

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL, SAXON WOOD
SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 22 JULY 2008 COMMENCING AT 19.30**

Present: Cllrs Adlam, Cordner, P. Dobing, R Dobing, Lewis Grey, Miller (Chairman), Phipps, Statham (19:42 to 22:30).

In Attendance: 1 member of the public.
County Cllr Reid
Borough Councillor K Cherrett
PC Ian Hoile
Parish Clerk

Invited Guests Mrs J Balcombe, BDBC & Mr Oliver Shirley, Consultant.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Uzzell, who had also advised the Clerk of her resignation as a councillor.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Clerk declared an interest in Item 8(b) – payments.

3. MINUTES

14/09 It was
RESOLVED to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2008.

**4a. PRESENTATION BY BDBC ON SECTION 106 CONTRIBUTIONS & PROGRESS
REGARDING THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN ROOKSDOWN**

Mrs Balcombe reported that the trigger point for payment of S106 funds by the developer had been reached and that a request had been made for payment. A paper is to go to Cabinet seeking approval to commission an architect to take the project forward. The timetable envisages a decision by Christmas 2008 and a submission for planning approval in Spring 2009. The current level of funds available for the project is £1.3million less £45k utilised for the Sherborne St John hall and £6k architect's fees. There may be potential for using some of this capital funding for revenue funding purposes. C.Cllr Reid said that he was not impressed with the earlier proposal to use S106 capital money for revenue purposes.

4b. CONSULTANCY

Oliver Shirley referred to a paper he had written about a month earlier. He added that in addition to S106 funds, there was other money available for community development. He felt that there were conflicts developing in Rooksdowm and that the way forward should be determined in terms of organisation and strategy for example it was intended that there should be an estate management organisation established by the developers. He felt it was important to establish formal membership, tie in sub-groups etc. The need to connect with youth and other users and to unify all the sub-areas of Rooksdowm was recognised. Mrs Balcombe said that some work on this had already been done by her colleague Mrs Pearcey and suggested that Oliver Shirley should liaise with her on this.

15/09 It was
RESOLVED to advise Oliver Shirley Associates that no further work was to be undertaken under his consultancy until advised otherwise.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At 8:30 the meeting recessed into open forum and reconvened at 8:40. A report is contained in Appendix A to these Minutes.

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

B Cllr Cherrett's report is at Appendix B to these minutes.

County Cllr Reid reported the adoption of various streets in Rooksdown. There were still several yet to be adopted because of problems of wayleaves. The new footbridge adoption had not yet been completed, but some footpaths had. The problem of flooding on the A339 roundabout gateway to Rooksdown had still not been resolved.

7. PLANNING

15/09 It was
RESOLVED to note and comment as follows on planning applications/decisions received:

a. New Applications:

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| (i) | BDB/68931 | Land At Park Prewett Hospital Conversion of existing tower to form 5 no. one bedroom dwellings including partial demolition and front and side extensions | Repeat comments on past applications on this site re parking. |
| (ii) | BDB/69156 | 26 Barron Place: Erection of a single storey side extension | No objection |

Planning Decisions:

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| (i) | BDB/68148 | North Hampshire Hospital: Extension to existing car park to provide 192 additional car parking spaces: GRANTED | Noted |
| (ii) | BDB/68269 | 31 Watertower Way: Erection of a conservatory to the rear of the property: GRANTED | Noted |
| (iii) | BDB/68857 | The Ark Conference Centre: Erection of a storage container (retrospective): GRANTED | Noted |

The Clerk reported that no response had yet been received regarding an invitation to BDBC's planning department to attend an RPC meeting to outline the planning process for new councillors.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT & PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

Financial Reports 2008/2009

A financial report to the mid July 2008 was noted.

Payments for Approval

16/09 It was
RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

CQ No	Payee	Service	Amount
150	Saxonwood School	Hall hire July 2008	£50.00
151	R Darley	Mileage & admin expenses (£55.60 + £47.21)	£102.81
152	Greenbarnes Ltd	Supply of Notice Board	£1272.40
153	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Act Renewal Fee	£35.00
154	Oliver Shirley & Associates	Consultancy fee Inv 8016	£495.00
Total			£1,955.21

9. ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The RCA Chairman reported that:

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(i) The summer fayre went well. Deputy Mayor and Mayoress attended. Puppet Show by Denis from the Children's Centre, stocks by Headway and Mock Cocktails from Community Wardens. Profit made and June Balcombe agreed to cover half the cost of the bouncy castle.

(ii) The Play Council would be holding play sessions on the Green during the first week of August.

(iii) The Community Wardens would be running football sessions at 4pm on Wednesdays over the holidays.

(iv) The next event was to be a Quiz Night in October

9. CORRESPONDENCE

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

It was noted that the Information Commissioner had announced arrangements for a New Publication Scheme under Freedom of Information legislation to be introduced as from January 2009.

**17/09
RESOLVED** It was the Clerk will take the necessary steps to draft and have approved a new RPC Publication Scheme under FOI legislation to be in place as from January 2009.

**18/09
RESOLVED** It was that the Clerk would draft a response to the BDBC consultation "How to make the CEEF (POPPI) Grant more attractive for applicants."

**19/09
RESOLVED** It was that the Clerk would obtain a supply of 100 of the HCC booklets "Buy with Confidence".

**20/09
RESOLVED** It was that the Clerk would investigate what is involved in setting up a "No Cold Calling Zone".

**21/09
RESOLVED** It was that the Clerk would investigate the prospect of the use of the Basingstoke shuttle bus to take Rooksdown children to school.

11. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/REPORT/DECISION

- a. Streetcare Working Group (Cllrs R & P Dobing, Phipps & Cordner).
- b. Youth facilities Working Group (Cllrs Adlam, Statham & Cordner).
- c. Communication/Newsletter Working Group (Cllrs Lewis Grey, Ray Dobing, Mrs G Dady & Mr T Botten).

**21/09
RESOLVED** It was that the Clerk would arrange initial meetings of the Youth Working Group at the home of Cllr Statham, the Communications/Newsletter Group at Cllr Lewis- Grey's and the Planning Working Group and the Streetcare Working Group at the Clerk's home.
d Any other matters: there were none.

12. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Adlam/Lewis-Grey: Headway House management had indicated that they would be prepared to have RPC meetings held there.

Cllr Miller: reported a minor incidence of theft- flower pots.

Cllr Cordner: expressed concern that residents in Basswood Drive were leaving bins and other rubbish out for several days. Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Lewis-Grey: had obtained information regarding provision of seats which might be sited in the parish. Clerk to include in main agenda of the September meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 22 September 2008. Further meetings will be held on 24 November 2008, (at which the 2009/2010 Budget & Precept will be set), 26 January, 23 February & 23 March 2009.

The meetings closed at 21:10

Date.....

Chairman.....

Open Forum

In response to a question from a resident, the Clerk explained the arrangements for developers designating green areas in their planning applications and why the new bridge had been built over the A339.

Borough Councillor's Report

Parish Update from Borough Councillor

Speed on Rooksdown Avenue

Cllr Reid has offered to consider funding of a flashing warning sign and we are waiting guidelines from HCC re its use and placement before purchase goes ahead. In funding the sign, Cllr Reid would expect the sign to be used across his three wards of Buckskin, Rooksdown and Winklebury.

I am told that the guidance will be provided to Parishes this month and am waiting for a copy. Once we have the guidance and have considered its implications the Parish should apply to Cllr Reid for funding.

Parking at Barron Place

Further to resident enquiries re parking at Barron Place, adjacent to Saxon Wood School entrance, I have made a number of enquires of the County and Borough teams. The bottom line is that the issue is the same as reported upon last month re Mill Road when I provided an update of the parking review in the Rooksdown area. As we know, demand for parking has simply outstripped supply. We are well aware that this is due to the density of the development and the reality that most households now have access to more than one vehicle.

The budget received from Hampshire County Council for the purpose of introducing parking controls is directed towards the most problematic roads as a priority. The priority sites are then considered for inclusion on the County Council's annual works programme. This year's programme has already been agreed. I have already asked Rooksdown to be looked at next year and have agreement in principle to do this but funding will only follow if we are seen as a priority area. To become a priority we have to demonstrate the need and there is currently little if any record of parking complaints with the Police or Councils.

The Borough Council is only able to take enforcement action where there are parking controls in place. In addition, it is felt that in the absence of alternative parking facilities at Barron Place any proposal for yellow lines would most probably inconvenience residents and is likely to be opposed by them. Parking controls would not be considered appropriate for Barron Place, according to the BDBC team.

The police do have powers to deal with obstruction and parking on verges but we need to consider the overall impact of this before asking for greater enforcement i.e. only seeking enforcement with residents who park indiscriminately and block footways to the detriment of pedestrians.

Perhaps we could consider what measures can be taken jointly with the Parish Council to seek the co-operation of residents in parking considerately.

Aldermaston Triangle goes to Development Control

A site visit was held on 18th July and the matter goes before DC this week – 23rd at 6.30pm Issues raised on behalf of the area are:

- Increased rat running
- Lack of infrastructure
- Disruption to residents and especially the hospice
- Car parking provision and conflict with hospital parking
- Impact on community facilities and overall development
- Density of small dwelling housing already in Rooksdown

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If consent is given assurances are being sought that these issues will be properly taken into account and responded to e.g. in how pathways are routed and noise barriers erected during and after development

Community event

Congratulations to all on another successful summer event. Once again it seemed that everyone had a great day out. For a small community event to raise the attention of an MP, County and Borough Councillors and the deputy Mayor and Mayoress is a sign of the increasing profile of Rooksdown and hopefully will reap rewards for all of the hard work.

Adoption of roads

It is pleasing to confirm the adoption of Mill Road, Vespasian Gardens, Julius Close, Rooksdown Avenue. As a result the faulty street lights can now be reported via Hantsweb and I have logged a series of issues this week for attention.

The pathway behind Mill Road remains an area of debate in which Cllr Reid and I are pressing, as does the remaining roads in Highpath Way, Trenchmead Gardens, English Wood, Balsan Close.

Community consultation and facilities

Aside from the officer report at the Parish meeting tonight, it is confirmed that a report goes before Cabinet on 29th July to enable advance drawn down of funds to begin design work and consultation on such.

Correspondence between BDBC and the developers to confirm progress on their payment of S106 monies continues.

Whether or not any temporary facility will be made available depends more on availability of land than funds. This matter is being discussed with the developers and Maria Miller MP has offered to actively support any dialogue aimed at getting facilities (surgery, shops and community centre) if she can be of help. She has already met with the PCT to discuss the surgery position.

Surgery land

I am still waiting a reply from the PCT re the prospect of using the vacated surgery land.

Maria Miller, Basingstoke MP, has met with the PCT and also raised the issue of lack of permanency of surgery facilities in Rooksdown.

Trees and bins

I am waiting for a date for the siting of the new bins.

I am also progress chasing the cutting of shrubbery butting onto cycle / pathways and play areas as the recent wet and warm weather has created excess growth yet again.

The saga of tree ownership at Nightingale and Barron continues and is now with the BDBC legal team to resolve with the Land Registry so that action can be taken once and for all.