

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL, SAXON WOOD  
SCHOOL ON MONDAY 28 JUNE 2010 COMMENCING AT 19.30**

**Present:** Cllrs Adlam (DA), Cavalier (RC), Corder (AC), P Dobing (PD), R Dobing RD), Lewis-Grey(JLG), Miller (CM) (Chairman), Parkinson (JP), Statham (CS). C.Cllr Reid, B. Cllr Cherrett

**In Attendance:** 10 members of the public  
Lucy McMinn, BDBC and Sarah Ratcliffe, PCSO  
Parish Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Clerk declared an interest in Agenda Item 8(b): Payments for Approval.

**3. MINUTES**

**08/11** It was  
**RESOLVED** to receive, confirm the accuracy of, and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2010.

**4. MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr Statham provided feedback from the last meeting with Taylor Wimpey & HCA (Appendix C).

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At 19:05, the meeting recessed into open forum and resumed at 20:45. A record of the discussion which followed is contained in Appendix A to these Minutes.

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

B Cllr Cherrett's report is attached at Appendix B.

C.Cllr Reid reported that there had been no progress regarding prevention of flooding at the A339 gateway to the parish. As Chair of the BDBC Planning Overview Committee, he reported that the Manydown SDA is still in the SHLAA.

**7. PLANNING:**

- a. New Applications: None received.
- b. Planning Decisions: None received.

**8. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(a) Financial Reports 2009/2010**

A financial report to mid-June 2010 was noted.

**(b) Payments for Approval**

**09/11** It was  
**RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

<b>CQ No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
0229	Saxon Wood School	Hall Hire 28 June 2010	£50.00
0230	R Darley	Salary & Expenses Q1 2010/2011	£922.13
0231	HMRC	PAYE less Incentive payment	£99.45
0232	Information Comm.	Renew Data Protection Reg'n	£35.00
0233	HALC	Govt & Accounts for local Councils	£7.50

0234	Personalised Print	Newsletter Printing	£331.00
		Total	£1445.08

**Accounts 2009/2010**

The Clerk confirmed that the 2010 Annual Return had been submitted to the Audit Commission and a start made on actions recommended by the Internal Auditor.

**9. ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Cllr Adlam (RCA Chairman) reported the following activities: 10/7:Summer Fayre; 22/7 Social Development BBQ 5-7pm; Football Coaching on Friday afternoons 2-4pm during school holidays (funded by RCA); Summer games sessions to be run by Bob Smith WCT on 3/8,10/8,17/8 & 24/08.

**10. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Statham: To consider funding for the provision of litter bins.

**10/11  
RESOLVED**

It was to approve the purchase of 3 litter bins at a cost of £160 each, to supplement the 6 bins being funded by BDBC in the southern area of the parish.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**11/11  
RESOLVED**

It was not to approve a grant to Victim Support.

**12. MATTERS FOR REPORT**

- a. Reports from Working Parties  
**Newsletter:** a Newsletter was issued at the end of June; a further one will be issued in October.
- b. **Youth:** Nothing further to report..
- c. **Open Spaces:** Five street lights and five road issues have been logged with HCC.
- d. **Other matters for report:** None.

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

It was noted that there are travellers in the area and the Clerk was asked to advise HCA that there is a potential access for them onto the Recreation Ground where the embankment was removed to replace chestnut trees opposite the flats on Park Prewett Road.

**14. DATE/VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Future meetings will be held 26 July, 27 September and 25 October.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:55.

Date.....

Chairman.....

#### Open Forum

**Lucy McMinn, BDBC and Sarah Ratcliffe, PCSO** had attended to outline a meeting to be held on 22 July from 5-7pm to air concerns and improve social interaction in the Moths Grace/Crondall Terrace area. Social landlords and the Anti-social behaviour officer from BDBC will attend and a representative of RCA was invited. Residents views will be fed back to RPC. BBQ/teas will be provided. The event will be publicised via posters and a letter drop to households.

**Mrs S Bullock & Sundaramurtha** asked that action be taken to improve road safety for pedestrians exiting the footbridge on Wellington Terrace. It was requested that shrubs be cut back and the possibility of a crossing be investigated. It was AGREED that RPC would pursue this with HCC/BDBC.

