

Minutes of the Meeting of the Selborne Parish Council held at Oakhanger Village Hall, Oakhanger, GU35 9JU on Wednesday 20 September 2017 commencing at 7.30pm



PRESENT: Cllrs Ashcroft, Mrs Bardino (part), Mrs Briggs, Miss Clay, Earney, Mrs Irwin Brown, Masson and Rooke. Also present: five members of the public and Mrs Sue Hobbs Locum Clerk.

17/124 TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

Cllr Earney proposed that an election be held for a Councillor to chair the meeting, which was seconded by Cllr Miss Clay. Cllr Miss Clay proposed herself, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Irwin-Brown. Cllr Ashcroft proposed Cllr Earney, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Briggs. A vote by a show of hands resulted in Cllr Miss Clay receiving three votes and Cllr Earney receiving four votes. Cllr Earney was elected to chair the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Earney be elected as Chair for the meeting.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 Sch12 paras 11 & 27)

17/125 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Bennett, Mrs Palmer, Dr Ravenscroft and Smith for personal reasons. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the apologies for absence received.

RESOLVED: That the apologies for absence received be accepted.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 s85)

17/126 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE CLLRS MRS ANGELA BARDINO AND MRS ELAINE BRIGGS' DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Mrs Bardino and Mrs Briggs signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Locum Clerk.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 s83(4))

17/127 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Miss Clay declared an interest in items 17/135 (i), (iii) and (viii) and would not participate in the discussion for those items. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the declaration of interest received.

RESOLVED: That the declaration of interest received be accepted.

(Power used: Localism Act 2011 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulation 2012)

17/128 TO APPROVE DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

The Locum Clerk advised this item was not required for this meeting.

17/129 TO RECEIVE RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON ISSUES NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of suspending Standing Orders to allow the members of the public present to speak.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended to allow the members of the public present to speak.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

An enquiry was received about the bin at Oakhanger play area and the Locum Clerk advised that she had contacted the EHDC Animal Welfare Officer, who commented that as the bin was located within an area for which Selborne Parish Council had responsibility, EHDC would not provide a dog waste bin nor empty such a bin. Cllr Ashcroft did not have any progress to report on the provision of a dog waste bin in the vicinity. The bin is currently emptied by volunteers from the community, although it was felt this should be the responsibility of EHDC. Cllr Mrs Irwin-Brown agreed to source a sticker for the bin, to request that dog waste was not deposited there. It was highlighted that unlike Selborne recreation ground, Oakhanger does not have a recreation ground committee to care for the play area. It was requested that this issue be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

A suggestion was received that should planning permission be granted for land to the rear of Oakhanger village hall, that Selborne Parish Council could ask for consideration for a portion to be allocated for community use.

17/130 TO RECEIVE RESOLUTION TO RESUME STANDING ORDERS

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of resuming Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be resumed to allow the meeting to continue.

17/131 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2017 (COPIES TO ALL COUNCILLORS 21 AUGUST 2017)

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2017 be accepted.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 Para 41(1))

(Cllr Mrs Bardino arrived at 7.55pm)

17/132 TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT WITH UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING ONGOING ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

17/027 Tree Survey - it was noted that the tree survey report was due to be referred to the meeting, however information was not available to fully discuss the item and there were a number of planning applications to be considered at the meeting. Cllrs Miss Clay and Earney agreed to source the historical information required, for the item to be referred to the next meeting.

17/115 – Oakhanger village sign – a letter of thanks had been received for the contribution to the cost of the refurbishment of the sign.

17/116 – St Mary Magdalene church – a letter of thanks had been received for the contribution towards the churchyard maintenance and a request made that the Finance Committee considers including an annual grant in the budget and precept request.

