

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PAVILION, SELBORNE RECREATION GROUND
ON WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2024 AT 8.00 PM



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

Absent: Cllr H Grosvenor, Cllr M Turner

Also present: Liz Ford, Parish Clerk, and one member of the public

24.90 Apologies for Absence

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllrs Grosvenor and Turner

24.91 Chairmans Announcements

The Chair advised that the Clerk would be recording the meeting.

The Chair formally thanked the Selborne Processional Supper group for the donation of £375 towards the upkeep of the Selborne village defibrillator.

It was noted that the B3006, Selborne Road would be closed at the A31 Bridge Overpass to 75m east of Lumby Park for a further four nights from 21st August from 20.00 until 07.00.

The Parish Councillors had been invited to a Get-together dinner in Alton on the 14th September for the communities around the Jalsa Salana.

Councillors were asked if they wanted to make a team to take part in the pub quiz in the Village Hall on the 21st September.

24.92 Executive Officers Summary

The Clerk provided a list of work done since the meeting on the 24th July.

24.93 Declarations of Interest

Cllr O'Donnell declared an interest (under 9(2) of the Code of Conduct) in the item on the allotment water supply as the spouse of an allotment holder and elected to leave the meeting while the business was discussed (see min. 24.102).

24.94 Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting on 14th August 2024. Cllrs Bridger, Earney, O'Donnell and Webster-Jones abstained on account of not having attended the meeting.

24.95 Public Questions

It was RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for public questions

A resident asked for an update on the decoration of the village with poppies in advance of Remembrance Sunday and the placement of flowers at the Selborne village gates. This was provided during the public session but was minuted under the relevant agenda item (see minute 24.103).

It was RESOLVED to reconvene the meeting

24.96 Financial Report:

a) The bank balances as at 1 August (current) and 31st July (Deposit) and EMR were noted as below:

Current Account	1,855.63
Deposit Account	106,003.74
Total at bank	107,859.37
Earmarked Reserves	
Village Projects	3,000.00
Traffic Projects	11,000.00
Play equipment	-
CIL&S106 (£565)	15,856.52
CIL Selborne Village Shop	5,000.00
Elections	2,000.00
Total EMR	36,856.52
Total General Fund	71,002.85

See the bank reconciliations under the separate Appendix documents for the receipts and payments since 1st July 2024.

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the July bank reconciliations

c) There were no payments to approve at the meeting

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

SDNP/24/03267/TCA, Myrtle Cottage, Hastards Lane, Selborne GU34 3LB

Tree Works in a Conservation Area application: Plain Leaf Holly – Fell

The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the response to request that the applicant considered the reduction of the tree rather than its felling on account of it being a native species with high wildlife habitat value and also landscape value. Cllr Ashcroft abstained on account of also being a District Councillor.

SDNP/24/03093/LDP, 2 Pond End Cottages Honey Lane Selborne GU33 6BU

Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Development - Use of land to station a mobile home granny annexe for use incidental to the main dwelling

The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on account of: the excessive size of the mobile home for its intended use; the proposal involved overdevelopment of the site; the application did not include a fixed location for the mobile home; the close proximity of the development to the neighbouring residential property; and lack of information on the existing and future boundary treatments for the site. If the Planning Authority was minded to grant permission, the Parish Council requested that a condition was included that the use of the mobile home was limited to being ancillary to the main dwelling. Cllr Ashcroft abstained on account of also being a District Councillor.

24.98 To elect new members to the Planning Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Hulbert and Roger-Smith would join Cllrs Bennett, Bridger, Earney (Chair), Heaselgrave and Megeney (Vice Chair) on the Planning Committee.

24.99 To consider an update on the EHDC surrender of the lease for the free public car park to the rear of the Selborne Arms PH

The Clerk advised that EHDC had formally served notice to surrender the lease of the car park on the 8th September. The management of the car park would then revert to the pub company which owned the Selborne Arms Public House. The toilet block was on a separate lease with about 90 years still to run. The toilet lease did not give any rights to park whilst using the toilet. The Clerk would request EHDC to provide signage on the toilet block to highlight that parking was free for the first twenty minutes in the adjacent museum car park. The Clerk would continue discussions with various bodies regarding taking on a new lease for a public car park and to include possible provision of electric vehicle charging, with proposals to be presented to a future Council meeting.

