

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST JAMES CHURCH HALL
ON TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2009
commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr B. Ahern Chair; Cllr M. White; Cllr L. Barker; Cllr. M. Nuttall;
Cllr. P. Turner; Cllr D. Newberry; Cllr P. Rodgers;

In attendance: Parish Clerk Diane Duffy, County Councillor West and 7 members of the public including Inspector Shipp and Sgt Haines

105/09 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Crookshank and Cllr Foster

106/09 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman had declared an interest in the agreed donation to Petersgate School, but would present the cheque at the meeting

107/09 PRESENTATION BY MRS SALMON FROM PETERSGATE SCHOOL

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Salmon from Petersgate to the meeting. Mrs Salmon explained to the members that 6 years ago a gardening club was started at the school and during the course of time the children, with the help of parents have set up their own garden and are producing their own vegetables and cooking with their produce. Other schools now come to them for training. Clanfield Gardening club hold their meetings at the school and help with plants etc. The old shed used for this project was very dilapidated and thanks to the Councils grant a new, larger shed could be purchased. The Chairman presented the cheque for £570.00 to Mrs Salmon on behalf of the Council and Mrs Salmon thanked the Council for the grant.

108/09 PRESENTATION TO MEMBERS ON THE PROPOSED SKATE JAM

The Chairman stated that the young organiser of the Skate Jam had been invited to address the Council but was not in attendance. The proposed jam had been advertised on Facebook and web and it had been feared that there would be a large number of attendees, the event had been planned without authorisation from the Parish Council but on the day the police had been tremendously supportive and the event had gone ahead with no problems. HCC had been made aware of the event but no contact had been made with this Council – therefore there was no insurance cover or risk assessment for the event. A great deal of time had been spent on trying to gain support for the proposed event and it was stated that there had been no support from some of the EHDC officers.

It was felt that a proper organised event could be held and it was agreed that this should take place during the 2010 Easter holidays – giving more time to organise the event – the event would be supported by all parties and the Council had been advised that help would be given by EHDC – refreshments, portable toilets, ambulance facilities etc would be provided on the day. Sponsors could be attracted to the event it was suggested that a small committee be formed to plan the event. HCC and EHDC and the police would need to be on board – the police were fully supportive

Discussion followed on the skate ramp area – it was considered that there was still money being spent for repairs etc and it was stated that the existing ramps needed to be replaced. It was felt that the youngsters were trying to make things better for themselves and the regular users caused no problems – it was the odd one or two – it was considered that a committee could be set up – and they could self regulate the ramps. If new ramps were to be installed there would need to be fund raising carried out – the council had earmarked a small sum, but to completely revamp the area would take a considerable amount of money. It was felt that the users could draw up their own Code of Conduct - if printed signs were produced it was hoped that they would last longer than the last sign installed by the Council which had been removed within 11/2 hours of installation. The Council were informed that the existing half pipe was a very successful item and it may be possible to revamp it. It may also be possible to achieve funding support from the Developers Contributions fund.

109/09 **TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT**

Sgt Haines reported that a lot of time had been spent on the proposed skate jam. The District Councils tactical assessment had recently been published. Sgt Haines reported that there had been, over the past five months a significant reduction in crime figures and he hoped that the local police had had an impact. There had been 3 reported damages at Peel Park and he said that the area was visited whenever they were on duty, no burglaries reported this month, but there had been two car break ins. The police are seeking an ASBO against one local resident and once achieved this will be made public. Inspector Shipp said that he had taken over the local area and would look after the Safer Neighbourhood teams and hoped to attend most PC meetings.

110/09 **TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS INCLUDING EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON 29TH OCTOBER**

The minutes of the last meeting and the extraordinary meeting were agreed and it was RESOLVED that they be duly signed as a correct record.

111/09 **TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE LIST**

Reply from HCC re: re-siting or removing the bus stop by Sword Close – they feel that it should not be removed, but will ask the Bus Co to tell the drivers not to obstruct the driveways.