Residents also asked about the future of the existing car parks in Peggs Way, installed for cars visiting sales offices, and asked whether they can be left in situ when building is complete, rather than regressing. Plans need to be examined and contractors contacted. ACTION ON THE CLERK.

The vexed question of rat-running through Crondall Terrace Moths Grace and children playing in the car parks was again raised. It was felt that an attempt should be made to close the access via this route and that some action needs to be taken to educate parents regarding their children playing car parks with potential for damage to cars.

Problems of anti-social behaviour in a block of flats (Sentinel Housing) in Penny Black Lane were discussed. The flats are predominantly single occupancy and there are problems with small children, alcohol abuse, loud music and a report of substance abuse were among the complaints. Police have visited the flats on several occasions. Clerk to contact Sentinel.

**Question:** Is the football pitch temporary or permanent?

**Answer:** We have a lease on it. It is cut by BDBC and RPC tries to keep it safe and tidy.

#### Update from Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett

**Community Facility Progress** - A quick update as below:

- BDBC has completed the pre tender process and is now inviting contractors to take part in submitting full tenders to develop and build the community centre
- a draft agreement from BDBC legal business unit for the Community Trust is expected shortly, June will arrange a meeting with the PC & RCA
- the next S106 payment from TW for the community facility is due 1 July and the invoice is already with TW for processing

**Progress with Wessex CF sale of Wessex Close property:** – it is understood that WCF are continuing with the proposed sale of their existing site, to facilitate moving into the main hall at Park Prewett.

#### Surgery site

NHS Hampshire is supportive in principle for the Rooksdown Practice to purchase the Villa 7 site to develop a permanent doctors' practice. Currently discussions are ongoing between the parties regarding the details.

**Planning progress re southern core – start date:** - this relates to the re-working of the southern area subject to application BDB/71914 (replacing 96 approved dwellings with 122 new dwellings). In general BDBC are satisfied with the proposed development now that various amendments have been made to the design of the central circus area and to the detailed highway layout. The council is working with Taylor Wimpey to agree a suitably worded s106 agreement. The delay is that procedurally the agreement is difficult as there are various clauses in the original s106 agreement for Park Prewett that have to be fulfilled through any new agreement.

#### Litter Bins for Limes Park and litter generally

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I understand that the Parish have now received permission from HCA and TW to site litter bins in the un-adopted areas and are waiting to hear from BDBC to confirm bins have been ordered and when they can be placed.

The street cleaner (man with a broom and cart) continues to visit the area and litter pick where he can. He is limited by the ability to get the push cart into some areas because of temporary raised curbs and road surfaces. The Parish has raised the issue of lights and signage being sited in the middle of pavements etc with TW to see if they can be better sited to enable street cleaning.

For information the street cleaning activity for Parishes is as follows:

- All kerbed roads in a rural area are mechanically swept (6 times a year).
- Non kerbed roads are swept on request and subject to scheduling.
- Mechanical precinct sweepers visit a different parish for one day every 3 weeks.
- A mobile team deals with rural fly-tips, bin emptying and litter requests in smaller parishes.
- The ring road team provide for litter picking and bin emptying on trunk roads.
- BDBC provides a litter grant shared between 17 parishes for providing parish litter-picking. Further support such as giving bin bags, protective clothing etc to the parish councils is available on request.
- There is a man and barrow in specific areas (Whitchurch, Overton and Tadley) who covers other areas periodically.

The only barrier to this happening in Rooksdown is getting clear access to roads and paving not yet adopted (currently TW carries out its own sweeping of unadopted roads to wash mud etc off roads whilst building continues), or adopted roads which are blocked by cars when the street sweeper visits.

