



**Minutes of a meeting of Selborne Parish Council held in the Blackmoor Village Hall
on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 8.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. Cllr. S. Bennett – Chairman
Cllr. D. Ashcroft
Cllr. C. Bridgier
Cllr. G. Earney
Cllr. H. Grovesnor
Cllr. S. Hulbert
Cllr. N. O'Donnell
Cllr. M. Turner

Also present: Anne Wilson Interim Parish Clerk
One member of the public

26/191 Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive apologies of absence for this meeting from:

- Cllr. S. Haeselgrove – work commitment
- Cllr. Ben Roger-Smith – work commitment
- Cllr. D. Webster – Jones – personal commitment

24/192 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting and said that there were a lot of difficult decisions relating to the parish.

24/193 Executive Officer's Summary

The Interim Parish Clerk said that she would be readvertising the Parish Clerks role that weekend and will give a report at this point in the meeting on this matter. She had some catch up work to do following the passing of her father and would ensure that this is done speedily.

24/194 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED to note that the following declaration was made:

- Cllr. N. O'Donnell would leave the room if any discussion took place about SDNP/24/04055/TCA (PP-13452034) Selborne C of E Primary School.
- Cllr. M. Turner in Selborne Recreation Ground and would leave the room for the item.

24/195 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th December 2024.

24/196 Public Questions

The member of the public spoke about their concern about flooding in the village and the need for the Parish Council to take the lead on working on solutions. The Chairman said that the serious matter of flooding was on the agenda when the Parish Council would be looking at how they could work with outside agencies to solve the flooding issues noting that some residents would also have to make changes to their streams and gulleys on their land.

24/197 Financial Report

i) Members were asked to:

- a) note bank balances, earmarked reserves and payments and receipts since the meeting on 18th December 2024

The Interim Parish Clerk had not had the opportunity to look at this before the meeting and would ensure that all the information would be available for the February Parish Council meeting.

b) approve December bank reconciliation

The Interim Parish Clerk had not had the opportunity to look at this before the meeting and would ensure that all the information would be available for the February Parish Council meeting.

c) **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments for January 2025:

- Selborne Recreation Ground – £100.00
- P.J. Grace - £204.00 for cutting back shrubs on the Plestor
- P. J. £1164.00 – grounds maintenance on the Plestor, play park and triangular bit of grass, Oakhanger Play Park and Selborne Allotments and clearing footpaths from Ketcher Field and Goslings Croft

ii) Finance Committee

Members are asked to note that the date of the Finance Committee meeting to meet to confirm the current financial situation and to confirm the budgets is Tuesday 4th February 2025.

24/198 Planning

Members were asked to consider and note:

i) To consider and agree a response to the following planning application(s):

- SDNP/24/05258/HOUS 7 Ganders Close Selborne
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extensions

RESOLVED that Members had no objections to this application.

- SDNP/24/05207/TCA Dorton's Huckers Lane Selborne
Beech Tree A – Fell

RESOLVED that Members would make no comment on this application.

- SDNP/24/02327/FUL New Barn Farm Honey Lane Selborne
Demolition of existing barn and erection of no.1 dwelling

RESOLVED that Members had no objection in principle to this application but had concerns about amount of traffic that now used Honey Lane following the building of several new dwellings.

- EHDC – 24 – 0014 – NAC Whitehouse Farm Selborne Road Selborne
Cross Boundary Application – Demolition of existing farmhouse and construction of new farmhouse and outbuildings

RESOLVED that Members would make no comment on this application as the application did not affect the parish.

ii) Planning Applications Granted:

RESOLVED that Members noted the following applications had been granted:

- SDNP/24/04483/TCA Land at the Plestor High Street Selborne
T1 – 8m tall pollarded Sycamore – Remove all Ivy. Remove all vegetation within a 1m radius of the base. Reduce crown by 2m back to previous pruning points
- SDNP/24/004480/TCA Land at The Plestor High Street
Mature Oak Tree (Common Oak, Quercus robor) of 14m in height at the top end of the Plestor by St. Mary's Church, Selborne Village
- 21876/064 Land to the rear of The Old Stables, Oakhanger Farm, Oakhanger Road
Removal/Variation of Condition

24/199 Update on the Recruitment of a Parish Clerk

Members noted that interviews had taken place before Christmas for the post of Parish Clerk but following an evaluation of the applicant that it was agreed that they were not suitable for the post.

RESOLVED that the Interim Parish Clerk re-advertise the Parish Clerk role again at the SLCC, the County Association and neighbouring associations and local SLCC branches.

24/200 Plestor and Gracious Street flood

Members expressed concern about the flooding issues in the parish and after considering how and why the flooding may take place **RESOLVED** that the Interim Parish Clerk arrange a meeting with the relevant residents and a meeting with the Environment Agency and East Hants District Council.

24/201 Grant Application from Oakhanger

Members were asked to consider the attached grant application and **RESOLVED** to give a grant of £400 for the general annual maintenance for the coming 12 months of the remembrance garden and grass cutting and hedge trimming.

24/202 Items deferred from the last meeting

Members were asked to consider the following items:

- i) 5 year plan budget headings – this would be considered at the
- ii) Grant Application from Selborne Recreation Committee

Cllr. M. Turner left the meeting for this item.

This item was deferred to allow further information to be obtained regarding further quotations (as required by grant policy) as well as bank statements and a financial report. The committee should provide confirmation that the zip wire is closed and unusable in the interim for safety reasons. Cllr Webster-Jones is to confer with the committee to pursue these points. A revised amount is now sought of £2682 +VAT.

There was not update available at the meeting.

24/203 Updates from Working Groups

Members received updates from the Chairman of the Working Groups on the work of their group.

24/204 To receive District Councillor report

RESOLVED that Members noted the report from the District Councillor.

24/205 Date of next meetings

RESOLVED to note that the Parish Council meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 18th February 2025
- Tuesday 18th March 2025
- Wednesday 16th April 2025
- Wednesday 21st May 2025 - Annual Meeting

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the school on Wednesday 14th May 2025.

24/206 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, due to the nature of the business about to be transacted which is considered to be prejudicial to the public interest.

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

24/207 Recruitment of the new Parish Clerk

RESOLVED to note that Members are asked confirmed the conditions of appointment of the new Parish Clerk to Selborne Parish Council and agreed that the role should not be split.

Signed Date

Chairman