

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN SELBORNE VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30 PM**



**Present:** Cllr S Bennett (Chair), Cllr C Bridger  
Cllr G Earney, Cllr H Grosvenor  
Cllr S Heaselgrave, Cllr N O'Donnell  
Cllr M Turner

**Absent:** Cllr D Ashcroft, Cllr C Joyce, Cllr C McMeekan  
Cllr W Megeney, Cllr D Webster-Jones

**Also present:** Liz Ford, Parish Clerk. Three members of the public.

**23.208 Apologies for Absence**

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

**23.209 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any interest in the business to be discussed and it was noted that the Clerk would make a recording of the meeting.

**23.210 Declarations of Interest - None**

**23.211 Approval of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to change minute 23.206 of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from "It was **RESOLVED** that where a Working Group was tasked with the preparation of a draft consultation response the resolution forming the Working Group would clearly specify that the draft would be required to go back to Council for review prior to submission or that the draft would be reviewed by the Clerk prior to submission " **to** "Where there is a Working Group preparation of a draft for a consultation response, the resolution will clearly specify that the draft will be reviewed by the Council prior to submission, unless the resolution states that the draft will only be reviewed by the Clerk." (proposed by Cllr Bridger and seconded by Cllr Bennett with all voting in favour. Cllrs Earney, Grosvenor and O'Donnell abstained on account of not being at the meeting).

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024, as amended above, (proposed by Cllr Bridger and seconded by Cllr Bennett with all voting in favour. Cllrs Earney, Grosvenor and O'Donnell abstained on account of not being at the meeting).

**23.212 Public Questions**

***It was RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for public questions (proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour)***

A resident reported that the official HCC diversion route, now to be for all vehicles, on the closure of the B3004 for SSEN cabling works. The route was via the A32 and was over 30 miles

in length with a travel time of about 1 hour, whereas the available route through Selborne village along the B3006 was only 14 miles with a travel time of about 30 minutes. The resident requested that there was an adequate level of policing to enforce the HGV and speed limits and enhanced efforts particularly to deter heavy traffic. The Chair advised that information on some of these points would be provided when closure of the B3004 was discussed later in the meeting (see minute 23.215).

The Planning Consultant for planning application ref 20392/013 provided background on the application and confirmed that a statement on page 2 of the Design, Access, Planning and Heritage Statement was incorrect: once ownership of the separate parcel of grazing land some 400m to the north of the application site had been transferred, the setting out of the open space would fall to the Oakhanger Village Hall charity and not the Parish Council. The transfer of ownership of land for public open space would also start in the near future and take place independently of the planning application process.

***It was RESOLVED to reconvene the meeting (proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour).***

It was decided to bring consideration of the planning application ref. 20392/013 forward to this point in the meeting (see second item under minute 23.213).

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

**39150/004, 11 Plantation Way, Whitehill, Bordon GU35 9HD**

Reduce height of 1No. Oak tree from 12Metres to 10Metres, reduce radial span from 6Metres to 4Metres. Reduction of 1No. Oak tree garden side radial span from 3.5Metres to 2Metres (E.H.20) (Land to the south of Eveley Lane, Whitehill) Tree Preservation Order 1975

The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the comment to support the application (proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Heaselgrave with all voting in favour).

**20392/013, Land south of the Lions Field Development, Oakhanger Road, Oakhanger,**  
Construction of a detached dwelling and change of use of grazing land to public open space.

The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the comment to support the application in principle as it was helping with local housing need. However, Selborne Parish Council noted that it was being built on agricultural land (proposed by Cllr O'Donnell and seconded by Cllr Turner with all voting in favour).

*The three members of the public left the meeting*

**23.214 To approve the corrections to the completed Selborne Village Design Statement for adoption by the SDNPA**

The South Downs National Park Authority had requested additional changes in the draft Selborne Village Design Statement to enable it to be put forward for a further six week public consultation and adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document under the SDNPA

Local Plan. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the changes and for the document to go forward to the next stage of public consultation and to delegate the Clerk to approve any further minor changes where made for clarity. However, if there were any material changes, the VDS would be referred back to Council for approval (proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour).

