

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

Present: Cllrs Cavalier (RC), Cordner (AC), Khan (NK), Mahoney (PM), Statham (CS) (Chairman) & Ward (AW)

In Attendance: B Cllr Cherrett, , Sinon Bound (SB) & Debbie Adlam (DA) representing RCA, 2 members of the public & the Parish Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from C. Cllr Reid

The Clerk reported that (i) Cllr Aylott had resigned since the previous meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Clerk declared an interest in the Item 10(b), (salary payment).

3. MINUTES

30/14 RESOLVED It was to receive, confirm the accuracy of, and sign, the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2013.

4. COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that there had been 3 expressions of interest in becoming a parish councillor, one of whom was ineligible, having resided/worked in the parish for less than 1 year.

Following a brief personal presentation from each,

31/14 RESOLVED It was to co-opt Mr Nazim Khan and Mr Alex Ward to fill vacancies on the council.

Cllrs Khan and Ward completed their declarations of office and took their places at the council table.

STANDING ORDER 5[a]vi

32/14 RESOLVED It was to alter the order of business, and defer the Public Participation session until after Item 7. This is to be a permanent arrangement.

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

(a) Representatives of the police were not present; no report received.

(b) B Cllr Cherrett's report is at Appendix A to these Minutes. During general discussion which followed (i) it was confirmed that the school is to go ahead, with a target opening date of September 2015. The Clerk is to contact the head of Castle Hill School regarding management of the school, in particular regarding governance, what is his vision for the school(s) and suggest a public meeting to inform parents (ii) A brief on the Western Triangle site had been received and a number of issues had been raised. KC to check who is the lead officer and the closing date for responses (iv) KC reported that a "wishlist" from the parish as regards the use of future s106/CIT Levy monies was acceptable. It was suggested that RCA/RPC get together and brainstorm a response.

(c) C. Cllr Reid's report is at Appendix B. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to HCC regarding a proposal for a traveller deterrent gate on the lines of that at the Hatchwarren Community Centre to say that what is needed is one on the lines of that at the Rooksdow Community Centre.

(d) Community Association: SB reported that (i) RCA's focus had been on their Youth Project (formerly the Youth Club). All sorts of initiatives eg First Aid Courses, Dad's Classes, Parenting Classes etc have been considered and grants applied for. RCA has been looking at the future demographics of the parish and identified that there will be a vast number teenagers in the next 5 years. A weekend away in January is planned, along with other initiatives, including big

fundraising exercises. KC suggested RCA contacts Tesco Community people who claim that funding is available (ii) Basingstoke heritage Society is still trying to find a home for the Isolation Hospital Foundation Stone (iii) RCA is in contact with The Woodland Trust who plan to put in benches along the footpath which they took over from HCA (iv) RCA is still in discussion with BDBC regarding problems associated with the building's original construction.

A meeting of the Events Joint Working Party is to be held to discuss potential events to mark the WWI Centennial and the 60th Anniversary of the end of WWII. Cllr Ward is to join the WP.

A Rooksdown/Park Prewett History Evening is to be held on " December and an attempt is to be made to film it.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT

(a). Park Prewett Hall: a planning application is currently going through the system. A 3 month design period and 18 months build programme are envisaged. HCA/TW have asked for some PR effort. An attempt is to be made to identify people who remember what the Hall was used for and to contact a new Basingstoke Gazette reporter regarding a human interest story.

(b). Road Traffic Management: HCA had reported some changes in the original plans. The potential AldermastonTriangle application and other initiatives need to be taken into account; there is a need to think strategically.

(c). Public Consultations: the hoardings at the front of the Western Triangle site have still not been taken down, despite refusal of an application to extend their tenure. A planning application is also expected for approximately 30 dwellings on this site, which will involve fencing off the whole of the site. KC will check the current position.

(d) Fireworks Event: Cllrs Cavalier & Cordner were thanked for another very successful event. The cost of the event is something in the region of £3,800; the bucket collection realised £2,375 (£850 in 2012 plus donations totalling £1500). A resolution to hold a further event in 2014 will be tabled at the January RPC meeting.

