

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE, PARK PREWETT ROAD ON MONDAY 28 JANUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 19:45**

**Present:** Cllrs Biggs(TB), Cavalier (RC), Cordner (AC), Parkinson (JNP) Statham (CS) (Chairman).

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Elliott (ill) and Cllr Payne (ill).

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**3. MINUTES**

**44/13 RESOLVED** It was to receive, confirm the accuracy of, and sign, the minutes of the meeting held on 14 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 discussion of allotments,

**45/13 RESOLVED** It was to ask that BDBC make it a planning condition in the application to develop the Old Golf Course Site/Northern Farmland Site that allotments be provided.

(b) **C. Cllr Reid:** (i) had expressed concern that the traffic survey planned by HCC in regard to provision of a bus gate(s), aimed to prove that the gates are not needed. He had received assurances that that was not so, and had seen new draft plans. (ii) had spoken to HCC officials about the future of a school in Rooksdown. It was agreed to await the outcome of feed back from HCC before taking further action as regards a Free School.

(c) **Community Association:** Simon Bound (SB) reported on a relatively quiet period (i) RCA is recruiting 2 youth workers with a view to holding youth club on 2 nights a week, plus outreach work.(ii) Building snagging list: RCA had met BDBC & Lakehouse and a list provided by RCA had been agreed; some items had been rectified, but some remained. (iii) damage to windows had been sustained at a time when the building had been unoccupied. C.Cllr Reid informed RCA that he has grant money available, but needed to issue the money before the end of February when the moratorium period in the run up to HCC elections commences. He also asked about the Incredible Edibles scheme. SB said that there is still a possibility of taking part in the scheme, but that use of the Prince's Trust takes priority at the moment.

**5. REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Welcome signs at gateways to Rooksdown. HCC requested to procure & install signs.
- (ii) Siting of the historic cornerstone. Responses awaited fro HCC museums curator & from Basingtoke & Dist History Society.
- (iii) Retention of car parks in Peggs Way: Ongoing
- (iv) Installation of rising bollards on Park Prewett Road: letter sent to C. Cllr asking that this issue be again raised with the HCC Executive member.
- (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.
- (vii) Provision of Allotments: No response from BDBC. Clerk has hastened a response.
- (viii) Notices for Vehicles Parked Inconsiderately: Clerk had prepared 2 drafts which were handed to members at the meeting. **Action completed.**
- (ix) Obtain adoptions map: **Action completed.**
- (x) Hospital car parking problems: **Action completed**
- (xi) Procure 5 more salt bins: **Action completed**
- (xii) Procure details of Statutory Planning Classes: **Action completed.**

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At 8.35 the meeting recessed into open forum and resumed at 8.45. A resident asked as to the situation regarding the Community Development Fund (CDF). The Chairman explained that matters are being handled by T/W and HCA; they is approximately £40k in the fund, which may be used for expenditure on the pavilions and other areas such as the "pocket parks." This matter will be raised with T/W and HCA at a liaison meeting on 5 February. The resident was invited to write to HCA for information.

**7. PLANNING:**

a. New applications:

The following responses to new planning applications were agreed:

BDB/77480	North Hampshire Hospital: Fell one ash (184), 30 beech (75, 86, 90, 105, 119, 138, 139, 144, 153, 155, 160, 165, 183, 195, 196, 208, 212, 219, 224, 231, 232, 233, 236, 241, 251, 253, 254, 256, 257, 262), 4 limes (295, 296, 297, 298) and 2 sycamores (203, 255). Prune lower branch over path of beech 79, pollard to lower fork beeches 133 and 169, prune lowest branch of beech 149, prune lower two branches from beech 186, prune lower three branches from sycamore 201	Clerk to seek extension of time to comment.  Site meting to be held over the weekend.
BDB/77441	St Michaels Hospice (Basil De Ferranti House), Park Prewett: Erection of single storey front and rear extensions to the existing hospice building to provide enhanced day care facilities	No objection

b. Amended Plans

BDB/77170	Merton Rise: Phase 3 & 5: Submission of amended plans Submission of additional plans Submission of amended Supporting Noise Assessment Submission of additional Supporting Documents	No comment
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c. Planning Decisions:

The following decisions were noted:

BDB/77261	North Hampshire Hospital: 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: GRANTED	Noted
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**8. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(a) Financial Reports 2012/2013**

A Financial Report & Bank Reconciliation at 25 January 2013 showing balances of £50,880.25 on the 30 Day Notice account and £854.08 on the Treasurer's Account, taking account of cheques up to CQ338 was noted.

**(b) Payments for Approval**

**46/13  
RESOLVED**

It was to approve the following payments:

CQ No	Payee	Service	Amount
<b>CQs</b>	<b>signed between meetings</b>		
334	Key	5 New Grit Bins	£816.00
	<b>New CQs for signature</b>		
335	R. Darley	Salary & Admin Expenses December 2012	£387.73
336	HMRC	PAYE on salary December 2012	£96.93
337	Just Salt	Rock Salt supply Inv 04646	£339.00
338	Just Salt	Rock Salt for delivery Mon 28/1: Inv pending	£339.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,978.66</b>

9. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

It was agreed that the Clerk will confirm how many of the 3 nominees will be permitted to attend a BDBC seminar on 28 February.

