

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST JAMES CHURCH HALL, CLANFIELD**  
**ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2010**  
**commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr B. Ahern Chair; Cllr K. Crookshank; Cllr M. White; Cllr. M. Nuttall; Cllr L. Barker;  
Cllr D. Newberry; Cllr P. Rodgers; Cllr B. Foster; Cllr L. Lamacraft;

In attendance: Parish Clerk Mrs Diane Duffy; PCSO Beard and 8 members of the public

17/10 **PCSO SALLY BEARD – COUNTRY WATCH**

PCSO Beard reported on the Country Watch scheme which was launched in January 2009 and has received a lot of local support with many farmers etc using radios and there is also a wide mobile messaging system. Parish clerks are informed and distribute the warnings – there are currently over 250 recipients. Many incidences are recorded and warnings circulated for things such as fly tipping, theft, poaching crop damage etc. With regards to fly tipping – any problems are passed on to EHDC and the officer responsible always acts very quickly to deal with the rubbish left. The police are keen for Country Watch service to expand and are looking to provide a higher local aerial to enable better reception for radio users. The Safer Neighbourhood team now have Blackberries and can be instantly contacted via telephone or e.mail this service will eventually expand across Hampshire as only the Safer Neighbourhood team have them at present. It is hoped that the service will expand to include stables etc – posters were left for the parish noticeboards to make people aware of the existence of Country Watch. The second newsletter is about to be issued  
The Chairman thanked PCSO Beard for the update.

18/10 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Turner who hoped to attend the meeting later

19/10 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

20/10 **TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Beard reported that the neighbouring Parishes of Horndean and Rowlands Castle had been hit really hard recently with incidences such as thefts from garden sheds and vehicles – nothing had been reported for Clanfield, but residents should still be aware. Sgt Haines was due to meet the Chairman and clerk to discuss the Skate jam. A local resident asked if he could be put on the mailing list for warnings and he said that he would distribute to his neighbours – the Neighbourhood Watch coordinators did receive them but PCSO Beard took the gentleman's details for inclusion

21/10 **TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and it was RESOLVED that they be duly signed as a correct record – the minutes included the comments submitted to EHDC on the Green Lane development proposals.

22/10 **TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE LIST**

Exchange of e-mails regarding Chairman – For info  
Clanfield Scout Group – Future Friendly awards – votes can now be submitted at [www.futurefriendly.co.uk](http://www.futurefriendly.co.uk)  
St James PCC - thank you letter for the grant for churchyard upkeep  
Dyer GMS – renewal of grass cutting contract for 2010 – no increase – agreed to continue with their services  
Clanfield Parish institute - Letter copied to all - PC agreed to rebook the blue room  
Hampshire Roamability – would like to include South Lane Meadow and Sunderton on their planned walks and have asked if they can borrow a key - agreed  
Training Session 17<sup>th</sup> May at Horndean – e.mail was sent to all – **let clerk know asap if interested**  
Butser News/ statistics./ Country Watch warnings / increase in Crimes warning  
Various items from Mr Vincent regarding the Green Lane application including site assessment, notes from PC meeting – also comments submitted from other residents on the proposals on file  
Community Volunteer Awards – Mr and Mrs Barden have been nominated  
CPRE invite to South Downs National Park Celebration – contact clerk for details  
Ministry of Justice – questionnaire for completion  
Horndean Technology College – Joint Management Committee papers

Correspondence contd.....

Southsea Town Council – asking for support as the Portsmouth Council are trying to shut them down

**EHDC** - Use of Developers Contributions – new path at peel park - up to £2000 granted (now applied for)

- Road Safety Council asking for a representative – anyone interested please contact clerk

- Dog Fouling – request for problem areas

- Culture in The park; - Licensing minor variations; - Bulletin; - Standards committee minutes

**HCC** - Sunderton Lane Drainage proposals

**HALC** - Updates; Survey letter to Chairman; Training Events/ Calendar changes

**SLCC** - Practitioners Conference; Regional Conference

**CPRE** – Info; Walks and Talks programme

Community First East hants

Rural Service networks papers – Local food Study

Playsafe Course info; Lexis Nexis – Licensing Law Conference

Some of the above have been received by e.mail

Docs: Community Action News; Communique; The Playing Field; Whats On; HTC news; EHDC Press Releases

