

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN BLACKMOOR VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY 2023 AT 7.30 PM



Present: Cllr D Ashcroft, Cllr C Bridger
Cllr H Grosvenor, Cllr G Earney
Cllr S Heaselgrave, Cllr C Joyce
Cllr D Littell, Cllr C McMeekan
Cllr N O'Donnell, Cllr M Turner (Chair)

Absent: Cllr S Bennett, Cllr W Megeney

Also present: Liz Ford, Parish Clerk and 4 members of the public

23.65 Apologies for Absence

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllrs Bennett and Megeney (proposed Cllr Earney and seconded Cllr Ashcroft with all voting in favour).

23.66 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Turner welcomed Cllr Joyce to her first meeting as a member of the Parish Council. Two letters of thanks had been received for grants made by the Council being: from Victim Support for a grant of £50 and Oakhanger Village Hall for a grant of £1,988.25 to provide a broadband internet connection to the hall. The Chair advised on the Council Recording of Public Meetings policy.

23.67 Declarations of Interest

Cllr McMeekan declared an interest (under 8 (1)) in the planning application ref. 20392/012 (see mins. 23.71 and 23.72) on account of being the Chair of Oakhanger Village Hall Committee which was to receive the public open space to be designated as part of the application. Cllr McMeekan elected not to vote on the Council decision of the comment. Cllr Earney declared an interest (under 9 (2)) in the grant application for a drama/yoga class (see min. 23.78) as the husband of one of the applicants and elected to leave the meeting while the item was being discussed.

23.68 Approval of Minutes

Requested changes to the minutes were discussed but not implemented. The Clerk would provide Cllr Earney with a transcript of the period of the meeting under discussion and would provide Cllr Ashcroft with a written reasoning for the form of wording of the comment submitted to the Planning Authority. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting on 21st June 2023 (proposed by Cllr McMeekan and seconded by Cllr O'Donnell with the majority voting in favour. Cllr Joyce abstained as not present at the meeting and Cllr Ashcroft also abstained. Cllrs Bridger, Earney and Littell objected).

The meeting was adjourned for public questions

23.69 Public Questions

One of the two applicants for a grant to fund a children's drama/yoga class (see min. 23.78) introduced the motivation for submitting the application. This was to teach yoga, mindfulness and drama to children in the 5 to 12 years age group to help them manage anxiety (considered to have been increased as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic and also the Climate Emergency).

The meeting was reconvened

23.70 Financial Report

- a) To note bank balances,
The bank balances and earmarked reserves as at 24th July 2023 were noted as

Bank Balances

Current Account	£ 2,963.73
Deposit Account	£ 79,993.75

Total at bank **£ 82,957.48**

Earmarked Reserves

Village Projects	£ 3,000.00
Traffic Projects	£ 11,000.00
Play Equipment	nil
CIL	£ 16,572.95
CIL Selborne Village Shop	£ 5,000.00
Elections	£ 2,000.00

Total EMR **£ 37,572.95**

Total General Fund **£ 45,384.53**

A detailed list of receipts and payments from 1st April to 24th July 2023 had been provided to Councillors before the meeting. The totals up until 24th July were as follows:

Total Receipts	£ 40,644.50
Total Payments	£ 37,860.56

- b) To approve bank reconciliations
Following a detailed check by Cllrs McMeekan and Earney it was **RESOLVED** to approve the April, May and June bank reconciliations (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr McMeekan with all voting in favour).
- c) To approve the proposed schedule of payments
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments (proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour. Cllr O'Donnell abstained).

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
30/6/23	HALC Ltd	Cllr Planning training	192.00	38.40	230.40
3/7/23	Idverde Ltd	bins 1/4/ to 30/6/23	102.19	20.44	122.63
17/7/23	PJ Grace	grass cutting June	480.00	96.00	576.00
20/7/23	E Ford	receipted expenses	162.91	32.59	195.50
20/7/23	Cllr N O'Donnell	training travel expenses	29.30	-	29.30
			966.40	187.43	1,153.83

23.71 Introduction by Advoco Planning to Planning Application Ref. 20392/012, Land South of the Lions Field Development, Oakhanger Road, Oakhanger. Proposal: Construction of a detached dwelling house and change use of grazing land to public open space

The planning consultant for the application introduced the application for a single detached dwelling and change of use of another area of grazing land to public open space. He advised that its approval

under policy CP10 of the EHDC Local Plan relied on the full support of the Parish Council. The applicant and planning consultant answered questions on the application.