17/133 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

St Mary Magdalene church	S137 grant Council 16 Aug 17	Chq 300126	£ 400.00
Oakhanger Village Hall	S137 grant Council 16 Aug 17	Chq 300127	£ 500.00
BDO LLP	External audit 2016-17	Chq 300128	£ 276.00
Chris Budd	Selborne Rec slab works	Chq 300129	£ 480.00
Cllr M Smith	Cllr expenses HALC event 15 June 17	Chq 300130	£ 26.10
Selborne Exotic Woodcraft	Plestor kerbstones repair	Chq 300131	£ 257.50
Mrs S L Hobbs	Locum Clerk August 17 Admin services = £1050.00 Mileage = £ 29.16 Postage = £ 7.84 Stationery = £ 42.59	Chq 300132	£1129.59
P J Grace	Grass cutting August 17	Chq 300133	£ 319.20
Cllr Mrs M Palmer	Postage	Chq 300134	£ 17.52

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the accounts as presented.

RESOLVED: That payment of the accounts as presented between 17 August 2017 and 20 September 2017 be approved.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 Section 151)

17/134 TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT FROM BDO LLP (COPIES TO ALL COUNCILLORS 18 AUGUST 2017)

The Locum Clerk advised that no issues had been raised for action. It was noted that Selborne Parish Council's External Auditor for 2017 – 2018 onwards would be PKF Littlejohn LLP, a company based in Canary Wharf, London. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the conclusion of audit report.

RESOLVED: That the conclusion of audit report be accepted.

(Power used: Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 s20)

17/135 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) **SDNP/17/04023/HOUS – Jasmine Cottage, Gracious Street, Selborne, GU34 3JB.**
Two storey rear extension with single storey flat roof area. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **No objection.**

- (ii) **SDNP/17/04157/TCA – Wheelwrights, Gracious Street, Selborne, GU34 3JB.** TI – Lawson cypress – fell. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **No objection.**
- (iii) **SDNP/17/03880/HOUS – 7 Woolmer Cottages, Petersfield Road, Greatham, Liss, GU33 6BH.** Single storey extension to rear, following demolition of existing outbuilding, relocate front door, replace existing windows and paint existing building. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **No objection.**
- (iv) **SDNP/17/04380/TCA – The Old Mill, High Street, Selborne, GU34 3LG.** Beech – reduce tips by 3 – 4 metres to leave a finished height of approximately 24 metres and finished spread (radius) of approximately 13 metres, crown thin by no more than 10% and remove dead wood. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **No objection.**
- (v) **57487 – 6 The Fairway, Whitehill, Bordon, GU35 9HA.** Replacement pitched roofs to porch and garage, low wall and column to enclose porch. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **No objection.**
- (vi) **25380/018 – Coomers (Oakhanger) Limited, Oakhanger Road, Oakhanger, Bordon, GU35 9JU.** Outline application for redevelopment of builders merchants' depot, with ten dwellings comprising 2no. two bedroom bungalows, 1no. two bedroom house, 4no. three bedroom houses and 3no. four bedroom houses, together with garages and parking spaces and new road (access, layout and scale considered). Discussion followed regarding the strain on existing broadband provision and Cllr Miss Clay spoke from a suggested statement regarding the overdevelopment of the site, provision of affordable housing, loss of employment opportunities and vehicle movements during construction. It was noted that the application was a 'windfall' site. A proposal was received, seconded and three votes were received in favour of objecting to the application, as per Cllr Miss Clay's suggested statement. Four votes were received to not accept the proposal and to raise no objection. **No objection.**

(Cllr Mrs Irwin-Brown left the meeting at 8.40pm)

- (vii) **SDNP/17/04193/FUL – Woodacre, Gracious Street, Selborne, GU34 3JE.** Split the site into two plots, while retaining the existing house 'Wood Acre', create one new detached two storey self-build dwelling, plus associated garage, workshops and access. Cllr Miss Clay read from a statement suggesting the Selborne Parish Council objected to the application:
- The application does not overcome the reasons for the refusals of previous similar applications on the site;
 - The proposed development would still cause harm to the character of the Conservation Area and the wider protected landscape of the National Park. It would harm the sense of rural tranquility which currently exists adding extra built form to an area currently defined by its low density (edge of village) location. It is at odds with the Selborne Village Design Statement which seeks to protect important open spaces in and around the village such as this site;

