

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN BLACKMOOR VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 2024 AT 7.30 PM



Present: Cllr D Ashcroft, Cllr S Bennett (Chair)
Cllr C Bridger, Cllr G Earney
Cllr S Heaselgrave, Cllr W Megeney
Cllr N O'Donnell, Cllr M Turner
Cllr D Webster-Jones

Absent: Cllr H Grosvenor

Also present: Liz Ford, Parish Clerk

24.1 Apologies for Absence It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Grosvenor (proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Turner with all voting in favour).

24.2 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair thanked both Carol McMeekan, who had been a Parish Councillor since May 2019, and Clare Joyce following their recent resignations from the Council, and wished both and their families well for the future. There were now two Casual Vacancies on the Council. EHDC had confirmed that there had been no request for an election for the first vacancy and co-option to choose a new Councillor would take place at the May 15th Council meeting. The deadline to request an election in the case of the second vacancy was 1st May.

The South Downs National Park Authority had adopted the Selborne Village Design Statement at the Planning Committee meeting on Thursday 18th April. Both residents and SDNPA officers were thanked for their work to create the document.

An ecologist from the Knepp Estate would give a talk at the Selborne Parish Assembly on the 8th May in Selborne primary school. The head teacher, Lucy Corbishley, would also give a short presentation on the school's plans for "Wrap-around Care". Refreshments would be served from 7pm and the meeting would start at or just after 7.20pm.

It was noted that the Clerk would make a recording of the meeting.

24.3 Executive Officer's Summary

The Clerk provided a summary of the work carried out since the last meeting.

24.4 Declarations of Interest - None

24.5 Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 20th March 2024 (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Heaselgrave with all voting in favour. Cllrs Megeney, O'Donnell and Turner abstained on account of not having been present at the meeting).

24.6 Public Questions - There were no public questions

24.7 Financial Report:

a) The bank balances and earmarked reserves were noted as below:

Bank Balances as at 1st April 2024 (current) and 31st March 2024 (deposit)

Current Account		6,121.84	
Deposit Account		98,220.33	
Total at bank		104,342.17	
Earmarked Reserves			
Village Projects		3,000.00	
Traffic Projects		11,000.00	
Play equipment		-	
CIL&S106 (£565)		20,803.26	
CIL Selborne Village Shop		5,000.00	
Elections		2,000.00	
Total EMR		41,803.26	
Total General Fund		62,538.91	

Cllr Ashcroft requested that a review of the CIL Selborne Village Shop earmarked reserve was included on the agenda of the June Council meeting.

b) To approve bank reconciliations

This item was deferred.

c) To approve the proposed schedule of payments

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments below (proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour).

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
Payments to be approved at Council Meeting 17/4/24					
Future payments					
8/4/24	HALC Ltd	HALC &NALC fees for 2024/2025	496.00	-	496.00
8/4/24	PJ Grace	Inv 7057, grass cutting March 2024	390.00	78.00	468.00
11/4/24	EDGE IT Systems Ltd	subs for 22/5/24 to 21/5/25 (4.5%, see T&C)	319.00	63.80	382.80
15/4/24	E Ford	refund McAfee subscription 14/4/24 to 14/5/25	79.99	16.00	95.99
TOTAL FOR 17th April 2024			1,284.99	157.80	1,442.79

d) To note arrangements for the review of the 2023/2024 Accounts, internal audit and approval of the 2023/2024 Annual Return (AGAR)

The 2023/2024 Annual Accounts and AGAR documentation would be provided to Councillors by the end of April. The final stage of the Internal Audit would be on Tuesday 7th May to be followed by a Finance Working Group review of the accounts and annual return before Council approval at the June Council meeting. The Annual Return would be submitted to the external auditor by 1st July.

24.8 To consider approval of the Asset List following annual review – deferred at March meeting

This item was deferred.

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

SDNP/24/00384/FUL, The Oast House , Wick Hill Farm Lane, Hartley Mauditt. GU34 3BP

Re-consultation following amendments to: Change of use, alterations and extension to existing agricultural barn to create a function space for wine tasting events and weddings, together with parking landscaping and associated works.