### Forward planning

The council is in the early stages of planning services for the next FY and is considering consultation with the community and parishes in respect of service priorities. The consultation process will be made known as the summer progresses but it would help to understand the priorities for Rooksdown if the parish were to start thinking of the:

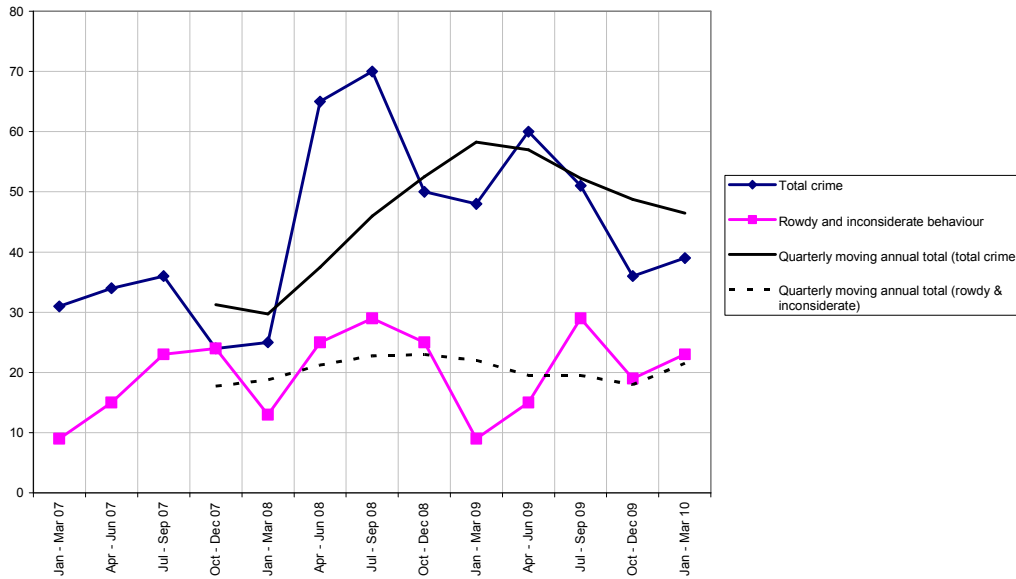
- services it most wants the council to provide
- services that the parish would like to have more influence over
- services the parish may wish to have more direct control over
- services or support the council provides currently which the parish does not see as a priority for the area.

I would be happy to discuss your views at future meetings as the forward planning process progresses.

Finally, the next two pages provides a summary of the crime stats for the parish this quarter which did not quite make it into the Reported as I did not get it ready in time. However it is useful to share with you

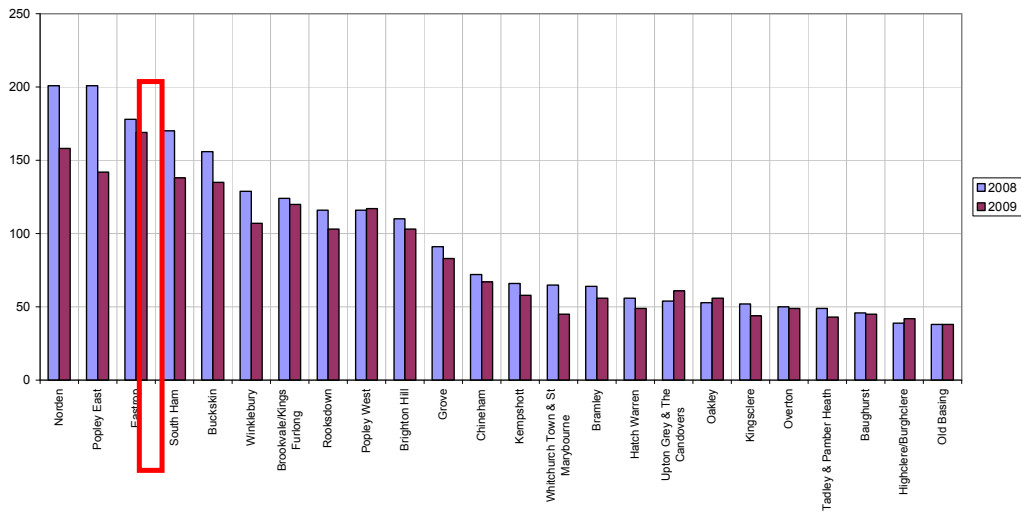
As Rooksdwn develops as a community it also becomes more important to think about crime prevention – more people living in the area means potentially more nuisance behaviour and more houses inevitably means an increased attraction to visiting criminals. In spite of our growth Rooksdwn remains a safe place to live. The picture below shows that during the last crime reporting year (09/10) total crime in Rooksdwn reduced by 20.2% - the actual numbers of incidents are still relatively small but the reduction is real and very welcome. During the same period rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour in Rooksdwn reduced by 2.3%....still a welcome downward trend.

