

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 23 January 2013 at Potters Cottage

Present: Mrs S Campbell in the chair, Professor R Walker, Mr S Boase, Mrs S Penney.

13.01.01: Apologies for absence: none.

13.01.02: The minutes of the previous meeting on 19th December 2012 were approved.

13.01.03: Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Pavilion Lease: Mrs Campbell reported that Penningtons solicitors had informed her that the lease and licence are now completed and has sent her e-copies of all the documents. Penningtons will keep the originals in their document store.

b) Developer funds and A33 footway: The request to apply the S106 funds from developing All Saints Church to extending the footway along the A33 as far as the Wellington Arms crossroads has been passed to Simon Found the Principal Highways engineer in Winchester. There is still a very large shortfall in funds.

c) Website update: Mr Boase reported that there was the possibility of a grant towards the new website of over £300.00. He will also arrange a presentation at the 'Have your Say' grant awards where £200.00 is available if successful.

d) Mr Boase has now sent an e-copy of the Stratfield Turgis logo to the chairman who will pass it on to Barry Ford.

e) Tree surgeon: Mrs Campbell presented the estimate from Andrew Jones for rectifying any tree problems at the recreation ground. He suggested chopping down a dead tree by the fence, crown cleaning the oak tree by the climbing frame and either pollarding or crown reducing the largest hornbeam. It was agreed it was necessary to get 2 other quotes considering the price involved.

13.01.04: Report on village social event:

It was agreed that it was successful and that approximately 20 people had turned up. There was quite a lot of food left over and it was agreed the bread was not very suitable and that next year it would be better to have more crisps, nuts and other finger food easily eaten while standing and holding a glass. There are 3 bottles of wine left over which will be used at the AGM.

13.01.05: Report on meeting with James Hare:

Mr Boase has met with the Stratfield Saye agent. He has agreed to dig out the pond again and will allow us to plant it. We will get a planting plan. It was agreed that planting should take place as soon as possible after the pond has been cleared to prevent it becoming overgrown again. Mr Boase to contact Jane Jordan. No public access is implied.

The Estate has plans to do work on the drainage behind Spanish Green. This has been held up by the wet weather making it impossible to get heavy digging machinery into the fields.

Mr Hare agreed to cut back the hedge in Bottle Lane. He will also check that no maize is blocking footpath no.3.

He confirmed that there is no plan to remove major trees in the churchyard but will look again at the magnolia tree planted for Edward VII's coronation.

The Estate is supportive of replacement of the small bridge behind the church, although they believe the financial responsibility lies with HCC. Mrs Penney confirmed her husband had supplied the Estate with a quote for replacing the bridge which is substantially lower than the figure suggested by HCC. Mrs Campbell had an email from the footpath officer saying a geotechnical survey of the embankments is proposed to see what abutments are necessary and this should take place by the end of the month. We will remain involved and try to push this scheme forward.

13.01.06 Finance:

Cheque no 242 in the sum of £51.71 was signed to Mr Boase to cover the cost of wine for the social. Cheque no. 243 in the sum of £112.50 was signed for the Jekyll and Hyde pub to pay for the room and buffet.

It was noted that no bill had yet been received from the lawyers to cover the cost of the lease. It was expected to be in the region of £750.00.

13.01.07 Clerk's Correspondence:

Nothing of much relevance had been received although a list of grants available for diverse projects was noted, in particular a lottery grant for community and heritage buildings. The chairman will pass this to the cricket club who feel the weatherboarding on the pavilion needs attention.

13.01.08 Correspondence:

It was noted that the planning permission applied for by the garage in July referred only to a small external store being constructed, to which we offered no objection. It is not clear whether the fuel tanks being installed are new or replacement ones. The garage lighting is still felt to be rather intrusive but the environmental health inspector did not think it bad enough for him to intervene.

The chairman was requested to ask again for Bottle Lane to be swept by BDBC as there is a lot of debris in the lay-by. It was suggested that a culvert under Bottle Lane is partially blocked by concrete and we will continue to monitor this.

The Estate are willing to have an email list to inform householders of problems with the Estate water system. The Chairman will circulate all the parish addresses she has and ask people if they wish to be on the water list.

13.01.09 Date of next Meeting:

The date was set for 27th March, 5.15 at Potters Cottage.