

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL, SAXON WOOD
SCHOOL ON MONDAY 29 MARCH 2010 COMMENCING AT 19.45**

Present: Cllrs Adlam (DA), P Dobing (PD), R Dobing RD), Lewis-Grey(JLG), Miller (Chairman) (CM), C.Cllr Reid, B. Cllr Cherrett

In Attendance: 1 member of the public
No member of the Press
Parish Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cavalier, Cordner, Parkinson, Statham.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

46/10 RESOLVED It was to receive, confirm the accuracy of, and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2010

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At 19:37, the meeting recessed into open forum and resumed at 20:05. A record of the discussion which followed is contained in Appendix A to these Minutes.

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

B Cllr Cherrett's report is attached at Appendix B. The text of a sample parking letter prepared by Cllr Cherret for issue by RPC to seek the co-operation of residents in helping ameliorate parking problems was agreed in principle.

C. Cllr Reid reported that he had followed up a query from Cllr Statham that the appropriate level of salt (30gm per square metre) had not been used in gritting roads during the recent severe weather. He reported that two runs had been made – the first laying 20gm per square metre; the second 10gm per square metre.

PC Ian Hoile reported incidents of (i) youths throwing stones at cars, (ii) calls about "suspicious visitors" – none were identified and may have been trades people looking for delivery addresses, (iii) a car window had been smashed, (iv) white goods had been stolen from a vacant property shortly after installation, (v) a Land Rover had been stolen, later dumped and set on fire in Rooksdown Lane, (vi) some domestic disturbances had been reported. On the whole crime is low in the parish.

6. PLANNING:

a. New Applications: None received.

b. Planning Decisions:

(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. GRANTED	Noted
(ii)	BDB/71862	2 Knowle Road: Erection of an orangery to rear elevation. GRANTED	Noted

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Financial Reports 2009/2010

A financial report to mid/end March 2010 was noted.

(b) Payments for Approval

**47/10
RESOLVED**

It was
to approve the following payments:

CQ No	Payee	Service	Amount
	Personalised Print	Newsletter issue No 4	£374.00
0217	Saxon Wood School	Hall Hire 29 March 2010	£50.00
0219	D Milam	Renovation of birch fencing	£455.00
		Total	£879.00

8. ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AD reported that a number of community events are being planned. A junior Disco was to be held on 10 April from 3:15 to 7:30. Two play sessions are planned on Tuesday/Wednesday 6th/14th April. A number of sports events are planned, advertising posters will be placed on notice boards and in each street in the parish. Mrs Miles, BDBC is to meet RCA to discuss dog walking events.

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.

**48/10
RESOLVED**

It was
that appropriate RPC and RCA representatives will be sent on PAT testing courses, when identified.

**49/10
RESOLVED**

It was
the Clerk may attend the Annual Clerks' Conference and claim appropriate expenses.

It was agreed that members would respond on an individual basis to the LDF Core Strategy consultation.

11. MATTERS FOR REPORT

- a. Reports from Working Parties
Newsletter: the March Newsletter was in course of distribution.
- b. **Youth:** Covered earlier under Item *.
- c. **Open Spaces:** Possible encroachment by a resident on open space near trenchmead gardens is to be reported to BDBC for enforcement action.
- d. **Other matters for report:** the Chairman fed back information arising from the meeting with BDBC (Nicki Linihan) & Taylor Woodrow (Nigel Philips) re development of the Old Golf Course Site.

12. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/CLERK

There were none.

13. DATE/VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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Future meetings will be held on Monday 26 April and 24 May 2010. The Annual Parish Meeting will also be held on Monday 24 May 2010

14. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

**50/10
RESOLVED**

It was
That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the 1972 Local Government Act: Reasons 3."

15. COMMUNITY TRUST

**51/10
RESOLVED**

It was
to confirm and ratify decisions made at informal meetings of members on 1st and 16th March 2010 and to agree the text of a draft letter to residents prepared by BDBC.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22:05.

Date.....

Chairman.....

Open Forum

The concerns of the resident who attended the meeting were:

- a. Dog fouling: he was concerned that there are no bins and no signage in the Limes Park area. It was agreed that appropriate signage would be displayed on notice boards and on lamp posts, and that an item would be placed in future newsletters. Enquiries are to be made about the provision of bins in advance of this area being adopted.
- b. Car nuisance in the Peggs Way/Crondall Terrace area: Enquiries are to be made with a view to having a "sump-buster" installed there and to identify the specific, limited number of vehicles involved.
- c. Developers' failure to carry out remedial/tidying work: he was concerned that the developers had failed to replace missing/broken slabs on newly opened footways, to remove rubble, stones etc which could be used as "ammunition" by young people, litter etc.
Cllr Cherrett made the point that such works would be done prior to adoption of the site, but that the authorities (BDBC/RPC) have no power to compel the developer to do so before then.