No formal request for further consultation had been received by the time of the meeting so there was no revisiting of the Council comment determined at the February Council meeting.

SDNP/24/01483/SCREEN, Overhead Line Bradshott Lane, Blackmoor

EIA screening - Replace 3 wooden poles And Associated stays

The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the response of no comment (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Bennett with all voting in favour).

24.10 To consider grant application for £500 from Citizens Advice East Hampshire (CAEH)

The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £500 to Citizens Advice East Hampshire (proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Turner with all voting in favour).

24.11 To consider grant application for £650 from Homestart-Hampshire

The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £200 to Homestart Hampshire (proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Bennett with all voting in favour).

24.12 To note HCC guidelines and licence requirements for SPC AutoSpeedWatch camera deployment

The Hampshire County Council S178 licence and guidelines had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. An email from the camera supplier detailing management of records for compliance with personal data protection had also been provided prior to the meeting. The S178 licence was a legal agreement between HCC and the Parish Council which stipulated compliance with stated requirements for the deployment of the AutoSpeedWatch cameras and the HCC ASW and other guidelines. The requirements of the

HCC licence, guidelines and the need to ensure personal data protection were noted. The need for a risk assessment and a methodology for the operation of the cameras was also noted.

24.13 To approve the payment of the increased S178 licence fee (£190)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of £190 to Hampshire County Council for the S178 licence fee (proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Earney with all voting in favour).

24.14 To delegate the Parish Clerk to sign the S178 Licence agreement between the Parish Council and Hampshire County Council for the SPC AutoSpeedWatch camera deployment

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the Parish Clerk to sign the S178 Licence agreement between the Parish Council and Hampshire County Council for the SPC AutoSpeedWatch camera deployment (proposed by Cllr Earney and seconded by Cllr Ashcroft with all voting in favour).

24.15 To consider tasking a Transport Working Group to prepare a report on how to facilitate the installation of electric vehicle charging points in the Parish

Only one of the three previous tasks of the existing Transport Working Group had been completed being the provision of a list to the police of premises in the Parish to which HGV's routinely travelled. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to task the existing Transport Working Group to prepare a report on how to facilitate the installation of electric vehicle charging points in the Parish.

24.16 To consider problems caused by the Motorcross weekend starting on 29th March at Slab Common

A series of Motocross events from the 24 March to 7 April 24 on the MoD land at Slab Common, between Bordon and Oakhanger, had generated a number of complaints from local residents about noise and disruption. The Parish Council discussed the issue and it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk would write to the MoD to report the concern regarding the problems with ecological damage, noise, parking and lack of event management and also suggest that a consideration was made to place a restriction on the number of both participants and spectators at any future event (proposed by Cllr Megeney and seconded by Cllr Bennett with all voting in favour. Cllrs Ashcroft and Bridger abstained).

24.17 To receive District Councillor report

Cllr Ashcroft advised that there had been problems with waste collections in the Parish and that the waste collection contractor was now using smaller vehicles which were better suited to the local road network.

He reported that an appeal for housing in Four Marks had been upheld the week before as the Planning Inspector had decided that EHDC could not demonstrate a four year land supply.

There had been a huge response to the recent EHDC Local Plan consultation. It was hoped to issue the next draft of the Plan by mid summer, submit the final draft of the new Local Plan to the Inspectorate at the end of 2024 and, if passed, this would then be active by the

middle of next year. This would provide more Local Plan control of housing development in the areas of the EHDC Planning Authority.

Reference was made to changes in planning policy and regulation and that these were leading developers to look at buildings on agricultural land as housing development sites and that there was a relaxation of rules for erecting new agricultural buildings on land and then changing these sites to housing.

The EHDC office was no longer at Penns Place and had moved to Bedford Road.

24.18 The next meeting would be on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 8.15pm in Selborne Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed	
Chair of Selborne Parish Council	
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