- There is no essential need for the proposed development in this location;
- Self-build housing is not permitted to meet local needs in perpetuity;
- Although the site is currently within the East Hampshire JCS defined SPB, there is nothing in that adopted development plan that requires land within a SPB to be developed nor that infers that proposals for development within the SPB should automatically qualify for permission. It is now a material consideration that the SDNPA draft Local Plan draws the SPB tightly and the land at Woodacre is excluded from it;
- There is no overriding public interest for the proposed development. Indeed, the proposal is inimical to the public interest because of the harm it would cause to the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the landscape and to the enjoyment of the special qualities of the area by the public; there are two public footpaths in immediate proximity to the site.
- The reasons for refusal given to previous applications at Woodacre apply in equal measure to the current application. The most recent refusal was issued on 16 May 2017. The Parish Council refers officers also to its letter of objection to that application, reference no. SDNP/17/01019/FUL.
- The new application is substantially the same as that refused on 16 May. The proposal remains unacceptable because:
 - It conflicts with local planning policies in the adopted development plan;
 - It conflicts with the legislation in respect of Conservation Areas;
 - It conflicts with national policy guidance outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework;
- The planning application pulls in the opposite direction from the SDNPA's draft Local Plan, now at Pre-Submission consultation stage and due for Examination in February 2018, in which the SPBs are tightly drawn in accordance with the SDNPA's Methodology for Settlement Policy Boundaries across the National Park. The Methodology met with strong approval from the Planning Inspector in his Report following Examination of the Liss Neighbourhood Plan. The new house at Woodacre will be wholly outside, and some distance from, the new SPB. This is a material consideration that now carries some weight and needs to be taken into account.

1. WITH REGARD TO MATTERS OF POLICY RELATING TO THE PLANNING APPLICATION:

The applicant's Planning Statement puts forward an argument that: "Paragraph 14 emphasises that 'at the heart of NPPF is a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan making and decision taking'.. and goes on to quote it.

But the fundamental flaw here is that the applicant's reference to NPPF Paragraph 14 specifically omits Footnote 9 to that Paragraph.

Yet the crucial little '9' indicating the vital footnote should have followed the words "*should be restricted*" so that it is quoted thus:

specific policies in this Framework indicate development should be restricted.⁹

9 For example, those policies relating to sites protected under the Birds and Habitats Directives (see paragraph 119) and/or designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest; land designated as Green Belt, Local Green Space, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Heritage Coast or within a National Park (or the Broads Authority); designated heritage assets; and locations at risk of flooding or coastal erosion.

Footnote 9, crucially, demonstrates that National Parks are treated differently; development in these nationally protected areas is restricted. Its omission exposes the flaws in the argument put forward in the applicant's Planning Statement. The failure to take Footnote 9 into account has contributed towards the dismissal at appeal of other applications at Selborne that were refused by the LPA. The applicant's Planning Statement does acknowledge the existence of NPPF paragraph 115 but makes nothing of it; it simply skates over it. Yet para.115 states that:

“Great weight should be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks which have the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty. The conservation of wildlife and cultural heritage are important.”

- It is hard to imagine quite how a planning application to create a new plot for development on a site that has not been allocated for housing in the Local Plan meets the requirement to conserve landscape and scenic beauty in a National Park which has the highest status of protection.
- The current proposal remains contrary to adopted planning policies in the East Hampshire Joint Core Strategy. The applicant's Planning Statement cites various JCS policies as relevant to the application. They are indeed relevant but they do not support his case.
- The Statement claims to “meet the requirements of policy CP1 and CP2 of the East Hampshire Joint Core Strategy.” Yet it only does so by consciously ignoring Footnote 10 to Policy CP1 and Footnote 9 to NPPF paragraph 14 (which are identically worded.) When this Footnote is taken into account, the argument that the application meets the requirements of Policy CP1 is brought into question.
- Policy CP2, far from supporting the application, explains that the form and location of development must ensure that the National Park's purposes are delivered and that the special qualities of the Park are protected:
 - The proposal in the planning application does not so deliver. Conversely, it would present a visual intrusion into the rural landscape that would interfere with views from Footpaths FP13 and FP14 that run directly along two sides of the site, thus causing substantial harm to the natural beauty of the landscape and to people's appreciation of the special qualities of the area.
- Policy CP10 – Spatial strategy for housing – explains that within the National Park any housing provision should meet the needs of local communities in the National Park. This reflects the 2010 guidance requiring new housing in National Parks to focus upon affordable housing for local communities, and:
 - Policy CP11 repeats and elaborates this theme:
 - The new application at Woodacre presents quite a different proposition. It is a “self-build” house and as such does not fulfill the need for affordable housing; nor can “self-build” housing be permitted to meet the needs of the local community in perpetuity.
 - Policy CP19 – Development in the countryside – affirms that within the South Downs National Park, the pursuit of national park purposes will be paramount, and that development should maintain the landscape character and quality of the countryside which is to be protected for its intrinsic value:
 - The planning application does the opposite. The proposed new house is backland development and would intrude into the rural landscape.

