

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL, SAXON WOOD
SCHOOL ON MONDAY 1 MARCH 2010 COMMENCING AT 19.45**

Present: Cllrs Adlam (DA), Cavalier (RC), Cordner (AC), P Dobing (PD), R Dobing RD), Lewis-Grey(JLG), Miller (Chairman) (CM), Statham (CS) & Parkinson (JP).

In Attendance: 2 members of the public
No member of the Press
Parish Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from B. Cllr Cherrett (KC), C. Cllr Reid (SR). The Clerk is to contact PC Hoile.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Clerk declared an interest in Agenda Item 7(b): Payments for Approval.

3. MINUTES

42/10 It was
RESOLVED to receive, confirm the accuracy of, and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2010

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At 20:03, the meeting recessed into open forum and resumed at 20:30. A record of the discussion which followed is contained in Appendix B to these Minutes.

5. REPORTS & FEEDBACK: BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND THE POLICE.

Due to pressing business at the District Council, neither SR nor KC was able to be present. The Chairman read a written report from KC which is reproduced at Appendix A to these Minutes.

6. PLANNING:

a. New Applications:

(i)	BDB/71778	Basingstoke Hospital: Relief of condition 2 of planning permission BDB71172 to allow the extension of time limit for the removal of the temporary building	No objection
(ii)	BDB/71862	2 Knowle Road: Erection of an orangery to rear elevation (Amended plans)	No objection

b. Planning Decisions:

(i)	BDB/71767	Land At Park Prewett Hospital, Aldermaston Road: Erection of building forming community centre with associated car parking and new access: GRANTED	Noted
(ii)	BDB/71573	North Hampshire Hospital, Aldermaston Road: Display of 4 no. non-illuminated fascia signs: GRANTED	Noted
(iii)	BDB/71778	North Hampshire Hospital: Relief of condition 2 of planning permission BDB71172 to allow the extension of time limit for the removal of the temporary building: GRANTED	Noted

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Financial Reports 2009/2010

A financial report to mid end February 2010 was noted.

(b) Payments for Approval

43/10 RESOLVED It was to approve the following payments:

CQ No	Payee	Service	Amount
0213	R Darley	Salary & office expenses Q4	£808.82
0214	HMRC	PAYE on salary Q4	£181.66
0215	Saxon Wood School	Hall Hire February 2010	£50.00
0216	J Lewis Grey	Expenses	£24.56
		Total	£1065.04

8. ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AD reported that a Disco will be held on 10 April, Woodland Walk on 8 May, Summer Fair on 10 July, and that Play Schemes are planned during school holidays. Dog walking events are also planned. An updated map of Rooksdown has been produced in colour and black & white.

10. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

None received prior to the meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence had been circulated to Members and copies of those for discussion, issued with the Agenda were noted.

44/10 RESOLVED It was to press for footway access at three points from Rooksdown to the footway leading to Winklebury via the underpass as requested by a resident.

45/10 RESOLVED It was to publish information regarding the NSPCC’s Helpline on the website.

Confirmation of insurance cover on the kick-about area was noted. The clerk reported that holes had been filled in and it was agreed that JLG would seek 3 quotations for replacement of defective fencing, with a view to replacement before Easter.

12. MATTERS FOR REPORT

- a. Reports from Working Parties
Newsletter: A draft had been circulated earlier in the meeting.
- b. **Youth:** the Clerk agreed to be on hand to open and close up the hall after the youth disco on 10 April.
- c. **Open Spaces:** (i) The Clerk undertook to prepare and circulate a notification/consultation letter to neighbouring residents regarding the installation of seats in Mill Road Play Area. (ii) Concern was expressed about the increased level of dog-fouling. The A339 bridges (the Clerk will place signs on the bridges) and Peggs Way/Crondall Clerk (Clerk to identify and contact the offending resident) were specifically mentioned. (iii) The Clerk is to ascertain whether litter/waste bins can be provided prior to adoption of the new areas of the parish.
- d. **Other matters for report:** (i) JLG reported on the Gold Rings event which she and RD had attended. Gold, Olympic and African themes are planned. (ii) JLG also attended an event at the Firestation aimed at improvement community safety confidence, with particular emphasis on Neighbourhood Watch.

15. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/CLERK

RC asked whether HCA/TW could be pressed to undertake remedial work on potholes, particularly where trenches had been dug for street lighting.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Future meetings are: Monday 29 March, 26 April and 24 May 2010. The Annual Parish Meeting will also be held on Monday 24 May 2010

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22:09.

Date.....

Chairman.....

Update from Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett

Community Facility Progress

The planning application for the community building has been approved and the council is now in the process of securing the contracts necessary to progress the commissioning of works.