Following on these points, Cllr Lewis raised the possibility of a small section of fence being removed at the end of Mailing Way/Sorting Drive to allow access from Rooksdown onto the adjacent path, to obviate the need for residents with very young children having to walk a long way round to gain access to the footbridge en route to school etc. A section of the fence has been broken down, in much the same way as that formerly preventing access from Owen Way to Trenchmead. This item to be raised with Taylor Wimpey.

Appendix B to mrpc29032010 Dated 29 March 2010

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. The outline timeline at present is to transfer the land this summer, secure and prepare the site in the autumn so that building can commence and keep all our fingers crossed that the summer BBQ and Christmas 2011 are in the new facility!

A report is going before council to seek release of further forward funds (in excess of £1m) so that everything is ready on our side for the works to commence once the land transfer is complete. The talks on land transfer are progressing well but there is still quite a way to secure the right legal agreement and of course set up the Community Development Trust (see below).

You will be pleased to note that the first instalment of S106 developer contributions has been paid to the council and payment arrangements for two further instalments agreed. This has made it easier to secure the further funding from council as outlined above.

Community Development Trust

As the Parish and Community Association knows, plans to set up the community development trust are progressing and form a twin-track in the discussions with HCA and Taylor Wimpey regarding land transfer for the community facility.

I warmly welcome the decision in principle to accept the Community Development Trust status as part of the Parish's responsibility. It is a really exciting opportunity and perhaps the first of its kind in the borough.

The objectives of the trust include:

- Development of community activities
- Improving provision of community facilities
- Generating community safety initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch
- Working in the community to energise community spirit
- Focusing on working with local residents and other agencies to help bring about positive change to the local area.

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Using the community levy to fund such schemes will be a real boost to encouraging local engagement and lead to ideas for schemes that residents want. It will also enable the local community to secure paid help in running the community centre to promote schemes for the young and old alike once we have a building.

Pavilions

The transfer of ownership of the pavilions is also part of the package of measures being agreed between the councils, the developers and HCA as part of the Community Development Trust. Before the transfer can take place the developers must complete remedial works to the pavilions and surrounding landscaping. A site inspection is set for after Easter and some works have already begun e.g. removal of dead shrubbery, grassing over border areas which have become walkways and re-routing of some planned walkways to reflect those actually used by residents. Once this work is complete and inspected it will be signed off by the BDBC officers and offered as in an acceptable state for transfer. Transfer cannot progress until this happens.

Vitellius Gardens Bus Stop

I have recently heard from the BDBC local transport liaison officer and he is arranging to visit the stop with HCC colleagues to see whether there is any possibility of safely moving this bus stop further along the road as requested by the resident who has previously complained about its position.

Damage to bridleway – English Wood

Complaints have been received about the developers sluicing cement mixers in the southern core area creating run off onto the bridleway. This has been a problem in the past and has again been reported to the planning team to liaise with TW. Whilst this seems to have stopped the practice for now it has not yet led to remedial action to clear the cement already sluiced onto the path. I have however asked that this is pursued.

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

Following numerous complaints from residents about the parking at the entrance to Mill Road, particularly of commercial vehicles, I asked the Police to attend recently and view whether any of the parking constituted a danger. Officers attended and noted that whilst vehicles were parked half on and half off the road, they did not consider any of the vehicles to be creating a dangerous obstruction.

It was agreed that the vehicles parked half on and half off the road were causing an obstruction but most were residents' vehicles or visitors and that to take enforcement action they would have to effectively ticket the whole area which was not seen as a sensible solution. I attach a note I suggest the Parish may wish to deliver to all homes in that area to see if this will assist the problem.

I also meet with HCC Education next month to speak about the parking provision and drainage at Saxon Wood School – as part of a wider Education strategy meeting.

I would still ask that specific parking complaints are logged via 101 in order to register a pattern of concerns with specific vehicles.

Hospital Road condition between A340 and Rooksdown

A resident has informed me recently that he has found out that two quotes have been obtained to effect repair to the private road through the hospital: one quote is for filling potholes; the other for a 50mm layer of tarmac to be run the length of the road and through onto Park Prewett Road. The cost for pot holes was £3,000 and the full road cover £8,000. Whilst the latter repairs have been recommended because the road has deteriorated so much with the bad weather this winter, it is highly likely that the lesser sum will be spent.

The question has been raised by the resident whether there is any appetite to fund the difference from local contributions i.e. asking each household to contribute to raising the extra funds. I have informed the resident that this may not be a practical nor necessarily well support solution but that I would at least raise it to this meeting.