Policy CP20 seeks to protect the special character of the landscape in line with NPPF paragraph 115:

- The planning application fails this test. Although the new house is marginally smaller than that in the preceding applications, it remains an intrusion into the landscape. And although the height of the proposed garage appears to have been reduced, it remains a very large bulk immediately adjacent to the ancient sunken lane, Wood Lane.
- Policy CP21 - Biodiversity. The policy protects biodiversity:
- The site lies within the Conservation Area and is very close to the SSSI and to Selborne Common SAC, an international designation. Since the report by Sam Lunn of 24 January 2017, no further work appears to have been done to address the LPA's concerns regarding possible harm to protected wildlife.
- Policy CP24 in respect of sustainable construction does not apply in this case by virtue of Footnote 9 to NPPF paragraph 14.
- JCS Policy CP27 – Pollution - is omitted from the list of relevant policies in the applicant's Planning Statement: Yet the proposal fails the test of this policy because the building would have an unacceptable effect on the amenity of the occupiers of the neighbouring properties, Hunters Lodge and the existing Woodacre house, through loss of privacy or overshadowing.
- Hunters Lodge is a single-storey house. Plan PL-1-26B of the planning application indicates that the sight lines have been taken from the first floor level of the proposed house. Had they instead been taken from the ground floor living areas towards Hunters Lodge, they would have illustrated a different impact: the amenity of that building would have been shown to be compromised and detrimentally affected by the proposed new building. The new house would be almost directly in front of all the main living accommodation at the existing Woodacre house.
- Policy CP29 – Design The proposal may well fulfill the requirements of the policy but this would not override the clear inappropriateness of the site itself for potential development. The restrictions on development in national parks: the 2010 Government Guidance, Footnote 9 to NPPF paragraph 14 and Footnote 10 to JCS Policy CP1 are all relevant in this context.
- Policy CP30 – Historic Environment.
- It must not be forgotten that the site at Woodacre is part of Selborne's Conservation Area. Accordingly, it stretches the imagination to think that the proposal meets the requirements of Policy CP30. Even were the requirement for *"good quality materials of appropriate scale, profile, finish, colour and proven weathering ability"* to be delivered, the proposed development could not *"ensure that it makes a positive contribution to the overall appearance of the local area"* (CP30 d). The problem is the location of the site itself within the Conservation Area.
- In particular, the shoe-horning in of the development in such close proximity to Hunters Lodge and the existing house at Woodacre would cause those buildings to be overlooked and would compromise the character and rural appearance of the area.
- Policy CP31 – Transport – is said to be relevant to the application. The access to the site is via Wood Lane, a sunken lane which is a popular public footpath also used by horseriders.

- Developing the site would inevitably introduce additional traffic into Wood Lane. This is hardly conducive to *“ensuring that the convenience and safety of sunken / rural / green lanes are enhanced for their users, and their ecological, landscape and recreational value are enhanced.”* (CP31 9.h). Once again, the problem is the location of the site itself.
- The Planning Statement fails to make any mention at all of JCS Policy CP22. This policy protects internationally designated sites, including SACs. The four SACs in East Hampshire include the East Hampshire Hangers, of which Selborne Common is a part. It is a ‘Natura 2000’ site.
- The Woodacre site is close to the boundary of Selborne Hanger. The sub-text to Policy CP22 explains (at para 7.22): *“Any development that might cause harm to these sites must be avoided.”*
- The Planning Statement cites four “saved” policies from the EHDC Local Plan 2nd Review, Policies H3, HE6, HE4 and T4.
- None of these policies actively supports the application nor overrides JCS Policy CP1 and its Footnote 10, nor NPPF paragraph 14 Footnote 9, nor NPPF paragraph 115.

