshot of Council Community Satisfaction Survey

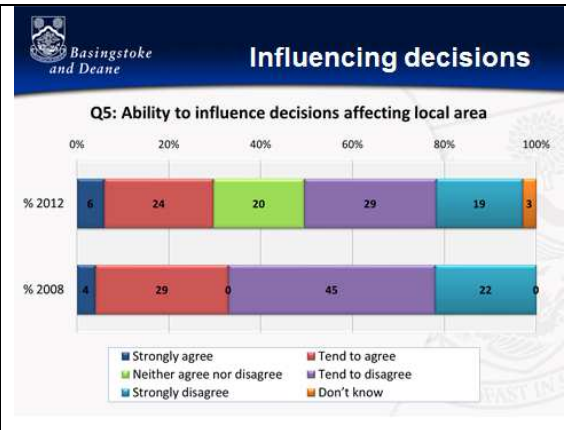
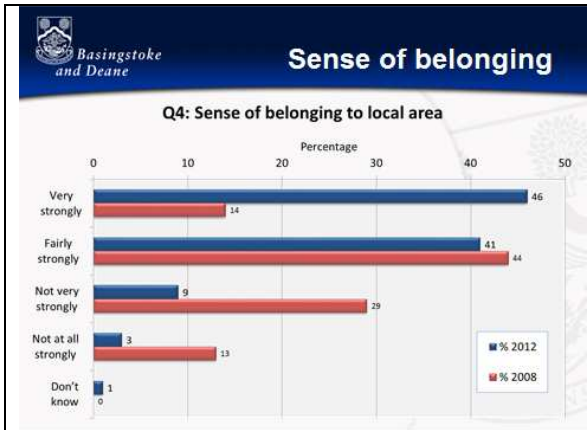
The following pages cover some data from the 2012 resident satisfaction survey (covering 1,156 face to face interviews and 98 separate data points) which may be of interest to councillors and residents of Rooksdown.

The survey covered a variety of questions regarding the accessibility, importance and satisfaction with policies, services and information. More information is available if requested but the following seemed relevant to our local issues too. Starting with perceptions of safety:

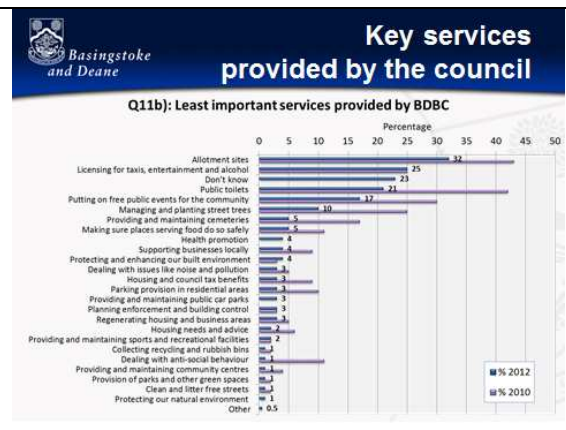
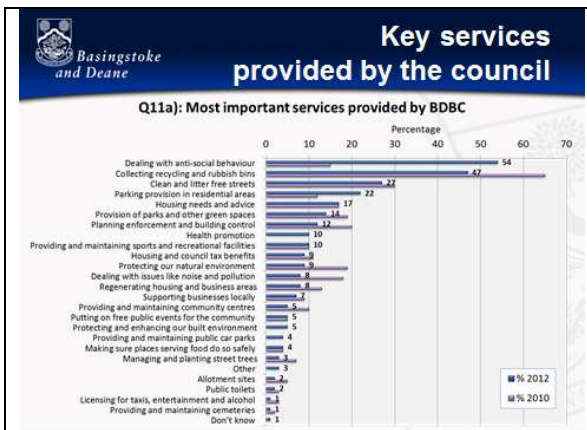


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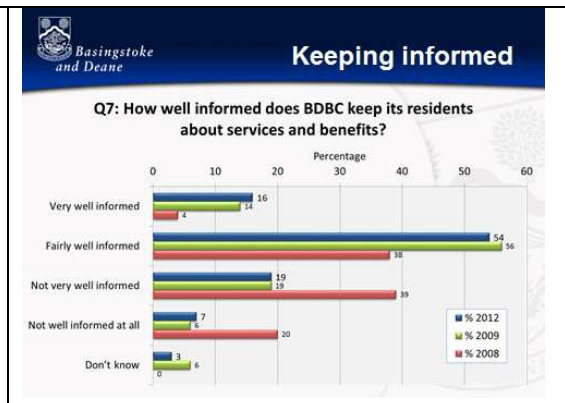
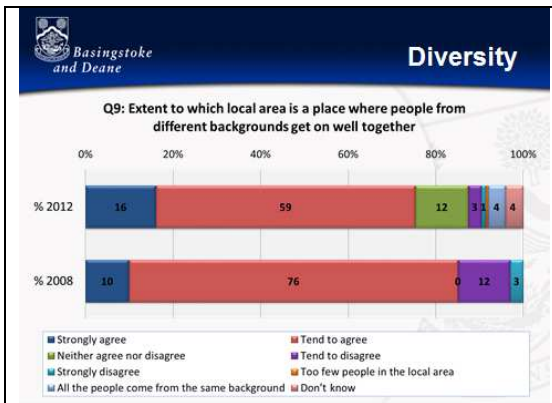




What services are most and least important to residents



How communities get on and how well informed they feel by the council



Let me know if you want to see more data from this survey.