As previously reported the funding for the community building depends on release of S106 monies from the developers. To date the monies for pre-application works and progress through planning have been forward funded by BDBC following our collective lobbying. Whilst the council remains prepared to forward fund the next preparatory stages BDBC have continued to pressure the developers to make good on their S106 obligations. Recent indications have been encouraging and I will update you when there is definite news on payment.

Southern Area planning application

The anticipated planning application has been submitted and is open for comment. The Parish Council has already submitted pre application views and I assume will progress these views to ensure they are taken account of in the final plans. As before the primary areas of comment are:

- adequacy of parking
- provision of usable open space
- street and path lighting
- flow of traffic
- design integrity of the circus

Vitelius Gardens bus stop

The resident who has previously brought complaints about the bus stop before the Parish Council has asked to be given details of the HCC passenger transport group and the bus companies to petition for its removal. I have provided the contact details to the resident.

I have also notified the providers that the matter has been discussed several times at Parish Council and the current view is that the bus stop is well used. I have asked that the Parish Council be kept informed of progress and consulted before any decisions are taken by the County or bus companies.

Parking concerns: Mill Road and Barron Place (Saxon Wood)

The damage caused to the grass verge at the entrance to Mill Road is causing resident concern. Likewise the daytime parking around Saxon Wood School by staff and visitors is becoming a nuisance to residents.

I have previously suggested one way to deal with these issues locally at first is for the Parish to write to residents (and perhaps the school head) to seek their co-operation with maintaining the safe and sightly use of the area. Inviting local residents to deal with the problem remains a preferred course of action rather than immediate enforcement. However if the Parish do not wish to consider this I will of course take the matter up and refer the parking concerns for potential enforcement action. However a record of persistent complaint would help to support enforcement and I would thus ask that complaints are logged via 101 in order to register these concerns.

Other progress with the development

BDBC officers are continuing to meet with developers and discuss the whole range of issues affecting the completion of the area. Current hot topics include:

- Sluicing of lorries (primarily Wooldridge contractor vehicles) – is happening in the southern core causing run off of diluted cement onto the bridle path is causing real annoyance and anger amongst residents using the bridle way. The matter has been referred to TW via the BDBC officers to stop the sluicing and restore the bridle path which has suffered damage as a result
- Release of land for play space – a letter detailing the works required to be carried out by the developers to enable adoption of the green space (by the Pavilion) was sent to TW in November.
- Transfer of community trust funds – discussions are ongoing and we remain on course for a conclusion this summer.....fingers crossed!
- Pavilions maintenance – the work schedule agreed at the end of last year should progress with the milder weather
- Un-landscaped land in Cutting Drive – confirmation has been received that the area will be landscaped this spring.

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- Through traffic and road closure – Peggs Way and Rooksdown Avenue passing by Harness House remain the priority for re-surfacing and completion prior to planned adoption of this section of the site (perhaps as early as next year).
- Progress of street lighting – Nigel Phillips (TW) confirms that the trenches have been dug in preparation for the power supplier to come and do the necessary connections. It appears that the continuing delay is with the power suppliers who were originally meant to start back in October. TW are aware that this is their own problem to solve and are continuing to chase their contractors on the matter.
- Site for PCT surgery – the PCT continue to report a willingness to resolve the site but it seems that the Rooksdown Practice representatives have been unavailable for the past two meetings. BDBC officers are trying to re-set dates when everyone can get around the table and resolve the site and timelines for build.

I will continue to provide updates on these topics at the next and future meetings.

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Open Forum

Residents sought an update on various issues:

Provision of Retail Units: Information regarding retailers interested in trading in Rooksdown has been provided to T/W. T/W is still trying to secure a major retailer.

Bus Lane: the “bus lane” referred to is the constriction point on Park Prewett Road which will limit access to buses and principally service vehicles – as it will incorporate a “sump-buster” meaning that all but the latter vehicles will not be able to pass over it. That will be incorporated when the top dressing is laid on the road surfaces.

Traffic Calming Measures: It was recognised that some existing “speed humps” are particularly high (principally on Peggs Way). These will be reduced to a more acceptable height when the top dressing is laid on the road surfaces.

Car Noise: complaints were received about noisy cars in the Spinney/Moths Grace/Peggs Way area – particularly racing through the Moths Grace rat-run. Attempts are to be made to identify these vehicles so that appropriate action can be taken.

Trees: children are climbing in newly planted trees. Action to be taken to prevent damage – notices etc.

Bollards: The point was made that there are bollards obstructing access via the footway at Harness Court; why not in Moths Grace?