

# **SUTTON-cum-LOUND PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft** Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 9th November 2011

## **Present:**

Councillors: Rees (Chair), Gough, Mowthorpe, Beare, Foster and Bailey  
PCSO Catherine Phillips  
Sharon Dyson  
Brian and Kathryn Seddons

## **1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Cody, Cllr Yates and Harry Hopkins.

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

### Standing Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rees – Parish Plan Steering Group  
Cllr Gough – Parish Plan Steering Group  
Cllr Mowthorpe – Neighbourhood Watch Group

### Other Declarations of Interest

There were none.

## **3 Minutes of a Meeting of the Council**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mowthorpe and Seconded by Cllr Gough. Motion carried

## **4 Matters Arising**

Agenda item 5 – Possible Development sites within Sutton

Posters had gone up on the Noticeboard advertising the event. Cllr Rees suggested that a flyer could be produced for doorstep delivery. Sharon Dyson confirmed this could be printed on the Spotlight printer. The Clerk was instructed to check with Bassetlaw District Council if the planning permission for 3 properties to the rear of 26 Town Street would count towards our quota.

Agenda item 6 – Matters Arising from September

NCC has or is in the process of sending a Highways Inspector to the hedge on Lound Low Rd

Training has been booked for Cllrs. Mowthorpe and Bailey.

Agenda item 11 – Conservation Area

The Parish Council's suggestions have been forwarded to Bassetlaw District Council.

Agenda item 13 – Correspondence received

Village SOS does not apply to Parish Councils.

Letter sent to PC Glover's Commander

Bridge referred to in the Tarmac Liaison Ctte <Minutes is at Neatholme

Agenda item 14 – Street Lighting

Letter sent to NCC re street lighting

## **5. Public participation period**

Brian Seddons again raised the issue of the hedge on Lound Low Rd (Covered in agenda item 4)

Brian Seddons asked if the Parish Council were aware of any surveys being undertaken after the discovery of a survey pole at his property. The Parish Council were not aware of anything.

Sharon Dyson asked whether the new owner of the property on Station Rd was aware of his responsibilities in keeping the dykes clear. Cllr Rees said he would look into the issue.

Sharon Dyson raised the issue of the bird scarer that was being used outside of NFU guidelines and believed to be protecting fishponds. Cllr Rees advised that it had been reported to Bassetlaw District Council Environment Services.

PCSO Phillips informed the Parish Council that the lack of street lighting was a haven for thieves and that on a recent operation down Portland Place she felt intimidated by the total darkness. It was suggested that Ranskill PC has had lights re-instated and PCSO Philips agreed that she would make enquiries to ascertain whether this was true.

## **6. Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

A list of events with approximate costs prepared by the PPSG was presented to the Council. The Chair complimented the PPSG on the quality and effort that had been put in to the schedule. Other comments:-

Cllr Beare commented on the amount of activities that were being put into just a day celebration and favoured a spread over the 4 day holiday.

It was suggested that the Girl Guides or Scouts may be a source for a Marquee.

No costs had been attached to the Village Hall Entertainment.

It was considered that something supplied by Big Fun UK at £1500 was expensive considering the number of participants likely to use it. Brian Seddons commented that there were less expensive items supplied by that company.

Cllr Bailey raised the need for First Aiders to be present.

The Parish has secured an official beacon and is currently exploring the use of that on the Church Tower with the Church. Lighting of the Beacon will be on a Monday night sometime between 22-00 and 22-30.

Cllr Rees said that he would be able to obtain a trailer.

It was suggested that as an alternative to a hog roast then the Gate Inn could be contracted to provide catering. Brian Seddons said he would take this up with Andy Barney.

It was considered that the £4000 budget for all the events would be at the top end.

## **7. Parish Plan outstanding Parish Council Issues**

### Interactive Speed Signs

First temporary sign in place and traffic survey circulated amongst Councillors. The Clerk was instructed to enquire as to whether there was any analysis available from the County.

### Promote Walks and Green Spaces

The Clerk reported that an acknowledgement had been received from the County Council's LIS on a map based walking/tourist brochure and that a decision will be made by them in May 2012. James Simpson of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has acknowledged the project.

