

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL, SAXON WOOD
SCHOOL ON MONDAY 27 JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 20.20**

Present: Cllrs Adlam, Cavalier, Cordner, P. Dobing, R. Dobing, Lewis-Grey, Miller (Chairman), Phipps & Statham (from 20:20).

In Attendance: 3 members of the public
No member of the Press
Parish Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from B. Cllr Cherrett.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3. MINUTES

08/10 It was
RESOLVED to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2009.

STANDING ORDER 23[d]

09/10 It was
RESOLVED to alter the order of business, and defer Agenda Item 4: Public Participation until later in the meeting, should any members of the public arrive late.

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

County Cllr Reid expressed his disapproval of the HCC tendering process, outlined his preferred option and stated that he intends to press for changes. He reported that he is continuing to monitor, and press for progress on the road safety problem at Moths Grace, street lighting and the flooding which occurs on the roundabout junction of Rooksdown Avenue and the A339.

In the absence of B. Cllr Cherrett, Cllr Reid highlighted a number of issues in her monthly report, which is published in full at Appendix A to these minutes. During this discussion, it was reported that Cllrs Adlam and Cllr Miller would be responding to a bus transport study on behalf of RCA. The Community Centre Consultation process has been suspended by BDBC, who are to be asked for up to date information as to progress. A "super-surgery" which will be "open all-hours" is to be constructed near the Hospital. The site of Villa 7 is to be determined. The police are to be asked to take action regarding speeding and inconsiderate parking in the Mill Road area. The Clerk is to look into the acquisition of "20 is Plenty" signage for the parish.

6. PLANNING:

a. New Applications:

- (i) BDB/71033 18, Barron Place: Erection of a first floor side/rear extension To be considered by the Planning Working Group

b. Planning Decisions:

- (i) BDB/70730 Basingstoke Hospital: Installation of 1 no. window. GRANTED Noted

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports 2009/2010

A financial report to the 24 July 2009 was noted.

Payments for Approval

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

CQ No	Payee	Service	Amount
0197	Saxon Wood School	Replacement for cancelled CQ No 000184 dated 27/4, not cleared back to bank account (presumed lost/mislaid)	£50.00
0198	Saxonwood School	Hall hire 29/6 and 27 July 2009	£100.00
0199	R Darley	Expenses June/July	£110.53
0200	Rooksdown Community Association	S137 Grant	£1070.00
		Total	£1330.53

Accounts 2008/2009:

The Clerk reported that the 2009/2010 Statement of Accounts and Annual return had been dispatched to the Audit Commission.

8. ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Cllr Adlam reported that a very successful Summer fayre, attended by over 200 people; a planned Quiz Night has been cancelled; a substantial number of play events have been arranged for Rooksdown children during the school holidays; RCA is to seek Visible Accreditation.

9. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

None received prior to the meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

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

11/10 RESOLVED It was to renew RPC's subscription toCPRE.

12/10 RESOLVED It was make an S137 grant of £30 to the CRUSE Bereavement Care.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION [Deferred under SO 23[d]]

An open forum was not required.

11. MATTERS FOR REPORT

- a. Reports from Working Parties
 - Newsletter** An edition of Rooksdown reporter is to be issued in September. Articles to be submitted by 14 August. The Clerk was asked to ascertain what functions organised by Weybrook park Golf Club are open to residents. It is planned to issue 2 large editions and 2 small editions of the newsletter each year.
 - Youth:** mention was made of the events organised by RCA and the Clerk was asked to ascertain costs of a "ball wall"
 - Open Spaces:** The Clerk is to chase BDBC for agreement to site benches on the Mill Road play area; and the contractors for permission to erect a notice board on Pumphouse Way.(top of the road). The footway from Trenchmead to Peggs Way is now open and many children are now using the open space for play.

- b. Other matters for report.
 - (i) Allotments: Clerk to ask BDBC official to attend the September RPC meeting.
 - (ii) Liaison with HCA & Developers: RPC had been invited to attend bi monthly meetings at Taylor Woodrow's HQ at Hook. The next meeting on 31 August was to be attended by Cllrs Lewis-Grey and Statham.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/CLERK

Salt Boxes: Members to provide Clerk with suggested locations. Clerk to check provision by Hampshire Highways.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 28 September, 26 October and 23 November (Draft Budget & Precept to be set).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:50

Date.....

