

# **HARBLEDOWN AND ROUGH COMMON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council at St Michael's Church Hall

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012

All Planning Applications received since the last Parish Council meeting were on display from 7.15 p.m.

Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

## **Present**

**Councillors J Larkinson (Chairman), A Cain, J Conway, S Denham, J Edis, B Golding, W Gregory, B Shire, G Wright, Kent County Councillor John Simmonds, Canterbury City Councillor Michael Dixey, Mr D Frost (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.**

### **01/12 Confirmation of Summons**

All Councillors had received their summons to attend this meeting and the public notices had been served correctly.

### **02/12 Alterations to the Register of Councillors' Interests and Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

There were no alterations to the Register of Councillors' Interests.

### **03/12 Apologies for Absence**

Councillor R Perham (Holiday).

The Chairman introduced Mr Brian Lloyd who kindly agreed to come and address the meeting on the subject of Neighbour Plans, which is part of the Localism Act, which was passed by the Parliament at Westminster in November 2011. Mr Lloyd gave a very informative talk outlining the main components parts of Neighbour Plans. . Booklets have been published by CPRE who are also arranging planning awareness events.

The members of the committee and member of the public were invited to ask questions and this resulted in a very interesting question and answer session.

Councillor Larkinson thanked Mr Lloyd for coming to the meeting and giving a very interesting presentation. on this complex subject.

### **04/12 Approval of Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor Denham and seconded by Councillor Conway that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be signed as correct.

### **05/12 Matters Arising.**

#### **Footpaths**

Councillor Golding reported that a letter has been written to Canterbury City Council regarding the section of footpath running from Neal's Place Road to Glen Iris Road.

**At this point the Chairman asked whether any resident of the Parish wished to address the Council or ask any question about any agenda item.**

### **06/12 Planning applications.**

**The following planning applications were received.**

**CA/12/00076/FUL.19 Fir Tree Close, Rough Common**

Erection of a conservatory at rear of dwelling.

**Resolved : No objection to this application**

**CA/12/00021/FUL. The Burrow, Faulkners Lane, Harbledown.**

Extension to underground dwelling.

The notification of the planning application was not received until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, and therefore the Chairman said that the planning group would look at the application and report to the next meeting.

**CCC Notified Decisions:**

**Granted:**

**CA/11/02157/FUL** 29 Highfield Claose, Rough Common.

**CA/11/02117/FUL.** Bartonlea Cottage, London Road, Upper Harbledown

**Committee Reports**

**Finance**

There was no report.

**Open Spaces and Allotments**

Councillor Conway reported that minor repairs to the play areas at Rough Common Village Hall playing fields and Pine Meadows have now been completed.

Councillor Cain reported that Rough Common Hall Management Committee do not have the scope or money to replace the play equipment, for the time being. Councillor Cain also reported that the ground membrane and chippings should be replaced as the concrete is dangerously exposed. It was also reported that 5 to 6 metres of fencing at the rear of Rough Common Village Hall is in need of repair.

**Allotments:**

The Clerk reported that there are still two invoices unpaid in respect of invoices for rent due 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, but he understands that these will be settled by the tenants shortly.

**07/12 Reports of Councillors with Portfolios**

**Footpaths:**

Councillor Golding reported that with the exception of Neal's Place Farm

and Stain's Farm, which have been reported as overgrown, all paths are as I'm aware, open and accessible.

Tom and I hand pruned CB5 from St Mary's Hall to New Road. in late January.

Some saplings have been planted rather close on the path.

The volunteers have now returned from exotic holidays and we'll be tackling some slightly unruly paths soon.

Councillor Edis reported that dog fouling warning notices are still awaited for Cheyney Field and that a new sign is required for Pine Meadow.

### **Tree Matters:**

Councillor Shire reported that she could see no problem in work to trees at Hopebourne and Yew Tree Cottage.

### **Highways:**

Councillor Gregory reported that she had submitted lists for replacement street furniture to Kent County Councillor John Simmonds and 21 items had been accepted, however 5 or 6 items cannot be considered under this scheme but may be able to be dealt with under other funding. Ross Gardens Road is falling apart, edges giving way. Councilor Gregory has enquired whether this is an un-adopted road.