2. WITH REGARD TO MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO THE PLANNING APPLICATION:

a) The SDNPA Pre-Submission Local Plan is now a material consideration with some weight.

- The Draft Local Plan is less than five months away from submission to the Inspectorate for Examination. It would be perverse to make a decision at this stage that positively pulls in the opposite direction of the landscape-led approach of the draft Local Plan. The Local Plan will tightly draw in the SPB for Selborne, leaving the entire Woodacre site in ‘open countryside’.

b) Conflict with the Selborne Village Design Statement and with the Local Landscape Character Assessment

- The SDNPA’s Settlement Boundaries Report makes reference to the importance of Village Design Statements and LLCAs:
- The proposed development is at odds with the Selborne Village Design Statement which seeks to protect the open spaces and the sunken lanes in and around the village. The following extracts from its Guidelines are relevant:
 - *The linear form of the settlement to be maintained by limiting backland development;*
 - *Inappropriate infilling development could erode the character of the settlement;*
 - *Sunken lanes must be protected from the consequences of development and modern traffic.*
- The Selborne LLCA includes the statement that:

It is important that, within its current SPB, its traditional linear character should be maintained by limiting back-land development, respecting the existing street pattern and resisting any further estate-like housing development which would suburbanise the village.
- Selborne Parish Council therefore submits that the proposed development would further suburbanise this end of the village; would be detrimental to the existing properties of Hunters Lodge and Woodacre; would have a damaging impact on the setting of the Hanger and on the characteristic views up to and from the Hanger; would harm the character and appearance of the local landscape and

the Conservation Area; and would fail to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.

It was noted that it would be desirable if the planning officers at both EHDC and SDNPA were to liaise with each other for this application.

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of objecting to the application, as per Cllr Miss Clay's suggested statement and that the planning officers at EHDC and SDNPA were asked to liaise with each other for this application. **Object as per Cllr Miss Clay's suggested statement and to request that the planning officers at EHDC and SDNPA liaise with each other for this application.**

(Cllr Mrs Irwin-Brown returned to the meeting at 8.55pm)

- (viii) **SDNP/17/04503/TCA – Lythe House, Selborne Road, Selborne, GU34 3JA.** White poplar (twin trunked) – fell. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **No objection.**

17/136 TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS REPORT

- (i) **SDNP/16/03941/FUL – Unit 6, Brockbridge, Bradshott Lane, Blackmoor, GU33 6DD.** Change of use of part redundant dairy complex to commercial use, comprising B8 storage and distribution (additional information received 19 May 2017 – transport statement). **APPROVED.**
- (ii) **SDNP/16/05087/FUL – Unit 2, Brockbridge, Bradshott Lane, Blackmoor, GU33 6DD.** Change of use of part redundant dairy complex to commercial use, comprising B8 storage and distribution (additional information received 19 May 2017 – transport statement). **APPROVED.**
- (iii) **SDNP/16/05264/FUL – Unit 1, Brockbridge, Bradshott Lane, Blackmoor, GU33 6DD.** Change of use of part redundant dairy complex to commercial use, comprising B8 storage and distribution (additional information received 19 May 2017 – transport statement). **APPROVED.**
- (iv) **SDNP/17/02566/HOUS – Trimmings, Gracious Street, Selborne, GU34 3JE.** Ancillary building after demolition of existing agricultural building. **REFUSED.**
- (v) **22921/045 – SGS Oakhanger, Oakhanger Road, Oakhanger, GU35 9JA.** Corrugated equipment container including paved stepped access with Keyklamp balustrades. **APPROVED.**
- (vi) **SDNP/17/03581/TCA – Woodacre, Gracious Street, Selborne, GU34 3JE.** Whitebeam – crown lift to 5 metres and crown thin by 20% (as amended by e-mail received 30 August 2017). **RAISE NO OBJECTION.**

