

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL, SAXON WOOD SCHOOL ON  
MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 19.30**

**Present:** Cllrs Cavalier, Cordner, R Dobing, P Dobing, Lewis-Grey, Miller (Chairman), & Statham, C. Cllr Reid, B. Cllr Cherrett.

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Adlam. County Cllr Reid.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Clerk declared an interest in Item 7(b) – Payments for Approval.

**3. MINUTES**

**20/10 RESOLVED** It was to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2009.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

An Open Forum was not required..

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

Borough Cllr Cherrett's (KC) Report is Appendix A.  
PC Hoile's report is at Appendix B

**6. PLANNING:**

a. New Applications: None received.

b. Planning Decisions:

(i)	BDB71172	Basingstoke Hospital: Erection of a temporary modular building including the installation of 14 no. air conditioning units + amended plans: <b>GRANTED</b>	Noted
(ii)	BDB71175	Land at the junction of Basswood Drive and Pumphouse Way: Erection of a temporary modular building including the installation of 14 no. air conditioning units: <b>APPLICATION WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT.</b>	Noted

c. Pre-Planning Consultation re additional housing on the Southern Area:

It was agreed that RPC would ask DPP for a summary of comments received from residents who visited the exhibition at Weybrook Park GC.

It was further agreed that RPC would confirm its view that the revised plans are an improvement on the originals, but make the following comments:

- (a) Parking is inadequate; counting garages as parking spaces is inappropriate since they will be used for as an additional storage facility by the majority of residents; there needs to be more visitor parking.
- (b) The inclusion of the blocks of flats in their current location/form (i) spoils the symmetry of the project. RPC suggests they be replaced by maisonettes which will be more in keeping with the street scene and (ii) will lead to a greater degree of neighbour nuisance.
- (c) RPC welcomes the replacement of the original cedar cladding by a synthetic "wood" cladding.
- (d) RPC requests that the footways from the site to the footbridge will be installed early in the project with adequate lighting. (The scale/location of lighting is not clear on the plans.

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- (e) RPC requests that provision be included for open space on this site – particularly in view of the small gardens which are a feature of the plan.

### 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

#### Financial Reports 2009/2010

A financial report to the 16 October 2009 was noted.

#### Payments for Approval

21/10  
RESOLVED It was  
to approve the following payments:

CQ No	Payee	Service	Amount
206	Saxon Wood School	Hall Hire October 2009	£50.00
207	Audit Commission	Audit Fee: 2008/2009 Accounts	£155.25
		Total	£205.25

**Accounts 2008/2009:** The Accounts and Annual Return have been signed off by the Audit Commission.

**Budget/Precept 2010/2011:** The Clerk reported that an initial draft budget/precept layout for 2010/2011 would be circulated to members prior to the next meeting with a view to presenting a substantially agreed version at the November meeting.

### 8. ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report, except lack of progress on the Community Centre.

### 9. 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.

22/10  
RESOLVED It was  
to meet 50% of the cost of SLCC and ILCM membership.

### 12. MATTERS FOR REPORT

- a. Reports from Working Parties  
**Newsletter.** The next newsletter will be issued in Spring 2010.  
**Youth:** estimates for providing a ball wall were circulated to members. The version offered by Kompan (the Multigoal at an approximate cost of £4,700) was preferred. A more detailed specification and price are to be obtained. Grant funding is to be sought from BDBC, the Police, the Red Nose charity etc.  
**Open Spaces:** action is to be taken to level the surface of the football pitch and repair broken fencing.
- b. Other matters for report.  
(1) Allotments: Clerk to ask BDBC official to attend the November PC meeting, and to make enquiries of a local farmer about availability of land.  
(2) Liaison with HCA & Developers: Cllrs Statham/Lewis Grey/the Clerk will attend the next meeting.  
© The Clerk is to confirm that BDBC do provide salt bins (which HCC will fill and replenish any such bins with salt). Preferred locations are (i) Mill Road, by the notice board (ii) half way up Pumphouse Way (iii) On council land in Nightingale Gardens. Some means of securing the bin lids will need to be devised to prevent residents using the slat for their own drives.  
(e) Benches: The Clerk had scheduled a meeting with BDBC officials within the next few days to discuss location and a consultation on proposed siting of benches on the Mill Road Open Space.

**13. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/CLERK**

Cllr Dobing reported that a grant had been obtained to hold young peoples disco (12-17) at the Ridgeway centre and suggested that young people from Rooksdown would be welcome, and suggested that RPC might consider funding a minibus each week.