### **OPEN FORUM 7.28 p.m.**

R Howes asked for Cllr Payne to be thanked for arranging for the South Lane ditches to be cleared; Mr Barden thanked people who had voted for the Scout Group in their quest for a Future Friendly award; He also reported that, following concerns raised from building the new Scout hut, residents could, as he had done, make a case regarding charges made by Southern Water for storm water when there were soakaways – residents should call S. Water to state their individual case – Mr Barden was asked if he could forward information on this for inclusion on the parish website and newsletter; a resident raised an issue regarding the cycle racks installed by the Pure Wine Bar – incorrectly installed; Issues were raised regarding the Green Lane Development proposals: need to resolve existing drainage problems; Mr Vincent raised concerns over housing assessments which stated that the site could house 388 dwellings and there were other areas identified for potential development in the village – he said that Valerie Dobson from EHDC would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss these issues. The Chairman said that the issue had been raised last year and it was understood that these sites were under review within the Strategic Gap policies – an EHDC representative had said that once Green Lane was released nothing major would be considered in Clanfield until at least 2026; there was concern that things were being included on the DC website with no notification and that it was not an easy site to find information; R. Howes suggested that as 40% of the housing would be affordable could one be earmarked for a police house - the Dev. Brief included a requirement for a Community Support Officer; Cllr Barker asked Mr Barden if he could produce an article on how the energy saving measures were running at the Scout hut; Cllr Foster raised concerns regarding circulation of e-mails not being made public – he was asked for examples; Cllr White thanked the Chairman for raising issues at the recent Green Lane site visit; Cllr Rodgers suggested that all PC meetings should start at 7.00 p.m. for consistency – it was agreed meetings would commence at 7.15 p.m.

### **MEETING RECONVENED 7.55 P.M.**

#### **23/10 TO UPDATE ON THE GREEN LANE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS INCLUDING SITE VISIT REPORT**

A site meeting had been held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February EHDC planners and Councillors were surprised at the strength of feeling in the village, with many residents in attendance. It was reported that the Care/Nursing home which had been included in the application had been withdrawn and the agents were to submit revised plans in the next few weeks. The earliest the proposals could be presented at a District Council meeting would be April. The Section 106 agreement now had to be produced. It was reported that the residents and Council are united in their views and concerns with the need to provide more open space and the concerns over parking, flooding etc.

#### **24/10 TO RECEIVE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS MONTHLY REPORTS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Payne – clerk read her written report: thank you to all those who attended the Green Lane site visit – she has never seen such a huge turnout nor such a productive audience, whilst remaining neutral, it was clear that there was a great deal of relief among residents that the nursing home had been withdrawn – members of the Parish Council raised particularly valid points, particularly relating to access and flooding; following the budget meeting the council decided to increase its Council Tax by 2.9%, HCC went for 1.9% - it was clear from both meetings that future government funding for Local councils would be tighter as a result of the economic downturn; reported on the Future Friendly competition for the Scouts;

Apologies were received from Cllr Moon – clerk read his report: the Green Lane site visit clearly demonstrated the issues, concerns and views of Clanfield residents which have been taken on board by the EHDC Councillors present; the Chairman and clerk were to meet planners shortly – he anticipates that there will be further meetings with the landowners agent

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following this meeting; Cllr Payne and he had briefly discussed the application and would be meeting shortly to discuss their strategy for the hearing of the application ensuring that they take into accounts all of the concerns; the Memorial Hall is progressing; the EHDC element of the budget results in a increase of 7 pence per week for a band D property. No report had been received from Cllr West who was on holiday

25/10 **FINANCE**

To receive financial statement The March financial statement had been circulated to members showing a closing balance of £239491.41

To receive list of payments Cheques totalling £8058.94 had been issued since the last meeting. Cheques totalling £3895.34 were presented for payment. It was RESOLVED that the all of the payments be duly made – the payment for the completion of the CCTV system had been issued but due to contractors delays had not yet been paid over – this would be released on satisfactory completion of works. The list of payments attached to the minutes for members.

Application for funding assistance from Clanfield Memorial Hall The hall committee had submitted a request for £6,240 funding assistance to enable them to continue to hire the supporting scaffolding for a further 6 months. It was stated that a small amount of funds were available which could be used. After discussion it was RESOLVED that the Council would support the committee to the sum of £5000

To consider donation to St James for hall use No charges had been made to the Council for the use of the hall for the past year and as there was precepted funds available for hall use members considered a one off payment for the use of the facility. It was duly RESOLVED that a payment of £150.00 be made to St James.

26/10 **TO CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL RE: CATHERINGTON DOWN**

A letter had been received from Horndean Parish Council stating that as there would be no future funding assistance available from HCC for the upkeep of Catherington Down would the Parish Council consider and annual payment for assisting with this. Members discussed the request and it was considered that, although sympathetic, the Council had responsibility for areas within their own parish and could not offer any financial assistance. However, it would be stated that if volunteers were needed they could advertise within Clanfield as there was an excellent response to such requests – clerk would respond accordingly.

