

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sway Parish Council held on Thursday 22nd September 2016 at the Jubilee Field Pavilion, Station Road, Sway at 7:30pm

Attendance:

Barry Rickman (Chair)
David Golby (Vice Chair)
Peter Dance
Ted Fleat
Anita Gresham- Hale
Hugh Marchant
Alex Pepper
Melanie Seacombe
Stephen Tarling
Len Thomas
Graham Turner
John Warden

Italics indicates not present.

Also in attendance: Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer David Edwards, Sway News and twelve members of the public.

PC 16/103 Apologies

Councillor Golby advised that he had received apologies from Councillor Gresham-Hale.

PC 16/104 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st July and Matters Arising

The minutes of the Meeting held on 25th August 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Golby reported that Sway Relief in Sickness Fund had agreed to fund two additional portable defibrillators for the first responder team and as a consequence, no funding was now required from the Parish Council. In total there were four available defibrillators in Sway and it was not felt necessary to increase this number.

The Clerk reported that investigations had been made in relation to the cost of replacing the tractor. A quote of £9,995 had been received which included a part-exchange allowance for the existing tractor. It was agreed that two further quotes should be obtained and the matter placed on the agenda for a meeting at the next Parish Council Meeting.

PC16/105 Report by County Councillor Ken Thornber

Councillor Thornber was unable to attend the meeting.

PC 16/106 Chairman's Report

The Chair advised that NFDC were undertaking a review of their recycling centres across the New Forest where there were currently over a hundred. Use of a number of centres had declined as a consequence of other services being available (such as glass collection). The recycling centre by the Youth Centre in Sway was one of the ones that was likely to be at risk. The Chair advised that he would argue for its retention but was not optimistic that he would be successful.

PC 16/107 Correspondence and Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised that he had received final recommendations for the boundary changes for elections to Hampshire County Council. Copies were available if anyone wished to consult them.

One of the ropes on the climbing frame has come away. It had been hoped to have had this repaired last week, but the handyman did not have the appropriate spare parts. An order has been placed with the suppliers but they have advised this could take three to four weeks. Notices have been placed on the climbing frame together with barrier tape to discourage use. The notices have already had to be replaced once and the barrier tape cut through. The Clerk recommended that more substantial barriers should be hired until the frame is repaired and this was agreed.

PC 16/108 Allotments

The rents for the allotments are due to be reviewed with effect from 1st October 2016. A paper setting out some options regarding this had been circulated by the Clerk. At the invitation of the Chair, Roger Dew – Chair of the Allotment Association gave his views. Roger Dew advised that the allotment holders were keen to install additional fencing to keep rabbits out of the allotments. They recognised there would be a cost to this and Roger Dew undertook to ascertain what that might be. The Allotment Society was shortly to hold its AGM and Roger Dew suggested that any increase in rent should be commensurate with the cost of the additional fencing. Roger Dew advised that this was due to be discussed at the AGM and suggested that a decision on the increase in rent should be deferred until the next parish Council Meeting by which time the Allotment Society would have held its AGM. This was unanimously agreed.

PC 16/109 Finance

Payment Schedule for September 2016

- The payment schedule as previously circulated and annexed hereto was proposed for approval by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Dance and unanimously approved.

Adoption of NALC's Model Financial Regulations

- An amended copy of the regulations had been circulated prior to the meeting showing a number of minor amendments which it was proposed to make. Councillor Golby proposed that The Model Financial Regulations as amended be adopted by the Council. This was seconded by Councillor Turner and unanimously approved. Councillor Golby thanked Councillor Tarling for the work he had done to review the Model Financial Regulations and identify any changes that needed to be made.

16/110 Amenities Update

- **Feedback from the Jubilee Field User Group Meeting**

The most recent meeting had been attended by the Clerk together with Councillors Fleat and Thomas. The Clerk explained that at the meeting the question of the Jubilee Field liquor licence had been raised. The Jubilee Field User Group noted that at the July meeting of the Parish Council, no decision had been taken regarding any application to extend the current permitted hours nor had any decision been made regarding an application to lift the current restriction on allowing children to be present in the pavilion when alcohol was served. At the July meeting the Council had asked the Clerk to ascertain the level of support for making these applications. The Jubilee Field User Group's unanimous position was that it was strongly in favour of making an application to extend the current permitted hours and to lift the restriction regarding children and urged the Parish Council to proceed with both.