**Total crime and rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour in Rooksdwn**  
 (Source: Hampshire Constabulary Business Objects)



The next graph shows total incidents (crime and rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour) per 1,000 population by police beat for the calendar years 2008 and 2009. This allows us to see how Rooksdwn compares to others irrespective of size of area. (Data for the Town Centre has not been included due to the transient nature of its population.) We are a safe area but could be safer still.

Total incidents (crime and rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour) per 1,000 population by police beat 2008/2009  
 (Source: Hampshire Constabulary Business Objects/Census)



Please note that for the purpose of this exercise data for the Town Centre has not been included

As the Parish grows we will face more challenges as a community but we can all do our bit to keep Rooksdown safe. As a reminder, over the summer months please try to:

- Lock doors and windows, sheds and garages when you are out
- Keep (especially ground floor) doors and windows closed when you are in the back or front garden
- Lock away toys, games and bikes when they are not being used
- Take keys out of the door lock or car ignition when you are unloading shopping or just washing the car
- Keep the music down in the outdoors, especially after dark
- Report anyone or anything suspicious to the Police via 101

Finally, if you are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for your street then contact the Police or Parish Council where you can get information on the schemes in Rooksdown and how to set up a scheme for your area.

## Report from May Meeting: RPC/Taylor Wimpey/ Homes & Communities Agency

Firstly I apologise for the delay in getting the minutes out to you from the last meeting. Unfortunately I'm getting called overseas at short notice at present meaning I'm struggling to keep up with things at home. However they are now duly attached but if I've missed anything please let me know. Below are updates to these minutes:

- 1) Litter bins – At the RPC meeting held last week we resolved to pay for 3 litter bins out of the nine recommended. I've confirmed this with B&DBC and asked Linda to advise me when they will be placed so I can provide you with up front information as to the installation date.
- 2) Issues at Peggs Way/ Crondell Terrace/ Moths Grace parking area – Cllr Cherrett has taken this matter back up with HCC with regards the S38 drawings plus in addition on 8<sup>th</sup> July Sentinel Housing, the Community safety officers and RPC are holding a barbecue with a residents get together in this area to get their viewpoint in this area as to what they feel should be done. We've asked for prompt feedback.
- 3) Gurchetan called me today to see if we'd had any feedback from June on the Community Trust and the answer is RPC have heard nothing directly but Cllr Cherrett reported June was looking at wanting a meeting at the next RPC on 26<sup>th</sup> July. This however will be the last RPC meeting until the Autumn and so progressing much in August could be difficult. Gurchetan knows my personal opinion in this matter and we like yourselves are extremely frustrated over the delays/complete lack information RPC are receiving in this matter. I hope June will be able to enlighten us shortly as to why the lack of information / progress and what the next steps are considering we were hoping to do this 12-16 weeks ago. It will obviously take RPC and RCA some time to review any agreement and set up the necessary administrative processes needed to implement any agreement.
- 4) Gurchetan also advised me about planned meetings with the Hospital Trust, HCA and TW which is great news and I hope progress can be made. From our side we have emphasised to residents at the RPC that this is currently a private road and not public access. There is however a lack of signage to this effect from the hospital side so maybe you can mention this to the hospital at the forthcoming meeting.
- 5) I understand Gurchetan will be leaving us shortly so wish him all the best in his new ventures.

Items for July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting from RPC side- I will be in attendance but will be on holiday immediately afterwards for a week and then in SE Asia (work) for 1-2 weeks so notes will be delayed unless anyone else volunteers to do them.

- 1) Updates on shops
- 2) Updates on road surfacing including issues with Devine not adhering to their notification letter on partial closures and in fact doing full closures with no diversions.
- 3) Latest on Peggs Way/Crondall Terrace.
- 4) Thoughts on keeping the sales office parking areas as parking areas on Peggs Way and near Easter Square as visitor spaces.
- 5) Building and road signage missing in some areas.
- 6) Land between Nightingale Gardens and Park Prewitt Road – Tidy-up /future plans?