(vii) **32964/002 – Strathearn House, Drift Road, Whitehill, GU35 9DZ.** Lawful development certificate proposed – provision of single unit mobile home in garden of dwelling to provide additional accommodation for occasional occupation by disabled daughter. **REFUSED.**

(viii) **40091/003 – The Bakery, Oakhanger Road, Oakhanger, GU35 9JU.** Replacement garage (additional plan received 4 September 2017). **APPROVED.**

17/137 TO RECEIVE PROGRESS OF THE QUEENS ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE APPLICATION AND TO APPROVE PRODUCTION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LEAFLET

Cllr Miss Clay advised that she and Cllr Mrs Palmer had met with John Geoghegan EHDC, to discuss the way ahead for the Asset of Community Value (ACV) application for The Queens. The previous two ACV applications had been unsuccessful due to hotels being exempt from the application process and insufficient community engagement being conducted. Approximately twelve replies had been received from people contacted via the parish e-mail list, all but one being supportive of the application. This was now the final opportunity to ascertain parishioners' views and Cllr Miss Clay asked for Selborne Parish Council to support the funding of a leaflet drop to all residents in Selborne. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of the parish council providing up to £100.00 for the production of a leaflet for distribution in Selborne.

RESOLVED: That Selborne Parish Council provides funding of up to £100.00 for the production of a community engagement leaflet, in respect of The Queens ACV application.

17/138 TO DISCUSS LENGTHSMAN'S TASKS

A comment was raised regarding the monitoring the quality of the works undertaken by the Lengthsman and the Locum Clerk was asked to approach the Clerk to Grayshott Parish Council, who is the 'cluster' lead, for advice. It was noted that the verge alongside the pavement adjacent to Copper Beech House had not been cleared back to the edge of the pavement nor had weeds and grasses along its length through the village. A comment was also received that the footpath at Goslings Croft had not been cleared. It was highlighted that the clearance of drains and gullies was the responsibility of HCC.

17/139 TO RECEIVE QUOTATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL GRASS CUTTING AT OAKHANGER PLAY AREA AND SELBORNE RECREATION GROUND (COPIES TO ALL COUNCILLORS 5 SEPTEMBER 2017)

Discussion took place as to whether the quotation received was for grass within or outside the Oakhanger play area and Cllr Mrs Bardino agreed to inspect the site and to report to the next meeting.

A quotation had been received from the grass cutting contractor to mow the extra area at Selborne recreation ground at a cost of £25.00 plus VAT per cut, to be conducted when the main area is mowed. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the quotation received.

RESOLVED: That the quotation received from P J Grace to cut the extra area at Selborne recreation ground at a cost of £25.00 plus VAT per cut, be accepted.

17/140 TO RECEIVE QUOTATIONS FOR REMEDIAL WORKS AT SELBORNE ALLOTMENT SITE (COPIES TO ALL COUNCILLORS 5 SEPTEMBER 2017)

A quotation to replace the fence posts at Selborne allotment site was received at a cost of £210.00 plus VAT. A comment was received that the use of 'Metaposts' was desirable, however it was noted this would increase the cost. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the quotation.

RESOLVED: That the quotation received from P J Grace to replace the fence posts at Selborne allotment site at a cost of £210.00 plus VAT, be accepted.

The two quotations received to repair the raised bed were received and a proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of Cllr Earney visiting the site and deferring this item to the next meeting.

17/141 TO RECEIVE TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SELBORNE, OAKHANGER AND BLACKMOOR FROM MEETINGS HELD ON 31 AUGUST 2017 AND 11 SEPTEMBER 2017 (COPIES TO ALL COUNCILLORS 12 SEPTEMBER 2017)

Cllr Miss Clay updated Members on outstanding issues, the flashing lights outside Selborne primary school would not be repaired until October 2017. The Traffic Working Group (TWG) would still pursue the Atkins proposals and continue to lobby HCC to help fund the same. Cllr Masson had drafted a letter to Cllr Perry HCC, to ask for support for the improvements, which would cost approximately £150,000.00. This would include works for pinch-points and improvements past the primary school, continuing to the shop.

