

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 at Ramsdell Village Hall, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Sarah Curtis, Chairman
Cllr Jane James, Cllr Jenny Englefield,
Cllr Chris Fenner, Cllr Greg Childs from 7.06pm
Kirsty Shaw - Parish Clerk, Five members of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Rhydian Vaughan, Cllr Abigail Compton-Burnett and Cllr Simon Minas-Bound

2. Register of Interests

There were no updates to the register of interests.

3. Declarations of Interests

Cllr Jenny Englefield advised she has an interest in the footpath in Charter Alley if this were to be discussed.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Parish Council haven't heard anything further about the land at Newfound.

6. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Vaughan circulated a report to the Parish Cllrs giving updates on the priorities for HCC.

7. Police Report

There was no update from the Police.

8. Play Area Updates

The play areas have continued to be inspected by BDBC. They have reported the fencing around the perimeter of the play area at Ramsdell is rotting and the grass needs cutting. Due to the amount of rain and drainage at Ramsdell the grass is kept long so it is not so muddy.

9. Borough Councillor's Report

There were no updates received from the Borough Cllrs.

10. Lengthsman's Scheme

There are no funds left in the scheme for financial year 2023/24.

11. Highways

11.1 Highways and Footpaths

The bridleway at Holly Bush Way is blocked. Cllr Englefield will contact HCC.

The Chairman advised she has heard from the Tree Officer at BDBC and they are meeting on Thursday to confirm where the trees will be planted. They will be planted soon.

Cllr Childs arrived at this point – 7.06pm

Cllr Childs advised there are still concerns about potholes across the Parish and drains and ditches are still blocked.

11.2 Speed Monitor

Residents have raised issues about lorries and there has been a lot of traffic. Cllr Fenner advised there are two or three places which would be beneficial to have speed monitors. Cllr Fenner will request quotes from three companies and bring the quotes to the meeting in March. The Clerk has requested a grant from BDBC to help contribute to the cost of the monitors along with a grant the Parish Council has already received from HCC.

12. Financial Matters

12.1 The financial statement as at the end of November and the bank statement was agreed and signed. The December statement hadn't been received, the Clerk will request this from the bank and bring to the March meeting.

12.2 The following payments were approved:

000786 – Haines Planning Consultancy –Stoney Heath / Witch Lane Farm - £780.00

000787 – Ramsdell Village Hall Hire - £70.00

000788 – Kirsty Shaw – Clerk pay and HMRC - £227.50

12.3 The Parish Council agreed the Parish Precept and will request £7476 as they did last financial year.

12.4 The Parish Council discussed the budget for next financial year. It was agreed the speed monitors will be purchased, the fencing in the play area will need to be replaced depending on the rotting, support for the Cricket Club.

13. Planning Applications

13.1 Update on Open Meeting (23/02867/OUT) held on Friday 1st December

The meeting was well attended and residents' views were clear and this was reflected in the response to the planning application.

13.2 Planning Applications (please refer to BDBC website or click on the links below)


To receive and discuss planning applications. The Parish Council comments can be found on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council website or click on the links below.

The Parish Council originally commented as neutral regarding the Solar Farm application, it would only have been the cabling running through the parish. Due to residents and local concern about the solar farm the Parish Council changed their view to reflect this and resubmitted their comments to objection and declined the community benefit.

- [Solar farm and associated development](#) 


Land At Hook Lane Malshanger Hampshire

Ref. No: 23/03012/FUL | Received: Tue 05 Dec 2023 | Validated: Tue 05 Dec 2023 | Status: Registered

- [Erection of a first floor rear extension with new dormers](#) 

Field House Wootton St Lawrence Basingstoke Hampshire RG23 8PF

Ref. No: 23/02986/HSE | Received: Mon 04 Dec 2023 | Validated: Mon 04 Dec 2023 | Status: Registered

- [Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except the means of access and layout, for the erection of three dwellings with ancillary vehicle parking, amenity space and other associated infrastructure](#) 

Land West Of Deans Lane White Hart Lane Charter Alley Hampshire

Ref. No: 23/02867/OUT | Received: Mon 20 Nov 2023 | Validated: Mon 20 Nov 2023 | Status: Registered

14. Correspondence

Information has been received from BDBC Local Plan and if adopted will remove the problem of land supply and can put an end to some speculative applications.

15. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

Monday 18th March 2024 - Ramsdell Village Hall - 7.00pm

Speed Monitor

Budget

Website

Jubilee Trees

Sign post in Wootton St Lawrence

The meeting ended at 7.28pm