Concerns were expressed regarding an extension to the currently permitted hours under the licence. Councillor Fleat was in favour but the majority view was opposed to this. It was, however, agreed that an application should be made to lift the restriction on the presence of children when alcohol was being served. This was proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Marchant and unanimously agreed.

The User Group had also expressed concerns about dogs being walked on Jubilee Field. The current notices forbidding dogs were not always being obeyed. The User Group asked if the Parish Council would consider erecting larger more prominent notices. Whilst Councillors were sympathetic it was felt that other ways of publicising the problem might be more effective. The possibility of something in Sway News would be explored and the situation would generally be kept under review.

- **Stanford Rise Update**

The Clerk advised that he was still waiting for a response from NFDC to the planned drainage works.

PC 16/111 Planning and Transport Committee Report

Councillor Tarling reported on the Planning and Transport Committee Meeting which took place on 8th September 2016.

By way of an update, the application for new kennels at Fyre Stychen (16/00553) which had proved quite controversial was refused.

The Committee had been due to consider six planning applications and two certificates for lawful development. Two of the planning applications had, however, been deferred to the next meeting (16/00728-Shelley's Cottages) and 16/00676 Boundway Gate). Of the others, the Committee had recommended refusal for application no's 16/00659 Durnston and 16/00680 Mimosa. The Committee had recommended that permission should be granted, subject to conditions for application no's 16/00675 – 45 Oakenbrow, 16/00669 Peartree Cottage.

Of the two applications for certificates of lawful development, the Committee had no comments regarding the certificate for Application No 16/00720 – North Lodge Barrows. With regard to application No 16/00695 – Merrifield, the Committee had originally recommended refusal on the grounds that they were not convinced the property had been continually used as a holiday let for ten years. Further evidence had been submitted (copies of a visitors' book) and the Committee had been asked if they wished to review their decision in the light of this evidence. After discussing the new evidence, by a majority, it was decided to change the response to the following:

“5. We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.”

It was also agreed that as part of the response the Council's disappointment at the loss of another agricultural property.

Councillor Tarling had also recently attended a meeting of NFNPA's Planning and Development Control Committee and reported on the following matters:

16/00457 Coombe Grange Rest Home was postponed by unanimous agreement of the PDCC, to give the officers and applicants a chance for further negotiation – basically to get the so-call 'Starter Homes' closer to 'Affordable Housing'. Councillor Tarling had encouraged the NFNPA to impose conditions or s106 agreements to ensure these go to local first-time buyers, remain as starter homes as long as possible, and fit within the 'small dwellings' category.

16/00551 Lyndale –Sway's recommendations were ignored last time and ignored this time; with just one vote to refuse: that of Harry Oram the Southwest

Quadrant rep. The neighbour spoke well, but since the NFNPA Officer had recommended granting last time they did so again. Unfortunately even Sway's plea to add conditions removing further permitted development rights and demolishing existing outbuildings before new development starts, were ignored.

Councillor Tarling drew the Council's attention to two other matters. Firstly, Wiggle had recently changed the route of their week-end event so that it now ran through Sway.

Lastly, he had submitted comments regarding the NFDC's draft local plan. The main concern was in relation to the pressure additional housing would impose on local services.

Dog litter bin on the Manchester Road

It was agreed that the Clerk would make an application for an additional dog litter bin on the Manchester Road.

PC16/112 Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk reported that he had made an application for the road opposite the war memorial to be closed for an hour on November 13th between 10:30am and 11:30am. Councillor Dance advised that he believed that the signs used last year would still be available.

PC 16/112 Items for the Next Agenda

No items were identified other than those already referred to.

PC16/113 Any Other Business

Councillor Seacombe asked the Clerk to raise the issue of the oak tree planted in the hedge abutting Station Road with the contractor who cut it down and ask if they will plant a replacement.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 27th October at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

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Chairman

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