

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL, SAXON WOOD  
SCHOOL ON MONDAY 29 JUNE 2009 COMMENCING AT 20.20**

**Present:** Cllrs Cavalier, Cordner, P. Dobing, R. Dobing, Lewis-Grey, Miller (Chairman), & Phipps.

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Adlam & Statham.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**3. MINUTES**

**04/10** It was  
**RESOLVED** to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2009.

**STANDING ORDER 23[d]**

**05/10** 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 deferred to Cllr Cherrett, whose report included several of the issues to be covered by Cllr Reid.

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

**6. PLANNING:**

a. New Applications:

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| (i) BDB/70730 | Basingstoke Hospital: Installation of 1 no. window                                                                                                                                                  |                            |
| (ii) BDB70475 | Rooksdow Practice, Mill Road, Erection of 1 no. two bedroom coach house, 6 no. three bedroom and 7 no. four bedroom houses, associated parking, landscaping and access arrangements. Amended plans. | See comments at Appendix B |

b. Planning Decisions:

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| (i) BDB/70614 | The Ark Conference Centre: Erection of a marquee with links to main building: GRANTED. | Noted. |
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**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Financial Reports 2008/2009**

A financial report to the 24 June 2009 was noted.

**Payments for Approval**

**05/10 RESOLVED** It was to approve the following payments:

<b>CQ No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
0191	R. Darley	Salary & admin expenses Q1 of 2009/2010	£897.21
0192	Inland Revenue	PAYE on Salary Q4 of 2008/2009	£172.26
0193	Saxonwood School	Hall hire June 2009	£50.00
0194	John Murray	Internal Audit Fee 2008/2009	£75.00
0195	Tim Botten	Refund of Webhosting Fee	£19.98
0196	Information Comm'er	Renewal of Data Protection Reg'n	£35.00
		Total	£1249.45

**Accounts 2008/2009:**

**06/10 RESOLVED** It was to receive the Internal Audit Report 2008/9, to accept the recommendation that RPC should be working to an updated version (2008) of the Governance and Accountability in Local Councils – A Practitioners' Guide and the new Edition of Charles Arnold Baker's Local Council Administration and to endorse the action of the Clerk in ordering both publications

**8. ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Cllr Lewis Grey listed a number of activities organised, particularly for children, during the summer:

- (i) Wednesday Workout with the Community Wardens - Wed afternoons 29 July to 26 August 3.30 to 4.30
- (ii) Story Time for under fives - Fri 7 August 12-12.30
- (iii) Big Lottery Mobile Playscheme - 23 July
- (iv) Fun & Fitness 11 & 12 August and also 20 & 21 August 10am - 12noon
- (v) Mobile Playscheme 2 hours per week for 5 weeks during the summer holidays
- (vi) Tuesdays - Fun and Games on green with Bob and friends from the Christian Wessex Fellowship they will play games with the kids, and they are all CRB checked and are used to organising events for the kids at their Church, he said he would even bring his Harley Davidson with him, that will draw in the bigger kids

Volunteers are needed for the Summer Fayre, particularly from 9am to help erect the marquee.

**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.

**07/10 RESOLVED** It was not to make a grant to Grant Aid for Victims Support – North Hampshire, pending further to be requested by the Clerk.

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

An open forum was not required.

**11. MATTERS FOR REPORT**

- a. Reports from Working Parties  
**Newsletter** no report. Articles are required for the next edition.  
**Youth:** No report.  
**Open Spaces:** it was reported that no grounds maintenance is being done in the newly adopted areas. Clerk to investigate fly-tipping of builders' "safety bags": stolen from nearby site/
- b. Other matters for report.
  - (i) It was agreed to hold quarterly meetings with the Homes & Communities Agency to liaise on current issues; as part of the PC meeting, when all councillors will be present – the first meeting to be held on 28 September 2009, then 27 January 2010, 26 April 2010, 26 July 2010, 27 October 2010 and so on.
  - (ii) An article is to be included in the next newsletter, asking residents to park with regard to neighbours, pedestrians and other road users, prior to a more campaign to stop irresponsible parking.
  - (iii) Alternative drafts of a new logo to be adopted by RPC had been circulated and the preferred version was approved.
  - (iv) The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting approval for the installation of benches on the Mill Road Open Space from BDBC. BDBC to be pressed for a response.
  - (v) An application for grant funding for an additional notice board and two further seats to be submitted to BDBC.

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

**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 21:20

Date.....

Chairman.....

## Rooksdown Parish Update 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009

### Update from Borough Cllr Karen Cherrett Community

#### Facility Development Consultation

I am waiting for an update on the designs following feedback from the consultation and an indication from officers of when the revised plans will be brought back to the Parish and RCA. There may well be an update at next week's RCA meeting. The level of consultation feedback has been lower than required to legitimately say the community centre has been designed with resident feedback but that does not stop the plans progressing - after all the Parish and RCA are representative of community.

We are still on course for the designs to be submitted for planning consent later this summer and for release of staged funding in the autumn with a view to build beginning in the first half of next year (the build taking around 9 months to complete).

ODBC are still talking to 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 but is still looking promising... more news when we have it.

#### Traffic management at Moth's Grace / Crondall Terrace

Cllr Reid's communication with HCC recently led to a site meeting at Crondall Terrace and Moth's Grace to view the pedestrian and traffic concerns. The HCC Road Safety and Traffic Management team attended and confirmed that the design had been built to the approved plan. I was able to meet up them to discuss exactly what residents concerns were and was joined by a few of the concerned mothers whilst we were there. Through discussion and seeing the area in use, it was clear that the design may be as planned but did create some issues for safety.