Clanfield Scout Hut Update

Clanfield Twinning Association – Wine Tasting event

Letter from resident in response to the dog fouling issues raised at the last meeting – copied to all – it was stated that it would not be possible for a dog ban in South Lane Meadow

Copy of a letter from resident sent to HCC Leader regarding the possibility of a two way sign at the top of Chalton Lane

Letter re: “unpaid work” by convicted individuals – organized by the probation service as a way for offenders to pay back the local communities – the clerk was asked to look into this further

The Regis Rally – a daylight event scheduled for 24th October passing through Clanfield – Hogs Lodge into Petersfield Road, North Lane to Butser Hill from 1500 hours

Horndean Technology College - Joint management committee minutes

Hampshire police Authority – Appointment of Independent Members to Hampshire Police Authority – let clerk know if interested further info available from www.hantspa.org

e.mail Councils within the SDNP consultation ends 9th October

Butser news and August statistics

EHDC - Community Forum Bulletin

- Vacancy for a representative to serve on Standards Committee
- Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Policy Consultation – available at www.easthants.gov.uk/licensing
- Standards committee 10/09
- South Planning Committee Minutes;
- Community Safety Bulletin
- Daryl Phillips – Head of Planning leaving
- New “Duty to Involve” Conference 19/10
- Southern parish Area Action meeting 27/10
- Customer Services Week

HCC - Now magazine

- Hampshire Action Team - Directory of Highway Works
- Local councils Survey – clerk will complete

HALC - Friday Updates;

- Quality Councils Seminar
- County Street Lighting PFI Sustainable Communities Act;
- Community Engagement Workshop

SLCC - Saving money Scheme

- Publications available; Regional Conference

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Local Development Framework

CPRE - Enhance the Countryside in your Parish

RBS - Price information and Training details

Rural Services Community – Weekly Forum News;

Community First – Forum 29/9

Documents: EHDC News briefs; Local Council Review; SLCC AGM /Annual Report; Now; CIA advertising; The Clerk; Natural play; Community First Training Courses; CF Newsletter; Community Action: Parish plan News; Action News (2) + update extra; Communique; Centre of Excellence Training; Community First E.news;

OPEN FORUM 8.15 p.m.

Matters Raised: A question was raised regarding duty of care for people in South lane Meadow – were the Trustees liable – yes it is understood the Trustees like the councillors would be liable for negligence; the proposed Community Facility at Green lane – does the Council wish the steering group to re-convene – it was stated that this should be arranged and that Lindford hall should be visited as this was a similar facility

MEETING RE-CONVENED 8.25 P.M.

112/09 **TO RECEIVE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS MONTHLY REPORTS**

District Councillor Payne sent apologies but had submitted a written report: The Parish Council had produced an excellent response to the Green Lane Development Brief – she had also responded to endorse comments regarding drainage, flooding and access. Illegal car selling – cars can be sold on the road but should be 500 yards apart. Notices will be issued to stop this but Cllr Payne asked if anyone knew of problem areas to let her know. She updated about the shared Chief Executive role at EHDC.

District Councillor Moon sent apologies but had submitted a written report: He congratulated the Council for the excellent public meeting for residents to discuss the Green Lane Development Brief and the response submitted to EHDC was well presented and thought through. He said that Daryl Phillips had been a great help through the process of the Brief but had regretfully left EHDC at the end of September – Chris Murray is taking over his responsibilities and it is hoped that a meeting will be set up so the Chairman can meet with Mr Murray in the near future; Cllr Moon gave his views regarding the skate jam stating that there is a young person trying to organise something popular and encouragement and support should be given to the young people to become involved – the police were much better placed to do this. He said that police the parish Chairman and other organisations had embraced the project, regretfully the initial response from EHDC officers was not very positive, however the situation has since changed. EHDC will get fully involved with the new community development officer taking the lead undertaking a risk assessment and proving a skate coach for any arranged event

County Councillor West was in attendance and said that he used to work for HCC and helped stop the flooding in North Lane he said that he would try to attend meetings when he can but the council meeting clashed with the Petersfield Community Forums, of which he is Vice Chairman- if not he would submit a written report.

113/09 **FINANCE**

To receive financial statement at the ½ mark of precept The financial statement had been circulated which showed the figures at the halfway mark of the precept – the final precept payment had been received and the balance stood at £267975.88

To receive/agree list of payments Cheques totalling £1145.75 had been issued since the last meeting and cheques totalling £5317.28 were presented for payment. It was RESOLVED that the payments be duly made – the list of payments are attached to the minutes for members.

Application from Clanfield Football Club for new goalposts Clanfield Football Club have applied for a grant towards the cost of new goalposts – some damage had incurred to their existing ones by youngsters using them at

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the skate ramps. After discussion it was RESOLVED that the Council would support the Football Club to the sum of £450.00 towards replacement goalposts

Application from St Michaels and All Angels for grass cutting (precepted) An application had been received from the treasurer of St Michaels in Chalton for a grant towards the cost of churchyard upkeep as this had been earmarked in the precept it was RESOLVED that the payment of £300.00 be duly made.