### **23.215 To consider an update and further Council response to the planned closure of the B3004 for SSEN cabling works**

There would be no cabling works on the B3004 for the six week summer school exam period, starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, so that there would be no need for the diversion of school buses. To achieve this the full closure of the B3004 had been brought forward to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and would be closed for periods up until mid October 2024. The Clerk had sent further correspondence with HCC and SSEN to request additional measures to reduce the impact of the diverted traffic on the Parish and particularly along the B3006 through the village of Selborne. The Clerk had also been in contact again with the office of the local MP for support in obtaining these measures.

There had been confirmation of increased police enforcement of both speed limits and the 7.5T HGV limit but no further detail. Pre-condition survey data had been provided but was missing for key locations (e.g. Honey Lane). Importantly HCC had confirmed that any damage caused by the diverted traffic to private property fronting the highway (e.g. walls and buildings) was a matter between the owner and Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks, SSEN. The Parish Council had obtained detailed information on a method to carry out a detailed pre-condition survey the historic property fronting the highway in Selborne village but this was not progressed as expected to be at considerable cost. The Clerk had queried the diversion information in the latest SSEN leaflet drop with both HCC and SSEN as soon as received by email on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January as HCC had agreed a shorter official diversion route for cars and light vans away from the B3006 and the HGV diversion route. The update on the road closure was discussed and key actions agreed:

- Residents were advised to take time/date stamped and witnessed photographs of the condition of their property where it fronted the highway prior to the closure of the B3004 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February;
- The Clerk to write again to HCC to request: improved measures (confirmation of the provision of temporary traffic lights particularly at the crossing to the Selborne primary school, temporary speed limit reduction, additional and even large LED HGV limit signs, road narrowing signs and as requested by a resident red "NO Access" signage to deter HGV's from using the B3006 as a through route); outstanding information (alternative school bus provision for Oakhanger etc, missing survey data); the need to avoid increased frequency of the gridlock events which already occurred in the village when HGV's did not have enough room to pass oncoming traffic; to advise again that larger vehicles including HGV's regularly drove along the pavement at speed when meeting oncoming traffic in the narrower sections of the village; the concern that there was an increased risk of accident with increased traffic levels in Selborne village and elsewhere, particularly at the junction of the B3006 with the unclassified road to Upper Farringdon/West Worldham (the Roundhouse junction);
- The Clerk to write to ask that the emergency blue light route was safeguarded;
- The Clerk to write a formal letter of complaint to senior management in SSEN.

**23.216 To consider the provision to the HLOW Constabulary of a list of commercial and other entities likely to be routinely visited by vehicles over the 7.5T HGV limit within the limited area**

It was **RESOLVED** to provide the HLOW Constabulary with the list prepared by the Transport Working Group of commercial and other entities likely to be routinely visited by vehicles over the 7.5T HGV limit within the limited area (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Bridger with all voting in favour). This was to facilitate the identification of unauthorised HGV's which were not travelling to these properties but using the B3006 as a through route.

**23.217 To consider the submission of a revision to the existing application for the EHDC AutoSpeedWatch cameras, accompanied by a HCC S178 licence application**

There was a discussion of a recommendation by the Transport Working Group to use up to 14 AutoSpeedWatch, ASW, cameras across the Parish (6no. in Selborne village, 4 no. in Oakhanger village and 4 no. at the Blackmoor primary school) as averaging speed cameras and detailed information on the use of averaging speed cameras by Beech Parish Council. It was **RESOLVED** to apply to HCC for a s178 licence to site ASW cameras in Selborne (6 no.), Oakhanger (4 no.) and at Blackmoor primary school (4 no.) subject to resident agreement on camera locations (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Bennett with all voting in favour).

The Clerk would contact HCC to advise that an application was imminent and EHDC to request that the existing application submitted in August 2023 be modified to request six cameras for use in six of the locations included under the proposed HCC licence.

**23.218 Date of next meeting:** The next meeting would be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Selborne Recreation Ground.

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm**

<b>Signed</b>	
<b>Chair of Selborne Parish Council</b>	
<b>Date</b>	