Cllr cavalier reported that the speed hump installed as a deterrent to vehicles speeding across the footway by Crondall terrace is not effective – it is not sufficiently high. The signage is also said to be inadequate. This will be taken up at the next meeting with the developers.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings of the Parish Council are currently planned for Monday 23 November 2009 (Draft Budget & Precept to be set), and 27 January, 22 February & 22 March 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:35

Date.....

Chairman.....

## Update from Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett

### Community Facility Development Consultation

I continue to press for confirmation of when the final designs will be presented to the RCA and Parish for sign off. The aim is still to apply for planning approval before Christmas and a release of final drawings needs to happen within the next few weeks to enable this to happen.

BDBC are close to reaching an agreement with the developers about managing the release of S106 funds for the community centre. I am assured that the funding issues will not stop the initial build provided that the council can be assured that funds are forthcoming once the build is underway.

Progress on Wessex Christian Fellowship's acquisition of the old Main Hall for a church and community centre, continues albeit slower than hoped for. Pastor Bob is still looking for completion in time for Christmas 2010 but this looks less likely than before. More news when we have it!

### 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:

- Release of land for play space
- Transfer of community trust funds
- Pavillions maintenance
- Un-landscaped land in Cutting Drive
- Through traffic and road closure
- Heavy vehicles access to site
- Progress of street lighting
- Site for PCT surgery

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

### Southern area consultation – increased intensity of development

Following the exhibition run by DPP on behalf of Taylor Wimpey this month I have had a number of comments from residents and members of local representative groups which I have passed on to DPP. They are as follows:

- adequate provision for resident and visitor parking that takes account of lessons learned from the existing site - areas like Watertower Way and Basswood Drive specifically where the presumption of courtyard parking and use of car ports and garages will curtail on street parking - which it does not and has caused ensuing chaos in narrow streets. Whilst it is understood that parking provision will be more generous in the southern core it cannot be assumed residents will not wish to park near to front doors.
- adequacy of lighting and timeliness of its provision - will there be sufficiently well lit (and environmentally lit) paths, courtyards and streets? Areas such as Owen's Way appear to have too big a gap between light columns and throw up dark spots creating resident fears. Can we also be assured that the lighting will be available before dwellings are occupied to avoid the long term issues of no light or poor light we have experienced in Limes Park
- how will flow of traffic be managed? - using chicanes and the circus may appear to slow traffic but does not seem to work and when people park in the narrow roads and chicanes, we have dangers for pedestrians and especially young children
- the increase of 3 bedroom dwellings is welcomed but does raise questions about the adequacy of play area and kick about provision in the southern area. No provision was made in the previous plans but that relied on bigger family gardens and fewer family homes. More family homes mean more families and more children. We already suffer a dearth of formal and informal play space and would ask that you consider this in the application and see if and where space can be made for play area - ideally space for children of all ages rather than formal equipped play areas for toddlers.
- the use of plastic or non natural finish rather than cedar board is cautiously welcomed if it learns the lessons from homes in Park Prewet Road. However until the finishes can be seen in the flesh so to speak it is difficult to judge whether they will enhance or detract from the desired standard of finish
- the design of the central circus is also welcomed but there is some concern that a mix of building height and position relevant to the designed curve may not be as originally intended and create a hotch-potch of design around a green roundabout rather than the aesthetics of good design that appeared on the original plans

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- what, if any, cable or internet infrastructure will be provided to the new homes?

Finally, I reminded the developers that residents would seek assurance that this change of intensity would accelerate the trigger for shops, school, recreational and other facilities in Rooksdown which form part of the core area but seem woefully tardy in arrival.

As yet I have received no response or acknowledgement to my mail but will ensure that it is added to the consultation feedback.

No formal planning application has yet been submitted. Once it has been there will an opportunity to see what note has been taken of resident concerns and a further opportunity to comment will arise.

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**Appendix B to mrpc2610009  
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### **Report from PC Hoile**

Although I have had a steady work load there are no developing issues that have been brought to my attention. Crime remains low but there are still occasional reports of Mini Motos being ridden along the Spinney. Reports of Anti Social Behaviour have decreased since the end of the School holidays, although there have been reports of children gaining access to the various building sites.

Hopefully it will be possible to synchronise a few of the RPC Meetings next year with my shift pattern so that I am able to attend them. If there are any issues raised for my attention please can you forward them on to me.