23.72 Planning Applications: To consider and agree a response to the following planning application(s):

20392/012	Land South of the Lions Field Development, Oakhanger Road, Oakhanger	Construction of a detached dwelling house and change use of grazing land to public open space	Comment by 25/7/23 - extension requested
The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the comment to strongly support (proposed by Cllr Littell and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour. Cllr Ashcroft abstained on account of also being a District Councillor. Cllr McMeekan abstained having declared an interest under min 23.67 and Cllr Turner also abstained).			
SDNP/23/02917/NMA	The Queens Hotel High Street Selborne GU34 3JJ	Non Material Amendment to SDNP/20/04118/FUL - Insertion of doorway to south-east elevation	Determination deadline 14/8/23 (internal target date 7/8/23)
The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the comment of no objection (proposed by Cllr Grosvenor and seconded by Cllr Bridger with all voting in favour. Cllrs Ashcroft abstained on account of also being a District Councillor. Cllrs Earney and O'Donnell also abstained).			
33619/008	Alton Materials Recovery Facility, A31 Alton GU34 4JD	Development of an anaerobic digestion facility and waste transfer station, including partial demolition and reuse of existing buildings and infrastructure	Comment by 28/7/23
The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to resubmit the earlier comment to object (proposed by Cllr Grosvenor and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour).			
SDNP/23/02848/TCA	The Brae, Maltbys, Selborne GU34 3LT	Removal of 2x Conifers	Comment by 4/8/23
The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the comment of no objection (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Bridger with all voting in favour. Cllrs Grosvenor, Joyce and McMeekan abstained).			
SDNP/23/02530/TCA	Lythe House Selborne Road Selborne GU34 3JA	T1 - Horse chestnut - canopy radius reduced to approx 2.5 metres leaving a finished spread of approx 4.5 metres and a finished height of approx 7-8 metres (see SDNP/19/03149/TCA)	Comment by 3/8/23
The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the comment to support (proposed by Cllr O'Donnell and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour. Cllrs Joyce and McMeekan abstained).			

SDNP/23/02608/TCA	The Wakes, Gilbert Whites House & Gardens High Street Selborne GU34 3JH	Tree 3674 (Fagus sylvatica) - fell due to presence of Kretzschmaria deusta, assymetrical canopy and lean to the north etc... Tree 3675 (Fagus sylvatica) - crown reduction etc..	Comment by 24/7/23. Extension confirmed
The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the comment to support (proposed by Cllr O'Donnell and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour. Cllrs Joyce and McMeekan abstained).			
SDNP/23/02541/PA30	The Oast House, Wick Hill Farm Lane, Hartley Mauditt GU34 3BP	Prior Notification – Proposed change of use of existing agricultural building to flexible commercial use (Class E) under Class R of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 2015 as amended	Comment by 3/7/23. Extension requested 23/6/23.
A Planning Authority decision had already been made that prior approval was not required so the application was not discussed.			
SDNP/23/03037/APNB	The Oast House, Wick Hill Farm Lane, Hartley Mauditt GU34 3BP	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed alteration - Cladding and extension of existing building to create a winery	Comment by 3/8/23
The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the comment of no objection (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Turner with all voting in favour. Cllr Ashcroft abstained on account of also being a District Councillor).			

It was decided to discuss the grant application for a children's drama/yoga class at this point in the meeting. See min. 23.78.

23.73 To confirm and appoint members to the following Working Groups/Council Roles:

a) Traffic/Transport Working Group

There was no agreement on a group at the meeting. Cllr Earney would provide a range of topics to the next meeting for consideration by a possible Transport Working Group.

b) Playground Working Group

There was no agreement on a group at the meeting. Cllr Ashcroft would provide a range of topics to the next meeting for consideration by a possible Playground Working Group.

c) Climate (& Nature) Working Group

It was **RESOLVED** to form a Climate (& Nature) Working Group with members Cllrs Bridger, Earney, Heaselgrave and O'Donnell, The Working Group would invite members of the public to join the group (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr McMeekan with all voting in favour).

d) Blackmoor Village Hall representative

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Megeney would be the Blackmoor Village Hall representative (proposed by Cllr O'Donnell and seconded by Cllr Ashcroft with all voting in favour).

e) Oakhanger Village Hall representative

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr McMeekan would be the Oakhanger Village Hall representative (proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Bridger with all voting in favour).

f) Selborne Village Hall representative

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Turner would be the Selborne Village Hall representative (proposed by Cllr Grosvenor and seconded by Cllr Ashcroft with all voting in favour).

g) Selborne primary school representative

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr O'Donnell would be the Selborne primary school representative (proposed by Cllr Grosvenor and seconded by Cllr Ashcroft with all voting in favour).

h) St Matthews primary school representative

i) It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Megeney would be the St Matthews primary school representative (proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour).

j) Recreation Ground Committee representative

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Littell would be the Recreation Ground Committee representative (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr O'Donnell with all voting in favour).

k) Selborne Village Design Group representative

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Bennett would be the Selborne Village Design Group representative (proposed by Cllr McMeekan and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour. Cllr Ashcroft abstained on account of also being a District Councillor).

l) Oakhanger Playground lead

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr McMeekan would be the Oakhanger Playground Lead (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Joyce with all voting in favour).

l) Footpath lead(s)

It was **RESOLVED** to invite a local resident to be the Footpath Lead (proposed by Cllr Bridger and seconded by Cllr Ashcroft with all voting in favour).

m) Tree lead (s)

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr O'Donnell would be the Tree Lead (proposed by Cllr McMeekan and seconded by Cllr Bridger with all voting in favour. Cllr Ashcroft abstained on account of also being a District Councillor).

n) VAS lead

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Grosvenor would be the VAS lead (proposed by Cllr McMeekan and seconded by Cllr O'Donnell with all voting in favour). Cllr Earney volunteered to assist Cllr Grosvenor with the operation of the VAS.

o) East Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils, EHAPTC

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Earney would be the EHAPTC representative (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr McMeekan with all voting in favour). Cllr Megeney would be invited to assist.

p) Selborne defibrillator guardian

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr O'Donnell would be the Selborne defibrillator guardian (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour).