Chairman.....

Rooksdown Parish Update 27th July 2009 Update from Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett

Bus services and community transport

The bus services across Hampshire are under review as part of the 4-yearly tendering cycle. Thank you to the Parish Council and RCA for your comments in respect of future requirements or current local provision. However, the responses from the County Council and local service providers does not offer much hope for any immediate service extension or improvement at Rooksdown. To date I have been informed that:

- as a result of a downturn in use, the Jazz 6 service connecting Wellington Terrace and the town centre, will reduce frequency from every 10 minutes to every 12 minutes from September
- other local services are under review but no changes have been announced as yet
- there are no plans to introduce any new or extended services connecting Rooksdown with the town centre. Apparently this is because a new development would ordinarily have developer contributions to kick start a local bus route but as provision was not made for such when Rooksdown was first built, to open a route would require commercial assessment. To date no such assessment has been made for the area as it is considered too small.

I currently sit on a cross party review of community and public transport which is looking at the framework for future funding / practical support to more community based provision in the borough (neighbour-care, car shares, community mini buses or taxis as well as commercial operators) and hope that we may come up with some options for the future. As always, any ideas are welcome.

Community Facility Development Consultation

I understand that there is a delay in reviewing and then releasing feedback on the result of community consultation regarding the design of the community facility. I expect to have a meeting with officers in August to understand the reasons for the delay and the timetable expected to complete the designs, release them to the local representatives and then submit for planning. I remain hopeful of an autumn planning round so that we can progress with building in the first half of next year.

BDBC have entered legal discussions 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.

Progress on Wessex Christian Fellowship's acquisition of the old Main Hall for a church and community centre, has been slower than hoped as the sale of the Fellowship's existing premises has yet to complete. Nonetheless Pastor Bob is still looking for a completion in time for Christmas 2010. More news when we have it!

Traffic management at Moth's Grace / Crondall Terrace

Last month I reported that as a result of HCC Highways and Safety officers viewing the area it was confirmed that:

- bollards will be placed on the pedestrian path through Crondall Terrace which allows pedestrian and buggy access but notifies drivers and pedestrians of a change in priority ahead i.e. crossing a road
- a bolt down speed ramp will be placed between the houses entering Moth's Grace to slow the perceived speed on traffic entering the courtyard
- the nature of planting around the path will be further cut back and changed to avoid a future issue of poor visibility as plants grow.

These issues were taken back to Taylor Wimpey and they have agreed to their implementation. I do not have a date for completion as yet and will continue to monitor progress until complete.

Permanent Surgery site

Meetings between TW, the Rooksdown Practice and PCT, facilitated by BDBC officers, have at last reached a compromise regarding the location of a permanent surgery at Rooksdown. As you know the PCT was

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looking set to locate outside of Rooksdown as a result of continuing delays to release part of the core area for surgery use. This action, whilst understandable, would have left us with inadequate local provision.

The Villa 7 site has now been decided upon as an alternative to the core area. Whilst this is not what was originally planned, it will secure a permanent site sooner than the core area can be released and meets everyone's need for progress.

I hope to report on a timeline for development in the autumn.

Safety of roads, paths and lighting in Phases 3 & 4 - Limes Park

Taylor Wimpey continue to lay the cabling and erect street lighting columns across Limes Park with a view to meeting its end of August deadline as promised at the Parish AGM. We only hope that the electricity companies will then connect the supply so that we can have the much needed lighting in time for the autumn.

There is little progress on the condition of the roads however and it is unlikely that surfacing will be undertaken until the majority of heavy works is complete. We have been assured however that where sections of the development are complete, they will be given a temporary surface.

Summer Fayre

Congratulations once again to the Parish and Community Association for another well appreciated local event. Let's hope that next year will be the last one we have to hold whilst homeless and that 2011 sees the event located outside the new community facility!

BDBC officers join forces for Rooksdown

As mentioned last month, all officers at BDBC with an area of responsibility impacting activity at Rooksdown, are holding area based management meetings with effect from 4th August, chaired by Tim Boschi. This will, I am sure, help us to get a better connected response from the council and avoid some of the mis-communication, duplication of information or mixed messages we have had in the past. I will be in regular contact with Tim to check on progress, feed in key messages or concerns from the Parish and RCA and, as necessary, suggest attendance of officers at local meetings.