114/09 **TO CONSIDER EXPENDITURE/PROJECTS FOR THE 2010/11 PRECEPT**

Members were asked to consider projects/expenditure for the next financial year – 2010/11 – as the finance working party would meet during November to bring back to the Council the proposed precept for discussion/agreement at the December Council meeting

115/09 **TO DISCUSS ISSUES REGARDING PEEL PARK**

Skate Ramp/ Skate Jam It was felt that this item had been fully discussed earlier in the meeting. Members had been sent disturbing photographs of a youth using the goalposts and jumping over a fire at the ramps which had been found on Facebook – the police were given a copy of the pictures

Play Equipment There had been some damage to the bins in the play area – one of them had been taken out of the ground – concrete base still attached – the clerk had arranged for them to be put back in situ. The clerk had received the report from the play inspector who reported that there had also been Chinese food smeared on the multi use facility. The new seats had now been installed.

Pavilion The lights had been serviced by a local contractor but were still not working correctly – clerk would arrange for a further visit. The lock on the main door required attention – clerk would arrange

CCTV The quotations for the various works had now been received and the total works would come in under budget.

116/09 **TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO PEEL PARK BYELAWS – REFER TO WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Barker had produced a copy of the peel park byelaws with possible changes – the original byelaws had not been updated since 1986, although a draft copy was done in 2006 they were not adopted by the Council at that time. It was agreed that Cllr Barker along with the Recreation working group would review the byelaws and bring proposed changes back to the full Council for final adoption in due course.

117/09 **TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CLANFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

The Chairman reported that a stress analysis had been carried out on the hall and the options are that it must be either shored up or safety fencing installed. The Trustees had met last Friday and the Chairman and Cllr Moon had attended as observers. The Chairman of Trustees had instructed engineers to put up temporary scaffolding within the hall and cross bracing would be required to support the end wall and hold in position. And once this had been done the situation would not worsen although the main hall would not be available for use and would have to be sealed off – this would still only be a temporary measure – the hall needs an estimated £40,000 + to put it right and a business plan is needed – the Trustees need to decide how to interface with the villagers. There had been no support from the insurance company so funding would need to be sought It was stated that the building was sound apart from the roof – the Trustees had to decide what to do about the building during the winter months regarding the heating/water etc. any repairs would have to be done during summer months. The Trustees now needed to decide on the next course of action and decide how to deal with this and get the hall back into use.

118/09 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON PARISH OPEN SPACES:**

STORRINGTON ROAD; A quotation had been received for works to the Green Lane/Storrington Road hedge for £380.00 + Vat – it was agreed that the quote be accepted.

SUNDERTON MEADOW; The Chairman reported that HCC had dug bore holes in the meadow with a view to addressing the drainage problems in Sunderton Lane – a proposal had been submitted for a ring soakaway pipe from Sunderton Lane and the installation of a sustainable urban drainage system – HCC would carry out the work at no cost to the Council and make good any damages and would also take responsibility for ongoing maintenance costs. Members agreed that these proposed works could proceed.

SOUTH LANE MEADOW; The headlands had now been mowed and the front hedges had been cut. It was considered that the young offenders (letter in correspondence) could be given tasks in the meadow to tidy it up. The Perspex in the noticeboard needed to be replaced.

POND; Work had been done to tidy the pond and it was stated that the reed bed does work – there were fish in the pond. The wooden walkway would need to be removed and replaced, in order to clear out the entrance gullies beneath during one of the planned clean ups.

119/09 **TO RECEIVE WORKING PARTY / COMMITTEE REPORTS**

To receive planning committee minutes; It was RESOLVED that the planning minutes be duly accepted.

Community Forum; Cllr Foster had submitted a report from the last meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for 13th October.

Newsletter; Copy for the next edition was required by the end of October

Any other Reports The Chairman reported that talks were still going on regarding the venue for the Memorial Service – the Memorial Hall was not available – there were number restrictions at Clanfield Junior School – it may be able to be held outside the church. Hopefully the decision would be made as soon as possible.

120/09 **TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE CAROL SERVICE.**

The Chairman said that the Salvation Army and the vicar have kindly agreed to participate. The event will be held on Friday the 18th December and preparations will start about three weeks earlier.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

THESE ARE A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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