### Play Area

The Solicitor has responded that before he can draft a supplement to the Lease he needs the Village Hall Charity to determine their preferred option regarding the extent of the Parish Council's liability on the Village Hall Grounds.

However the solicitor does feel that the document needs to contain 3 items

1- That the Parish Council will have liability for the play area and x part of the Village Hall Grounds;

2- That access will be given by the Village Hall Charity to the Community and to the Parish Council and/or its agents; and

3 – that If the option to purchase be taken up the access referred to in clause 2 will continue.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Village Hall Charity and ask if they can choose one of the options put to them.

### Village Christmas Tree

It was suggested that the School and Church and possibly the Rainbows and Brownies should be contacted regarding involvement in the tree lighting and dedication ceremony.

### Allotments

The County Council are being chased

### Community Project Benches

An initial meeting has taken place between CDE and Sutton Primary School. It was clear from that meeting that the School were very keen to participate. Current commitments would probably see initial workshops taking place in January 2012. The School indicated that they may be able to contribute towards the costs of the project.

## **8. Safer Neighbourhood Group & Neighbourhood Watch Group**

PCSO Phillips asked that all Councillors signed up for Neighbourhood Alerts.

PCSO Phillips informed the Council that the new Beat Officer was Steve Bolstridge and that the new contact number for non-emergency calls was 101.

Policing priorities were metal thefts, anti-social behaviour and vehicle speeding.

The Clerk was asked to distribute the Neighbourhood Watch Report.

## 9. Financial Matters

### To approve the accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

1108-£258.10 N Johnson (Clerk's Salary October)

1109-£508.00 G Munton (Grass cutting)

### Budget Monitoring Report

Both the September and October Budget Monitoring Reports were presented to the Council for approval by the Audit Councillors.

### 2012/2013 Budget

The Clerk presented the current budget position to Council which showed a projected outturn on the general reserve of £8300 at the end of the Financial Year. However with likely underspends this is more likely to be between £10,000 and £11,000. The Chair stressed that in these difficult economic times the Council should not be looking for an increase in its precept.

The Chair asked that fellow Councillors think about next year's Budget and come back to the December meeting with any ideas. Parish Plan projects and the Queens Jubilee celebrations were obvious contenders.

## 10. Correspondence Received for Information, Discussion or Instruction

### Email from Angela Close enquiring about co-option.

Councillors felt that they couldn't support the application at this time and the Clerk was instructed to write and convey this to Angela.

### Letter from County on developing a Notts approach to Localism

The Clerk was instructed to prepare a report on localism and present this to the Council in the New Year.

### Information from County on their salting routes

The Clerk was instructed to publicise that the Parish Council is holding a small reserve of salt.

### Victim Support request for donation

Information item

### Email from Andy Close regarding the new website

Councillors asked to review the new website.

### Letter regarding the condition of 55 Portland Place

The Clerk reported that he had reported the dead tree to Bassetlaw District Council and also the obstructions to the pavement caused by the overgrown garden to the County Council.

### Polling District and Polling Stations review

This is an extension of time for an on-going review. There are no changes proposed for Sutton.

### Bassetlaw District Council Local Development Framework Site Allocations

Information item

#### Points raised by Cllr Bailey in email

Cllr Bailey suggested youth representation to the Parish Council and perhaps a Facebook presence. Cllrs Bailey and Foster would look into the latter.

It was suggested that there should be a noticeboard at the other end of the village near Picks Stores. Cllr Rees added that an open board for residents was a Parish Plan objective.

Faster broadband should be more of a priority for the Parish Council. It was noted that residents of Gringley on the Hill had received USB dongles for 3G access. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries.

#### **11 To give consideration to planning matters.**

47/11/00017 11 Sutton Lane

This was a resubmission of 47/11/00015 to which the Council had raised no objections previously. In accordance with the Council's revised procedure on planning applications the Clerk was asked to positively respond to Bassetlaw District Council in that the application is in keeping with the Parish Plan.

#### **12. To note planning determinations**

There were none.

#### **13. Any other urgent business allowed by the Chairman, exchange of information only**

Cllr Mowthorpe offered to replant the Planters with winter pansies and daffodils. Cllr Rees had a heavy work schedule at the moment and much appreciated the offer.

#### **14. Next meeting**

The next meeting is to be on the 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm.