

**The Parish Council Meeting of the Elstead Parish Council  
was held in the United Reformed Church Hall, Elstead  
Monday 21 July 2009, commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Messrs D Holmes (Chairman) A Jones, M Jeffery  
R Holroyd, R C Terry, P Murphy Mrs A Thomas, also attending  
Cllr D Harmer SCC, PC R Hawkes and 1 member of the public and  
1 press

Apologies for absence: - Mr B Morgan, Mr R Terry, Mrs S Place

**1.0 MINUTES:**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

**2.0 MATTERS ARISING**

- 1450 Emergency Committee Meeting – Plan approved by WBC, now with SCC to agree.
- 1707 Flooding problems at Hazelwood - Mr Fowler, SCC, has been advised that a response was still awaited from Mr Fowler. He would also raise the matter with WBC.
- 1711 Woolfords Lane cemetery – Remedial works to be undertaken following tree removal. It was agreed to carry out spraying of the weeds to the entrance drive.
- 1713 Following the concerns expressed at the flooding across JR Cottage's field, adjacent to Bridleway 69 and 63, the culvert, stream and ditches being blocked, Mr Murphy again raised the matter with Mr Taylor, SCC. The MOD has been approached to clear the ditches. A meeting was still to be arranged with regard to Bridleway 69 and this is to be pursued. It was also noted that the river walkways needed attention in relation to Springfield and West Hill bridleways. Mr Taylor is to review.
- 1731 Gateways to village – the Clerk reported members' concerns that the gateways did not agree with the agreed design. SCC agreed to undertake the works as previously agreed.
- 1751 Following the concerns with regard to the junction of Beacon View Road and Redhouse Lane, SCC Highway Engineer has advised that the public should be aware of the dangers and should take the appropriate action as there was little that could be done. Mr Holmes and Mrs Place visited the parishioner in Beacon View Road and explained the opinion of the SCC Highways Engineer that the area is considered to be low risk and no action was due. This was accepted as reasonable and the matter is therefore dropped.

- 1758 Erection of a shed in a back garden at Broomfield and its apparent size and whether a planning application was required - Due to the revised planning laws this was not considered to be a planning issue, but as the property was held by the Housing Dept of WBC, the matter would be raised by Mr Morgan to ascertain if the tenant had landlord's approval.
- 1774 Thursley Road recreation ground seating - It was agreed to purchase three additional benches at this time. The Council hoped that local businesses or parishioners would also consider sponsoring a bench.
- 1775 Thursley Road playground questionnaire - Mrs Place confirmed via the Clerk that a questionnaire asking Elstead residents for feedback on how the Thursley Road playground could best be developed had received a large response, along with a number of options which need to be considered in due course. A further report is to follow at a later date.

### **3.0 ALLOTMENTS**

- 1784 The sub-committee report dated 13 July 2009 was noted and the fencing and car parking quotations received were agreed as the recommendations made. It was further agreed to support the additional funding provision of £3,000 from the Parish Council funds. Mr Murphy reported that spraying was imminent, with ploughing within the next few weeks. Mr Jeffery sought clarification on the keeping of bees on the allotments and whilst the Parish Council did not have a problem with this, it was up to the EVAA to review the health and safety issues. It was also up to the EVAA to ensure that a suitable certificate was obtained to satisfy any requirements for keeping bees and to agree a proper location for the hives.

### **4.0 WBC PLANNING SERVICES - E- CONSULTATION HUB TRIALS**

- 1785 A letter has been received from WBC regarding the setting up of a trial for Parish and Town Councils to received planning applications electronically in place of the current paper copies. A response was sent from Mr Morgan expressing grave concerns, both financial and on the practicalities of such a system. The Parish Council agreed the comments made and would not support such a scheme.

### **5.0 LICENCE FOR ELSTEAD FOOTBALL CLUB TO USE BURFORD LODGE RECREATION PAVILION**

- 1786 The licence produced was agreed subject to a clause being included on not allowing the club to sub-let without the permission of the Parish Council.

### **6.0 TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

- 1787 Mr Holmes attended the recent meeting held on 6 July 2009 at WBC. A brief synopsis was given on the topics covered as follows:
- Third party planning appeals; Parish Councils are not allowed to make representation

- There will be no change in the Compensatory Grants system. Grants will be frozen until further notice due to financial stresses on WBC budgets
- Cash Offices at WBC Godalming and Locality Offices are to close. A list of Post Offices where payments can be made has been issued which will include Elstead.

## **7.0 VILLAGE HALL AGM**

1788 Mrs Thomas reported on the recent AGM. Generally the village hall was being well used and various works have now been completed and a further list of works was noted to be undertaken. Members were pleased that matters were progressing and that funding matters were being dealt with.

## **8.0 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

1789 A general review of the maintenance was reviewed and adjusted as required. It would be reviewed again in October 2009.

## **9.0 SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE**

1790 Members have been copied in on the next meeting to be held on 10 July 2009 with regard to the petition for a pedestrian crossing on the B3001. The paper was noted and that SCC would review options to see what could be achieved. Cllr Harmer advised that he had a site meeting with Mr Hilder, SCC Highways. Cllr Harmer agreed to pursue this with SCC and try to move it forward and bring a plan back to the Parish Council after the summer holidays.

## **10.0 REPORTS, CONSULTATIONS AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS**

1791 The reports received were noted.

1792 Surrey Hills AONB Management plan 2009/14 – Handed to Mr Jones for information.

1793 Government Office for the South East – partial review to policy H7 provision of new pitches for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People – comments by 1 September 2009 – Handed to Mr Holmes for comment and response as may be required.

## **11.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

1794 Accounts for payment:

	The following accounts for July are presented for payment	£
*	<b>C P Newman</b> - Salary July, copies, mileage, meetings	535.45
*	<b>Thursley Tree Services</b> – Tree services	360.00

* <b>Veolia</b> – Litter bin emptying	41.40
* <b>AGM</b> - Grass cutting Burford Rec and Thursley Rec	2,033.20
* <b>United Reformed Church</b> – Hire charges	53.00
* <b>Zurich Insurance</b> – Annual insurance and inspections	2,455.30
* <b>Daniel Ciran</b> – Village maintenance	92.00

## **12.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

1795 A letter has been received by Mr Holmes from the Elstead Sharks football club seeking a grant from the Parish Council. Mr Murphy gave a general review and raised a number of funding issues and asked for clarification before the Parish Council could comment on whether a grant should be given. The matter would be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

1796 WBC – Compensatory grant. A letter has been received pointing out that the grants position would remain the same at this time, but would be frozen in 2010/11, meaning that the grants to the Parish Council would be that of the 2009/10 amount.

## **13.0 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS (FOR NOTING)**

1797 Mr Jones reported that he would be standing down from SCAPTC management team as his term of office had now been reached.

## **14.0 MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS**

1798 It was raised by a parishioner as to why the village spring clean day did not happen. It was pointed out that it was due to lack of interest. However, it was pointed out that the day would be undertaken next year and to be set up by Mr Jones. The school would also be asked to assist, via the help of Mrs Thomas and Mrs Place.

1799 A question was raised on the fact that a number of street lights needed repairing. Cllr Harmer reported that SCC now had a plan to replace 80% of street lights over a 5 year period and make them more environmentally acceptable.

1800 Parking was raised relative to vans being parked early in the morning on the village green with people visiting the Spar shop. Owners of Spar would be approached to see what could be achieved. It was also suggested that a sign could be erected to stop motorists from parking on the green.

**Meeting closed 22.03**