A new "No Through Road" sign for Ravenscourt Road has been declined by Kent Highways because there has not been any recorded incidents which could be attributed to traffic attempting to use the road as a through route in the last three years. A sign warning of a blind bend at Lovell Road has also been declined for the same reason.

Councilor Shire reported that she had spent time on 18<sup>th</sup> January observing passing traffic in Rough Common Road, and has taken photographs which show heavy lorries are still using the road inappropriately. Councilor Shire said that she felt that only enforcement by the police would deter such use. Lay- bys are being constructed in Rough Common Road, but parking opposite the new lay- bys and also on the village green continues to be prevalent.

Kent College have asked for a crossing at the top of Rough Common Road (Whitstable Road). This follows a recent traffic accident involving one of the Kent College pupils. Councilor Simmonds has had a meeting with Kent Highways and does not think this request is unreasonable.

At the meeting of the Joint Transportation Committee it was agreed that a 30 mph speed limit be accepted for Blean.

At the same meeting Councilor Simmonds said that it was unnecessary at the moment for double yellow lines to be implemented in Rough Common Road, and that this should be left until the results of the ban on parking on grass verges or pavements is seen.. The committee did not adopt the measure.

A member of the public at the Parish Council meeting brought up the Kent Highways proposal to close Westgate Towers to St Peter's Place to all traffic, apart from buses and taxis. He felt that this could cause a potential for traffic to divert via Rough Common Road, and suggested that monitoring bars should be placed in Rough Common Road before the

closure of Westgate Towers is decided.

Councillor Golding reported that discussions have taken place with St Michael & All Angels Church regarding the replacement or restoration of the war memorial gate, and that quotations will be obtained.

Councillor Edis reported that at the meeting of the Upper Harbledown Association it was agreed that as it not possible to have a wooden bus shelter in Upper Harbledown because of ownership problems, she has been in touch with Jan Uden at Canterbury City Council regarding a metal replacement.

Councillor Larkinson thanked Councillor Edis for her efforts in resolving this matter.

**Park and Ride:**

There was no report.

**Newsletter:**

Councillor Wright said that the Spring 2012 newsletter was being prepared for printing.

**08/12 Reports of Councillor representatives**

**No Man's Orchard:**

Councillor Conway said that the weather damage caused over the winter has been cleared. It will not be possible to determine that number of trees that have survived until the trees come into bud. Pruning will start shortly and the management plan has now been finalised.

Councillor Gregory has produced an information brochure for local schools.

**Police Liaison:**

Councillor Edis reported that she has spoken to PCSO Chapman and that there had been a recent burglary in Blean and that speed checks have been carried out in the vicinity of Blean School. PCSO Chapman is being posted to the Dover area and PCSO Bradbury will be his replacement.

**Rough Common Village Hall:**

Councillor Cain reported that grant applications have been made to Viridor and also a grant under the village hallmark scheme.

**KALC:**

There was no report.

**09/12 Update status on other items:**

Neighbourhood plan.

**10/12 Correspondence:**

The digest had been circulated and was available for Councillors to read. There were no comments.

**11/12 Finance and Accounts for Payment:** It was resolved to accept the accounts for payment. Proposed by Councillor Denham and seconded by Councillor Edis.

**12/12 Future Issues:** Park and Ride

Parish Assembly

**The next meeting will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at St Mary's Hall Upper Harbledown commencing at 7.30pm. Planning Applications will be on display from 7.15pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

## HARBLEDOWN & ROUGH COMMON PARISH COUNCIL

### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AUTHORISED AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 27<sup>TH</sup> February 2012

20-Jan	St Michael's PCC	204	500.00	
20-Jan	P Gower	205	180.00	
13-Feb	Leon Sparkes	206	326.00	
13-Feb	Roger J Goldfinch	207	715.28	
23-Feb	D R Frost Feb salary & expenses	208	584.76	
27-Feb	R D Avery	209	38.00	
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13-Jan	HMRC (PAYE DEC 2011)	BACS		136.40
13-Feb	HMRC (PAYE JAN 2012)	BACS		113.00
	Total payments			<hr/>
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#### RECEIPTS

##### BALANCES

Lloyds TSB Bank	3276.35
Lloyds RSB Bank Corporate Deposit	19074.00
NS&I	70572.24
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TOTAL FUNDS HELD	92922.59
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