24.100 To consider quote to clear vegetation from the ditch along Nine Acres Lane and Gracious Street

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint PJ Grace to clear the ditch vegetation along the lower section of the Nine Acres Lane roadside ditch and along the Gracious Street ditch from the junction with Nine Acres Lane until the entrance to The Grange for a cost of £200 plus VAT. The Clerk would establish who was responsible for managing the ditches going forward. The Clerk would also contact the Environment Agency for an update on flood mitigation works on the “main river” upstream of Nine Acres Lane and the planned County Council repair to the flood-water eroded edge of the lane, Hampshire County Council to request clearance of the highways culvert at the junction of Nine Acres Lane and Gracious Street and other landowners re ditch management. A repeat of a proposal for a Flood Management Working Group would be included on the agenda of the September meeting.

24.101 To consider scope of new three year Grounds Maintenance Contract starting January 2025 until December 2027

A summary of the range of grounds maintenance work carried out by the Parish Council had been provided to Councillors prior to the meeting and was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that the new Grounds Maintenance Contract would be for three years and would include the previous scope with the addition of itemised costs for (1) hand clearing or (2) herbicide application to manage the weed growth on the pavements in Selborne village. The Clerk would obtain advice on the environmental and health and safety considerations of herbicide application through the centre of the village.

It was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting for half an hour.

Cllr O'Donnell, having declared an interest under 24.93, left the meeting

24.102 To consider resident request for the installation of a water standpipe in Goslings Croft public open space area for use by allotment holders

Consideration of a resident request for the Parish Council to provide a metered water supply for the allotments in the EHDC owned land adjacent to the Goslings Croft allotments was deferred until the discussion of the 2025/2026 budget at the October meeting.

Cllr O'Donnell returned to the meeting

24.103 To consider update on resident request regarding flowers at the Selborne “village gates” and preparations for Remembrance Sunday 2024

This had been discussed under the Public Questions part of the meeting. Hampshire County Highways had been contacted regarding the placement of flower tubs at the base of the village gates and had no objection. The resident currently providing and maintaining the flowers under the village gate to the south of Selborne refused an offer of a larger container and a donation for flowers to replace the summer planting. The Clerk would contact the householder adjacent to the village gate to the north of Selborne regarding the placement of a tub there, but it was noted that it was a different setting to the southern

gate. Cllr Megeney would contact a resident in Goslings Croft to ask if they would maintain any flowers placed at the northern gate.

The Clerk had obtained eight “event” poppies (large red, re-usable poppies) from the Royal British Legion for a donation of £40 and would contact residents for permission to place them on properties on the High Street on the approach to the war memorial in the month before Remembrance Sunday.

24.104 To consider response to SDNPA Local Plan Review

The Clerk would submit a Parish Council response to the consultation on the SDNPA Local Plan Review based on the Parish Priority Statement. Councillors were encouraged to submit responses independently and it was noted that there was a “youth survey” for 13 to 25 year olds, with the chance to enter a prize draw for a £50 gift voucher. The Clerk would publicise the consultation, which was open until 16th September.

24.105 District Councillor Report

The revision of the East Hampshire District Local Plan was ongoing. It was noted that the government housing target had recently increased from 560 to 1,060 per year. On account of the Duty to Co-operate with adjacent planning authorities, a larger housing figure could be expected. The District did not have the necessary four year housing supply which limited the validity of local policy considerations in the evaluation of planning applications. The Monday refuse collections would still take place on the following Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August. Future roadside domestic recycled glass collections would take place fortnightly. The District Councillor asked the Clerk to request EHDC to carry out road-sweeping in Selborne village. The District Councillor reported that there had been criminal damage on a property in Selborne village about two weeks before the meeting.

Cllr Bridger highlighted that there would be three-way traffic lights for two weeks from 6th September at the junction of Selborne High Street with Honey Lane to enable roofing works to be carried out on a roadside property.

24.106 The next meeting was scheduled for 7.30pm in Oakhanger Village Hall on Wednesday 18th September.

The meeting closed at 10.25pm

Signed	
Chair of Selborne Parish Council	
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