(e) Other ongoing matters: Council Handyman: CS will contact C.Cllr Reid regarding grant funding towards the cost of employing a part time council handyman.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that a white bus, (thought to be Pyke's) is again being parked inconsiderately in Rooksdown, frequently by Norrie Court.. The Clerk is to write formally to Pyke's and residents were exhorted to do the same. PM will obtain details/photographs.

A resident reported that BDBC had cleared shrubs etc from a patch of open space near his house 59 Highpath Way and questioned whether there was to be any replacement planting. Clerk to check

8. PLANNING:

**33/14
RESOLVED**

It was to confirm responses to new planning applications/proposals as follows:

13/02321/FUL	Main Hall Park Prewett Northbrook Crescent	Conversion of the Main Hall to provide 19 no. residential units and 300m2 of community space together with associated car parking and landscaping	A letter fully supporting this application is to be sent.
13/02259/TWRN	36 Vitellius Gardens	Cut off overhanging branches in particular the one directly facing front of property and the very low branch to the left hand side of 1 no. Indian Bean tree	No objection

The recommendation of the Planning Working Party on the following application was to object to the following application on the grounds that it was likely to result in more on road parking where parking is already at a premium, and add that, if the planning authority was minded to approve the application, then the hardstanding should be comprised of permeable material to reduce the amount of run off. However the vote was 3:3 and the Clerk advised the Chairman that it was

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traditional in these circumstances for a Chairman to vote for the status quo. There was some indecision as what was the status quo, and so,

34/14
RESOLVED

It was that the Clerk would refer the matter to HALC for advice, to agree the response via email with all members and to respond to BDBC accordingly and formally ratify the decision.

13/02189/HSE	8 Spoonwood Close	Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage to living accommodation	
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b. Planning Decisions: The following decisions were noted.

13/01346/FUL	Car Park B Land At Peggs Way And Easter Square: Change of use of existing temporary sales office car park to permanent car park. APPROVED	Noted
13/01345/FUL	Car Park A Land At Junction Of Park Prewett Road And Pegg's Way: Change of use of existing temporary sales office car park to permanent car park. APPROVED	Noted
13/01484/FUL	Ground Floor Unit 2 Block J Park Village Park: Change of use of ground floor unit 2 from mixed use A1/A3 sandwich shop to mixed use A1/A3/A5 sandwich shop to include hot food takeaway. REFUSED	Noted

9. ROOKSDOWN PARK CONSULTATION

The following comments were made in discussion: (i) the MUGA is very close to Parklands; suggest it be sited on the Nightingale gardens kickabout area which is to be upgraded by David Wilson Homes (ii) there is a lot of pressure for a skateboard park.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Financial Reports 2013/2014

Following clarification of detail, a Financial Report & Bank Reconciliation at 20 November 2013 showing balances of £58,389.01 on the 30 Day Notice account and £2,975.80 on the Treasurer's Account, taking account of cheques up to CQ 386. was noted.

(b) Payments for Approval

35/14
RESOLVED

It was to approve the following payments:

CQ No	Payee	Service	Amount
		CQs Signed between meetings	
379	BDBC	Deposit: Fireworks Event: Rooksdown Park	£100.00
380	Rooksdown Comm Centre	Hall hire September/October/November	£90.00
381	R Darley	Refund of credit card payment for lighting units hire charge	£348.46
382	R. Darley	August & October salary & expenses	£514.74
383	HMRC	PAYE on October Salary	£103.80
		Sub Total	£1157.00
		New CQs for signature	
384	Star Fireworks	Professional f/w display+ glowsticks	£3,687.10
385	R. Darley	Salary November/expenses Oct/November	£509.29
386	HMRC	PAYE November	£98.00
387	MJ Events Support	Prov'n of security staff: Fireworks: 08/11	£293.04
388	St Michael's Hospice	Grant: 5% of t receipts @ Fireworks Event	£120.00
389	Hants/IOW Air Ambulance	Grant: 5% of t receipts @ Fireworks Event	£120.00
390	B'toke 24 th West Scouts	Grant: 5% of t receipts @ Fireworks Event	£120.00
		Total	£4,947.43

11. BUDGET & PRECEPT 2014/15

Discussion of the Budget and Precept to be deferred until the January meeting in view of the revision of the deadline date for submission of Precept requests to 30 January. The Clerk/Chairman will liaise to formulate a draft budget which will be circulated for comment and refinement prior to the January meeting.

12. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The RCA grant application deferred from the May meeting was the only one for discussion. Despite the delivery by hand of an application to the Rooksdown Scouts, no application was received.

**36/14
RESOLVED**

It was to allocate the balance of the second tranche of grant funds (£2000) to the Rooksdown Community Association towards the cost of funding of Streetz activities (deferred from the May 2013 meeting).

A letter is to be sent to the Scouts advising them that there are no further grant funds available until May 2014.

13. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS: There were none.

14. CORRESPONDENCE:

A list of correspondence received up to 21 November was noted.

15. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/CLERK

RC raised the problem of hospital staff/visitors parking in Rooksdown. He reported that staff have been told that only the first 50 staff to arrive for work will be allowed to park in their car park, resulting in their having to park elsewhere. It was suggested that RPC obtain signage indicating "Residents' parking only beyond this point". The Clerk is to obtain the permission of HCA to place these signs on their land.

16. DATE/VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting will be held on 27 January, 24 February & 24 March 2014. All meetings to be held in Rooksdown Community Centre.

In view of the lateness of the hour (10:40pm),

**37/14
RESOLVED**

It was to defer discussion of Item 17 to a continuation meeting, to be held as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22:35.

Date.....

Chairman.....

Appendix A to mrpc25112013
Dated 26 November 2013

Update to Rooksdowm Parish Council – 25th November 2013

Update from Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett

It's all about planning this month!

Rooksdowm Primary school consultation – great news that the County Council has agreed funding for the proposals for a primary school at Rooksdowm appointing Castle Hill as the preferred provider to run the school. Our attention will now need to focus on influencing the build and facilities as well as ensuring that governance by Castle Hill has a local Rooksdowm representation.

Pavilions Management – still no progress to report and I have failed to get a response to my latest e-mails chasing progress. Residents in the meantime continue to be frustrated by the ASB at these shelters which remains a neighbourhood priority for the police.

Open Space consultation – we have been presented with the trend of options so far as an outline plan for the green space. With funding becoming available from March 2014 it is expected that RCA and the lead officers will be determining the priorities for what should happen when based on the consultation responses.

Park Prewett Main Hall – the planning application is in consultation so things are starting to progress at pace. Some residents living around the hall have expressed concerns re bringing the hall into mixed use – on grounds of parking and noise – but as yet have not registered these concerns formally in the planning consultation process

Aldermaston Triangle – the initial development brief is now in circulation and I have forwarded it to the Parish clerk and chair as well as asking BDBC to engage the Parish and neighbouring wards in the formal consultation before it goes to EPP committee so that a broad range of views can be taken on this strategically important piece of land separating the ward from the A340. This brief will have to be looked at in conjunction with any transport and junction plans for the A340 junctions as well as any issues raised by the hospital.

Planning updates – update from last month

- **Rooksdowm surgery site** – application for a permanent facility at the current temporary site has been progressed with works expected to complete in 2015.
- **Barn site** – planning application is progressing for 20 dwellings and a sale or licence for commercial use of the barn itself is being promoted
- **Old Golf Course** – planning is in progress including the plans to change traffic flows and manage access from the A340 in order to ease traffic flows should the development get the go-ahead. The focus is on getting changes to traffic management before development starts in order to ease pressure on both the A340 and A339 access junctions.
- **Easter Court and Pegg's Way** – plans to transfer green space to the Parish Council in order to permanently retain temporary parking courts are progressing well and expect to be approved shortly.
- **Manydown** – pre-design information and assessments are still underway and the consultant appointed by the council is using a draft development brief to assess early views before developing realistic options for public consultation

Report It

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

By phone 01256 844844

By e-mail customer.services@basinstoke.gov.uk

On the Report It feature on the web site www.basinstoke.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

Appendix B to mrpc25112013
Dated 25 November 2013Report from Stephen Reid for Rooksdown Parish Council 25 November 2013Traffic calming

I had a meeting with Graham Wright regarding progress on the traffic calming. The last situation agreed by the Parish Council, supported by local consultation, was to pursue the option of closing the junction of Priestley Road with the Avenue (plus other measures).