Whilst HCC has refused to fund works at Selborne and there appeared to be no commitment within its ten to fifteen year forward plan, it is possible that Oakhanger projects may receive funding from the Whitehill and Bordon development.

Cllr Miss Clay asked for Selborne Parish Council commitment to help fund the Selborne projects in the future and it was highlighted that other local councils were in similar situations.

(A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of suspending Standing Orders at 9.45pm, to allow the meeting to continue.)

The Locum Clerk advised that there are few funding opportunities for traffic calming projects, but that there may be more options when the new permanent Clerk has become qualified and the parish council resolves to use the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011. There may be opportunities to budget for the works in the future, to earmark reserves.

It was suggested that the future funding of the Selborne works could be more fully discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Miss Clay spoke about a leaflet which had been produced by the TWG, the aim of which would be for the public to forward their comments to Cllr Perry HCC, to apply pressure to support the traffic calming measures. The leaflet had been produced at no cost to the parish council and it was intended to deliver it to all properties in Selborne. A proposal was

received, seconded and voted in favour of Selborne Parish Council giving its approval to the production of the leaflet.

RESOLVED: That Selborne Parish Council gives its approval to the production of the Traffic Working Group leaflet for distribution in Selborne.

Cllr Masson had drafted a letter on behalf of the TWG, intended to be sent to all businesses in Selborne, asking for their support that haulage companies should plan HGV vehicle routes, to avoid travelling through the village. It was noted that the control of HGV lay with haulage companies and that they prefer their vehicles to use the shortest routes. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of Selborne Parish Council supporting the sending of the letter.

RESOLVED: That Selborne Parish Council supports the sending of the TWG letter to all businesses in Selborne.

Cllr Mrs Briggs spoke about the Oakhanger Residents Traffic Group (ORTG) and the possibility of purchasing Speedwatch equipment for use in the village. She asked that it be noted that the Selborne team had been very supportive and helpful. The Locum Clerk was asked to research the issue of the purchase of a second set of equipment from previous minutes. It was also noted that consultation with Oakhanger residents has yet to be undertaken.

Cllr Miss Clay proposed that the proposals for Blackmoor traffic calming projects be made to HCC. The proposal was seconded and voted in favour and Cllr Miss Clay agreed to send the required information to the Locum Clerk, to forward to HCC.

RESOLVED: That the proposals for Blackmoor traffic calming projects be made to HCC, to request allocation of any surplus funds available from Oakhanger.

17/142 REPORTS AND ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- (i) To receive National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction survey via HCC (copies to all Councillors 21 August 2017, response required by 20 October 2017).
Noted.
- (ii) To receive HCC notice of proposed diversion of Selborne Bridleway 24 (copies to all Councillors 5 September 2017, response required by 30 September 2017). Noted.

17/143 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 18 October 2017 at Blackmoor Village Hall, Blackmoor, GU33 6BS, commencing at 7.30pm.

17/144 TO RECEIVE RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED 'THAT IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL/SPECIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW'

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of excluding the public and press from the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

(Power used: Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s2)

17/145 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The Locum Clerk appraised the Councillors present that there had been some interest in the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer role and that the closing date had been set as 2 October 2017. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of the Human Resources Committee updating Members as to the progress of the recruitment process as soon as practicable after the closing date and that a further £200.00 be made available to support the recruitment process if necessary.

RESOLVED: That the Human Resources Committee updates Members as to the progress of the recruitment process as soon as practicable after the closing date and that a further £200.00 be made available to support the recruitment process if necessary.

A further update on another Confidential Matter was deferred to the next meeting.

17/146 TO RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT RE: ADDITION TO SELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL EMPLOYERS' DISCRETIONS POLICY FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (COPY TO ALL COUNCILLORS 12 SEPTEMBER 2017)

The Locum Clerk read from the report and a proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the report and to not 'switch on' the 85 year rule as part of Selborne Parish Council's Employers' Discretions Policy for the Local Government Pension Scheme.

RESOLVED: That Selborne Parish Council does not 'switch on' the 85 year rule as part of Selborne Parish Council's Employers' Discretions Policy for the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.