

## **SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Soberton Parish Council's Actions Committee  
held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Cleeve (Chairman), Cllr S Doherty, Cllr J Hyland, Cllr S Marland, Cllr D Salmon and Cllr J Sherwill

In Attendance: Mr Brendan Gibbs, Clerk to the Parish Council, Cllr V Weston and District Cllr Wallace.

### **110/AC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members of the committee were present.

### **111/PC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by members of the Committee.

### **112/AC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Weston asked to be able to comment during item 11 on tonight's agenda concerning Highway matters.

Cllr Salmon said that he would like to help liaise with members of the community who are seed planting in verges and other informal green areas within the parish.

### **113/AC MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Marland      Seconded: Cllr Sherwill      All Agreed

### **114/AC ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

The Clerk provided an update to the report received in December's meeting. He said that the Traveller's Rest ACV listing had been appealed by the owners. This appeal took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

At this time, the appeal decision has not been made public.

The Clerk said that as soon as he was made aware of the appeal decision, he would pass this information to all members of the Parish Council.

## **115/AC RECREATION GROUND AND PAVILION**

**Trees:** There were concerns expressed about a couple of Oak trees at the Recreation Ground that were in poor condition. Two quotes had been received from local tree surgeons to cut down the trees and clear the debris.

**Resolved:** The proceed with the quote supplied by LNA Treeworks to the value of £850.00.

Proposed: Cllr Cleeve                      Seconded: Cllr Hyland                      All Agreed

**Football:** The Clerk reported that both Soberton United and Waltham Wolves have stopped playing fixtures at the Recreation Ground due their view that it is not up to the standard they require. The main issue is the condition of the pitch and the lack of adequate drainage.

Cllr Hyland said there were a number of options available to the Parish Council. The cheapest option is to return the entire Recreation Ground to an informal setting. This will render the pavilion as redundant as no sports teams will be able to use the pitch.

However, he said that there may be the opportunity to apply for CIL money from the SDNPA and WCC in order to provide a complete uplift to the standard of the pitch.

**Resolved:** The Actions Committee instructed the Clerk to perform the following actions.

Contact the Open Spaces team at Winchester City Council and the CIL team at the SDNPA to identify funding opportunities to improve the facilities at the Recreation Ground.

Contact the Open Spaces team at Winchester City Council and the CIL team at the SDNPA to identify funding opportunities to improve the facilities at the Children’s Play Area.

Contact the FA Foundation and Southern Ground Care Ltd to identify the costs of improving the formal sport provision at the Recreation Ground.

Proposed: Cllr Cleeve                      Seconded: Cllr Hyland                      All Agreed

**Paths to the Girl Guide headquarters:** this item was carried over to a future meeting.

## **116/AC CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA**

The Clerk reported that the children’s play area will be inspected by Winchester City Council’s Open Spaces team. This will be an addition to the service provided by Vitaplay Ltd. The Clerk said that the reports will be supplied to the Parish Council’s insurers for their attention.

Following on from the discussion about the Recreation Ground Cllr Cleeve commented that if any CIL money was available from either authority, then a portion of this should be allocated to improving the Children’s Play Area adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

**Resolved:** The Actions Committee instructed the Clerk to perform the following actions.

Contact the Open Spaces team at Winchester City Council and the CIL team at the SDNPA to identify funding opportunities to improve the facilities at the Children’s Play Area.

Proposed: Cllr Hyland                      Seconded: Cllr Marland                      All agreed

### **117/AC            HIGH STREET BANK**

The Clerk reported to the committee that the High Street bank has now been cut and the arisings have been removed as requested. An invoice for this work is expected shortly.

### **118/AC            OTHER COMMON LAND**

The Clerk reported that he was working with Cllr Hyland in order to have copies of Land Registry titles for all land in the Parish Council’s ownership. He commented that he may need a budget of up to £50 in order to achieve this.

**Resolved:** to allocate a budget of £50 in order to obtain Land Registry titles and Registers.

Proposed: Cllr Hyland                      Seconded: Cllr Cleeve                      All agreed

**Hoe Gate Common:** No report to receive.

**Dradfield lane - Ingoldfield Lane Pond:** No report to receive.

**Chalk Pit:** No report to receive.

### **119/AC            LENGTHSMAN**

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Lengthsman scheme was continuing into 2023-24. He also said that the costs of the service will be rising from April 2023. Financial support from HCC will remain at the current level of £1,000 for each parish in the scheme. Councillors were keen to ensure that all items on the worksheet are in fact being dealt with. The Clerk was asked to speak to the contractor to see that this is done.