The NHS Trust, having long claimed that their staff don't use Rooksdown as a route to and from work, then raised concerns about non-access to the Avenue. However, MCC officers have met with the NHS trust and have agreed a Lodge Junction layout that is mutually acceptable. This includes the shutting of the Priestley Road / Avenue Junction.

I haven't seen the new layout but an e-mail exchange between your Chairman and me indicates that Cllr Statham has seen it. He can brief you. It should be published this week.

The next stage will be to discuss the revised layout with Mark Glendenning of HCA and then Paul Bond from the hospital.

The intention is to fund the new junction works from the David Wilson Homes planning application. I raised two points on this:

- Please don't let the revised arrangements introduce more delay, and
- Be prepared to tell the Parish Council where previous developers' contributions have gone, because it is bound to ask!

My feeling is that we are inching towards an acceptable, and long term solution.

Rooksdown Lane

I attended a meeting at which Councillors were invited to indicate their priorities for minor road works. I managed to elevate the Rooksdown Lane travellers issue, especially in light of the developments of the old Golf Course site yet to come. I am hopeful that a scheme can now be funded and will be implemented next year and will continue to monitor progress.

Aldermaston Road Triangle

Cllr Karen Cherett has been handling view-gathering on the triangle site and what the Borough should be looking for from this development. I have suggested:

1. With regard to 'the development must contain no more than 40% flats', I think this would be better expressed by reference to 'no more than 40% one and two bed properties'. There is a limit specified in the local plan. The wording above is weak and could still result in 100% very small properties, with only 40% being flats! Conversely, flats can be three bed or more sometimes. The point from last time is that we don't want too many small properties crammed in together. So it is better to say that no more than 40% of the development shall be two bedrooms or less.
2. It might be worth saying that the taller buildings (up to five storeys), if any, should be at the lower end of the site where they will be built in the context of the existing tall buildings across the road.

3. The improvement of the Lodge Junction (see below) should not be allowed to become dependent on the approval of a scheme for the Triangle.
4. It is worth stating, I suggest, that any road design should aim to minimise rat-running through Rooksdown.
5. The scheme should be respectful of the Hospice across the road and avoid placing late-night noise-creating activities in close proximity.
6. The development should not be dependent on using the facilities of the hospital (e.g. for shopping) as did the last scheme.
7. The development should not interfere with the smooth operation of the hospital.
8. The development should act as a good advertisement for Basingstoke, as this is the first thing that many people will see of the town when approaching from the Tadley direction.
9. There must be adequate parking and no reliance may be placed on parking on the hospital site (which is experiencing capacity issues). 'Adequate' means more than the old standards to which large parts of Rooksdown were built - preferably two spaces per property on average.
10. All properties on the site should be wired for high speed broadband from day 1.
11. Salt bins should be installed from day 1 given that the site is on a slope.
12. There should be a safe pedestrian route established from the site to the proposed Rooksdown School.

The Parish Council might also wish to observe a potential increase in demand for allotments in the Rooksdown area.

Rooksdown School

I attended the Executive Member decision day at which the Rooksdown School was discussed. The good news is that the governance arrangements have been agreed, with Castle Hill being asked to manage the school. A consultation notice to that effect has been issued.

I made the point at the meeting that my greater concern, on behalf of the residents of Rooksdown, is to see the school built and ready to operate from September 2015. I was again assured that the project is on course for this (but I am nervous ... I will continue to monitor). I also asked the Officers to stop referring to the area as 'Park Prewett' and adopt the Rooksdown name.

Borough Local Plan - consultation

I have responded to the Borough Council's consultation on the emerging local plan, expressing concerns about the Infrastructure provision if Manydown is developed. I am worried that insufficient thought and investment has been earmarked for the link road from the A339 southbound and for its junctions with the A339 and the B3400.

Cllr Cherrett can give more information on progress with the consultation.

Stephen Reid, 25 November 2013