It was **RESOLVED** to allow a half hour extension to the meeting (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Ashcroft with all voting in favour).

23.74 To form a Working Group for the preparation of the SDNPA Parish Priority Statement – to be submitted by 20th October 2023

It was **RESOLVED** to form a Working Group for the preparation of the SDNPA Parish Priority Statement with members Cllrs Ashcroft, Bennett, Bridger, Earney, Heaselgrave, Littell and Megeney (proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Littell with all voting in favour. Cllrs Joyce, McMeekan, O'Donnell and Turner abstained).

23.75 To form a Working Group for the preparation of the SDNPA Open Space Assessment – to be submitted by 20th October 2023

It was **RESOLVED** to form a Working Group for the preparation of the SDNPA Open Space Assessment with members Cllrs Ashcroft, Bennett, Bridger, Earney and Littell (proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Bridger with all voting in favour. Cllrs Joyce and McMeekan abstained).

23.76 To consider the invitation for applications for EHDC S106 Generic Funding

Cllr Ashcroft declared an interest as a District Councillor and would not take part in the discussion of this item.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit an application to EHDC for the £1,558 Environmental Improvements S106 generic funds to improve pedestrian access along the first third of the footpath behind the Lionsmouth (proposed by Cllr Littell and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour. Cllr Ashcroft abstained on account of also being a District Councillor). The Climate (& Nature Group) would prepare information for inclusion in the grant application.

23.77 To consider an application to EHDC for Speedwatch units

It was **RESOLVED** to apply for three EHDC Speedwatch units (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Turner with all voting in favour. Cllr Ashcroft abstained on account of also being a District Councillor).

23.78 To consider a grant application towards a Saturday morning drama/yoga class for children at the Pavilion, Selborne Recreation Ground

This item was brought forward in the meeting and discussed after Planning Applications (minute 23.72)

Cllr Earney having declared an interest under min. 23.67 left the meeting

The application was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to grant £450 as half payment of the pavilion hire and to defer agreement on making further grant payments until a reply had been received from the applicants on a proposal that the Parish Council would fund up to 20 places on the course, with payment being made as each child signed up to the course, if there was agreement that the any additional Parish children requesting to attend (to a maximum of 30) would be funded by the course provider (amended resolution proposed by Cllr Grosvenor and seconded by Cllr Littell with the majority voting in favour. Cllr McMeekan voted to object. Cllrs Heaselgrave, Joyce and Turner abstained).

Cllr Earney returned to the meeting

23.79 To consider proposed resident consultation by the Climate (& Nature) Working Group

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed questionnaire with minor editing (proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Littell with all voting in favour). The approach for the circulation of the questionnaire would be approved at the next meeting.

23.80 To consider enhanced community engagement by the Parish Council

It was **RESOLVED** to form an Engagement Working Group with members Cllrs Bridger, Joyce, Littell, and O'Donnell. Cllr Megeny would be invited to join the group (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Bridger with all voting in favour). It was suggested that the first meeting would be held in the w/c 31st July with an initial document to be prepared for discussion at the next Council meeting.

23.81 To note next SDNPA Parishes event at 6.30pm on Wednesday 4th October 2023

The next SDNPA Parishes event at 6.30pm on Wednesday 4th October 2023 was noted. It would be a virtual meeting so no limit on the number of attendees was expected. The Clerk would circulate further details when received.

23.82 To note final public consultation stage for the Selborne Village Design Statement from 13th July until 7th September 2023

It was noted that the final public consultation stage for the Selborne Village Design Statement was running from 13th July until 7th September 2023. The Clerk had already posted information on the Selborne Village Facebook page and village noticeboards.

23.83 District Councillor Report

Significant S106 money from new development was allocated to the areas of the development themselves but the outlying settlements were also impacted. Cllr Ashcroft had contacted the County Council and District Council colleagues regarding a number of traffic issues but there was nothing to report as yet. The District Council was holding a full Council meeting on Thursday 27th July where a motion on Climate Change was to be discussed. This included a proposal for East Hampshire to be carbon neutral by 2030. The District Council now had a direct contract for household waste collections with Norse South East . Officers were now moving into the new Council offices in the New Barn on Bedford Road in Petersfield. A proportion of officers would continue with remote working. The change of offices would also mean that Council meetings would be held at different venues across the East Hampshire.

23.84 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on Wednesday August 9th 2023 in the Pavilion at the Selborne Recreation Ground with a start time of 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.03pm

Signed	
Chair of Selborne Parish Council	
Date	