As a result of the viewing it has been confirmed that:

- bollards will be placed on the pedestrian path through Crondall Tee 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 have now been taken back to Taylor Wimpey for implementation and we will monitor their response and progress to implement these changes.

#### Community centre, village green, school, shops and other facilities

I have been asked by a number of residents about establishing a petition regarding the lack of shops, school and other facilities, all promised as part of the marketing of Rooksdown in the past decade and more. I think this could be a helpful approach and suggest the following words as a starter for ten:

*We the undersigned call upon the Homes and Communities Agency (formerly ODPM and CLG) to finish the development they started nearly two decades ago in Rooksdown. As residents we have been waiting many years for the shops, school, public space and village centre promised as part of the regeneration of the former Park Prewett Hospital land. Our*

*children have grown up without proper play facilities and both the young and elderly are isolated by a lack of community facilities and basic amenities. We are stranded on the edge of town. We call upon you to make the completion of this development a priority and not use the economic downturn as an excuse.*

I put this idea to the Parish as this could be a campaign the Parish and RCA wish to run via a e-petition and summer campaign with support from Cllr Reid and myself.

In the meantime, BDBC continue to meet with regularly with TW and HCA to discuss options and we are seeing some signs of progress in respect of the Community Management Trust and site for the surgery.

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

Following continuing enquiries about the lack of enforcement powers the Councils have over developments whilst in progress - developments being on private land until adopted - I asked one of the BDBC engineers to look into the situation with HCC Highways Dept. The response is that developers are required, either through planning conditions or a S38 Agreement, to bring all roads and footpaths up to base course before occupation of dwellings. This is what Taylor Wimpey has done and we continue to encourage them to do more. However until adoption, the roads are still "private" and are the sole responsibility of the developer. When issues are brought to council attention, the council relay these to the developer for attention -this happens at periodic site meetings.

### **Site traffic along Rooksdown Avenue**

The issue of early morning and heavy lorries accessing the Limes Park site via the avenue has been again raised with developers on 16 June and is being reviewed by the site manager and BDBC enforcement officer.

### **Footpath works - Trenchmead Gardens**

I have asked for a review of the proposed timing of the works to connect the footpath from English Wood via Trenchmead Gardens to Peggs Way to enable better access between the hospital and the footbridge. There are some issues to overcome re resident concerns re privacy and loss of mature trees but these issues can be resolved and I am pressing for officers and TW to move this up the work plan.

### **Footbridges over A339**

After several complaints about graffiti, litter and lighting on the two footbridges, we have been able to get the litter and graffiti resolved by the BDBC litter picker and graffiti team and the lighting is being sorted by HCC officers. I expect all the issues to be resolved this week.

### **Flooding on Rooksdown Avenue**

I am still chasing county officers for a date re the promised works on the drains just off the Winklebury roundabout to prevent flooding off the roundabout when we have heavy rain.

### **Parking**

This remains a growing issue across Rooksdown. We simply don't have the right approach to space allocation as a result of central gov. planning rules. We must continue to drive home a message of parking safely and responsibly for all residents whilst looking to convince the county that some areas need attention as there simply is not enough space or the road design is not working. Remember that unadopted roads have no parking or investment priority until they are adopted, which does not help in the newer areas of Rooksdown.

**PLANNING REPORT**

APR NO	LOCATION	DETAILED COMMENTS
BDB70475	Rooksdown Practice, Mill Road, Erection of 1 no. two bedroom coach house, 6 no. three bedroom and 7 no. four bedroom houses, associated parking, landscaping and access arrangements. Amended plans.	<p>RFC does not object to the above application in itself, but wishes to make the following revised comments on the amended plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The proposed parking provision is inadequate - the fact that the developer recognises that the six garages provided will not be used for that purpose and the suggestion of four on-road parking will serve to exacerbate the already unacceptable parking conditions in this area. (Photographs can be provided to demonstrate an existing the problem).  The comment about garages should say something like 6 of the garages, rather than "the 6 garages", because there are 9 altogether. The ones they exclude from the total count of car parking spaces are those with 2 spaces in front of them.</li> <li>b. The layout of property numbers 2,3, &amp; 10 does not permit external access to the rear of the of the house except via a rear door in the garage, giving rise to the prospect of dustbins being stored at the front of these properties which is unacceptable. [It looks from the plans as if access to the gardens of plots 2 and 3 could be provided by a path from the side of plot 1 going round the back, similar to that by plot 11 serving plots 12 and 13. The path by plot 11 could also serve plot 10].</li> <li>c. Reference to the provision of "cycle spaces" is spurious - the storage sheds in the garden will be seen by the owners as garden sheds, not cycle spaces. The developers have done what is required, and it's not likely to make any difference to the chances of the owners using cycles instead of cars anyway.</li> <li>d. RFC suggests that allocated parking spaces should be permanently marked. Wimpey did this in older areas of the estate and it works quite well. If the planning authority is minded to grant this application, RFC requests that conditions be imposed (i) that site traffic must access the site via the A340/Park Prewett Road not via the A339 and (ii) that there should be no site working/deliveries to the site before 8:00 Monday to Friday, 9:00 am Saturdays and not at all on Sundays.</li> </ul>