### **120/AC            HIGHWAYS**

**Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs):** Currently there is one SID rotated between sites in Church Rd, Station Road and the High Street. The Clerk spoke about a recent report in the Hampshire Chronicle regarding the B2150 at Brockbridge. He referred members to the Actions Committee minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 this decision was made.

Cllr Shirwill spoke about an “Auto Speed Watch” device. This is an automated community speedwatch device that logged vehicles travelling in excess of the local speed limit. The Clerk was asked to contact Swanmore Parish Council in order to see if they are happy with the performance of their unit.

**Twenty's Plenty Campaign:** The clerk quoted a response from Cllr Nick Adams-King (HCC cabinet member for highways operations) with regard to outstanding questions concerning the progress of the Twenty's Plenty initiative.

"The review of the County Council's 20mph speed limit policy is continuing and the Task & Finish Working Group has recently completed its review of information and evidence in supporting and feeding into the wider review of the 20mph policy.

The Group reported their findings and recommendations to the Universal Services Transport and Environment Select Committee on 23 January 2023, which in turn will lead to a report to Cabinet in the Summer.

At this stage, no new 20mph speed limits are proposed until the outcomes of the review are known and any policy changes approved. We continue to receive significant volumes of requests for 20mph speed limits across Hampshire and the team is keeping a log of such requests. Your request has been logged accordingly."

**Carriageway repairs within the parish:** Cllr Weston spoke about the condition of the highways in the village. She presented a written report for consideration. She said that recent repairs were of a poor quality and were not value for money.

She said that it was time for the Parish Council to work with the community to provide evidence and collate information for Hampshire Highways to act upon.

Cllr Weston asked for help from Cllr Marland in order to push the message out to local social media sites. An agreed form of words was produced as part of Cllr Weston's report.

## **121/AC      RIGHTS OF WAY**

Cllr Doherty presented a spreadsheet of the footpaths and bridleways that he had visited over the last three months. He was congratulated on this piece of work by other members of the committee. He said that he hoped to meet Mr Ben Partridge (HCC Rights of Way) soon to discuss the condition of the byways and to get a better understanding of his role in monitoring the byways on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **122/AC      ST CLAIR'S MEADOW**

No report was presented. Cllr Shirwill commented that the meadow is undergoing some re-wilding with planting taking place in the Spring of 2023.

## **123/AC      PLANNING**

**23/00627/PNHOU** Threeways Heath Road Wickham Fareham Hampshire PO17 6LA: Single storey rear extension

Soberton Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Members were made aware about the result of a recent enforcement appeal hearing.

## **124/AC FINANCE**

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Ampfield Traffic Ltd	SID Deployment	185.00	0.00	185.00
Swanmore Parish Council	ACSO	198.00	39.60	237.60
Swanmore Parish Council	ACSO	188.10	37.62	225.72
Soberton Village Hall	17th May 2022 Meeting	16.00	0.00	16.00
Soberton Village Hall	12th July 2022 Meetings	20.00	0.00	20.00
Soberton Village Hall	22nd Nov 2022 Meeting	16.00	0.00	16.00
Soberton Village Hall	14th Feb 2023 Meeting	16.00	0.00	16.00
SLCC	March 2022 Job Advert	259.00	51.80	310.80
Siam Landscapes	High Street Bank cutting	300.00	60.00	360.00
RP Gardening Ltd	Lengthsman 5th Visit	2200.00	440.00	2640.00
Labouring Poor	Children's Play Area rent	100.00	0.00	100.00
Sobernewts	Grant request re Insurance	106.40	0.00	106.40
Rookesbury Hall	17th Jan 2023 Meeting	12.75	0.00	12.75
B.V.Gibbs	Google Space	55.52	0.00	55.52
B.V.Gibbs	Google Space	59.80	0.00	59.80
B.V.Gibbs	Google Space	59.80	0.00	59.80
B.V.Gibbs	February Salary	666.50	0.00	666.70
Total		4458.87	629.02	5088.09

## **126/AC CORRESPONDENCE**

Hampshire County Council have issued a Recovery of Parking Functions Notice: What this means in practice is the County Council is recovering its traffic management responsibilities within the realm of street parking etc. With the sale of parking permits there is a revenue stream or two now available to the County rather than to the districts.

Notice of the South Downs National Park Hampshire Parish Meeting - Tuesday 21 March 2023

## **127/AC ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Highways issues and Recreation Ground issues to remain. Twenty's Plenty Campaign to be removed.

## **128/AC DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm – Soberton Village Hall.

The Actions Committee Meeting concluded at 8.43pm