27/10 **TO UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN ACTIONS**

Cllr Newberry had been following up on several issues raised in the Parish Plan. He had made enquiries regarding the provision of toilet facilities in the Drift Road area – providing a self cleaning toilet which would be male/female suitable and complying with the DDA would cost £75,000 if within 150 yards of the services – it would need to be serviced regularly and are known as magnets for vandals so security cameras may be required. A toilet that needs to be cleaned would cost approximately £30,000 - £40,000. The Parish plan produced figures of 58% for and 42% against with 20% no opinion as the need is not overwhelming would the costs be justified. Some businesses provide the use of toilet facilities – the Doctors is available but not widely advertised. Cllr Newberry made enquiries regarding restoring Clanfield and Chalton to the village postal address – in view of the local strength of feeling they Royal Mail would consider and application to include the names as additional locality information – they would need to write to every household for opinion – Cllr Newberry was asked to follow up on this. He had also made enquiries regarding the provision of a Centralised Mail/Parcel Collection Point –finding a company who offers this - a local shop would be registered as a collection point – the individual registers with a company and is informed by text/e.mail when the parcel has arrived – once identity has been confirmed and paying £1, of which 46p goes to the shop the parcel can be taken – could be possible for a local shop to run their own service and collect 60p all of which they keep, this could also benefit their own shop. He looked at Mobile and Internet Broadband coverage – suggesting a newsletter/website article asking for residents to report any problems experienced and advise which area and which provider. Cllr Newberry was thanked for carrying out these early investigations.

28/10 **TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CLANFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

The Chairman updated members on the situation with regards to the Memorial Hall – a meeting is scheduled for the following day, with the Chairman acting as an observer, to discuss the draft constitution. It was felt that providing the Trustees accepted changes to the constitution and that it embraced all possible village requirements the task of fund raising would be easier, without such a change it could be more difficult – there were already three local people who have volunteered services and /or equipment. It was hoped that £10,000 could be made available from the EHDC Leader Fund if they could secure match funding and things were looking very promising – if all goes well then the project could commence by the end of April.

Memorial Hall update contd...

As many of the existing tiles as possible would be saved for re-use – the costs would be for materials, scaffolding and the cover required whilst the work is being done.

29/10 **TO DISCUSS ISSUES REGARDING PEEL PARK**

Skate Ramp The contractor was waiting for better weather before commencing the work to the ramp.

Play Equipment nothing to report

Pavilion Nothing to report

CCTV update The system was due for completion on Thursday. The invoices would be sent to EHDC for release of Developers Contributions – there was a cabinet being installed to house the equipment and once done this would complete the project. Cllr Rodgers asked if the cameras could be demonstrated.

Clanfield Football Club – hard standing/ barrier An application had been received from Clanfield Football Club to proceed with their plans to install a barrier and hard standing along one side of the senior pitch – the draft agreement which had been drawn up in 2007 had been circulated to members – it was agreed that some of the clauses needed to be reviewed – with regards to the application it was considered that the FC be asked to look into installing a mesh pathway which would have minimal impact and could be extended to the skate ramps. The FC must ensure that they make any contractor aware of the buried cables following the recent CCTV installation and that there is sufficient room for a path and barriers to be installed – they must also look into where they will be storing the removable barriers

30/10 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON PARISH OPEN SPACES:**

STORRINGTON ROAD Nothing to report

SUNDERTON MEADOW The HCC drainage work had commenced. As agreed at the last meeting the grass would now be cut three times per year – a costing for this had been submitted - £65.00 per visit - this was agreed.

SOUTH LANE MEADOW The Trustees had met and the minutes of the meeting had been distributed – the scouts hoped to run a car boot sale in April and the Fun Fair would be on site from 6<sup>th</sup> April for one week

POND Work was required to the pond in the next couple of months. The Chairman reported that there had been an issue with regards to the ownership of the land to the rear of the pond – there had been some trees cut down and a fence recently installed – the residents deeds showed his registered boundary line which was now clearly defined. The Chairman reported that the resident was still happy to allow cables etc for the Carol Service lighting to cross his land.

31/10 **TO RECEIVE WORKING PARTY / COMMITTEE REPORTS**

To receive planning committee minutes; It was RESOLVED that they be accepted. The next planning meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Community Forum; Cllr Foster would attend – the Council had an application pending for Developers Contributions for the skate ramp work – the details were included in the agenda for the meeting

Newsletter; The newsletter had now been produced and would be delivered within the next week or two – the Chairman thanked Cllr Turner for delaying the Spring edition so as to include the comments etc for the Green lane Development

Any Other Reports No Other Reports

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April following the Annual Parish Meeting

THESE ARE A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Signed.....

Dated.....