10. **REQUESTS FOR GRANT FUNDING:** None received.

11. **ACTION IN EVENT OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

In the event of adverse weather conditions requiring gritting/refilling salt bins, the Clerk is to ring around members for assistance.

12. **MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:**

Cllr Statham: To discuss publicity for RPC meetings:

47/13  
**RESOLVED**

It was  
that the Clerk will close the Agenda 7 days before a meeting, that a copy of the Agenda will be posted on notice boards, the website, Facebook, Twitter etc and that the Clerk will source a banner announcing meetings to be displayed when the Agenda is published, and removed immediately following the meeting.

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

Nothing to report.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

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

**Cllr Biggs:** requested that an item Additional Notice Boards be added to the February Agenda.  
**Cllr Biggs:** commented that the brick blocks used so much on new developments are extremely slippery during adverse weather conditions and asked whether their use might be discontinued.  
It was agreed that the Clerk draft an RPC Planning Policy Document (Forerunner to N Planning)  
**Cllr Cavalier:** provided feedback on a recent meeting with David Wilson Homes (DWH) He said that DWH had taken on board what residents/RPC had said to them. DWH are also suggesting upgrading the present kickabout area. They also plan several consultation meetings with residents about the new development.

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

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday 25 February in Rooksdown Community Centre at 19:45.

17. **STANDING ORDER NO 4(xx)**

48/13  
**RESOLVED**

It was  
That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

**18. PARK PREWETT HALL**

Revised plans, taking account of RPC/RCA comments on earlier plans for Park Prewett Hall as a mixed use community/housing facility had been received. Representatives of the RCA had been invited to remain for this discussion.

A number of points were made and suggested amendments to the current plan were suggested

It was agreed that the Chairman would encapsulate the gist of the discussion in a response to T/W and HCA for further consideration at a future meeting with them".

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22.25

Date.....

Chairman.....

## Update to Rooksdown Parish Council – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013

### Update from Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett

**Pavilions Management** – the landowners HCA and developers (Taylor Wimpey) have completed consultation on the options and outline plans for the future of the pavilion sites. The two evening sessions were reasonably well attended given the cold weather conditions and have provided sufficient feedback on the proposals to enable them to be formulated into a planning application. The planning application is expected to be tabled in the coming weeks for consideration by planning officers and will be brought before the Parish in the usual way as other planning matters. It is anticipated that concerns will still be raised by the Borough Conservation team and community representation will be invited when the matter is scheduled to be heard at committee.

### Community youth facilities

The S106 funds for youth and playing facilities being released in about 12 months' time are confirmed as being in the order of £100k (£103.9k). Further monies will come forward in future years but not of this scale. I met with officers in December to start the consultation and pre-planning exercise and asked that a meeting be arranged with both Parish and RCA members early in the year to agree the consultation process so that options can be identified and considered. They will also table indicative costs of different broad options.

### Park Prewett Main Hall

The 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. There remain concerns regarding the quiet enjoyment of residents if this becomes a mixed use facility and obvious issues re resident and visitor parking have been raised. It is however too early to take a view until plans are tabled. This of course depends on reaching a viable medium term financial plan in respect of the revenue from use and investment to maintain the upkeep of the part of the building in community control.

### Limes Park adoptions

HCC has agreed to phased adoption of the Limes Park areas and a schedule of areas for adoption is expected to be discussed with the Parish as a consultee. A key consideration between the developers and County / District councils is the payment of bonds and the resolution of this may impact any schedule being put forward for agreement.

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

- **Parcel Drive / Pumphouse Way** – Work to re-shape the bund has been agreed but the start date is delayed by bad weather (as has completion of the play area). Residents are concerned that they have not been consulted by the developer in drawing up plans to re-shape the bund and this has been taken up directly by residents with the developer. I remain unconvinced of a wholly satisfactory outcome but am pressing for more engagement between the developers and the residents.
- **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** – a further updated is expected at the meeting from county Cllr Reid / parish Cllr Statham.

### Allotments

Following on-going representation to HCA, it appears that the development plans for the Old Golf Course site may enable some provision for allotments in Rooksdown but the ability to deliver them is subject to planning considerations and any effective date of use is a considerable way off. Continuing to press the portfolio holder at BDBC expressing concern over the need for allotment provision in Rooksdown is to be considered.

### Free school progress

Following an update from the trust members I have written to Cllr Reid and Maria Miller MP expressing concern over HCC's conduct and communication in the process to date. I will discuss and consider further actions with them and the trust members as it seems that the wishes and evidence of local residents are of little concern to the County Council in this matter.

### 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:

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By phone 01256 844844

By e-mail [customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk)

On the Report It feature on the web site [www.basingstoke.gov.uk](http://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.

**Crime and nuisance behaviour** – I continue to encourage residents to report any incidents of minor crime and nuisance behaviour using the **101** number so that true levels of activity can be recorded and help Police assess patterns of crime and resource policing in Rooksdown.

### Planning updates

- 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**
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