

SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Soberton Parish Council held on
19th November 2019 in Soberton Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr J Hyland (Chairman), Mrs V Weston (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Salmon,
Mrs J Masterman, Mr T Collins, Mrs R Hicks, Mr R Stranks

In attendance: Jenny Clarke – Clerk
Cllr F Pearson
Wendy Prangnell

128/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from: Mr B Henderson, Mrs A Turner, Mrs P Stallard
Mr A Andrew

129/19 PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

A copy of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct was previously circulated.
There were no disclosures made by members of the Council.

130/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER 2019

The Minutes of the last meeting, having been previously circulated, were
taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

131/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Wendy Prangnell attended the meeting to discuss Soberton Church Fete.
As the new Chair of the Fete Committee she wanted to update us on
likely changes to the Fete and asked if the Parish Council would like
an active role ie a drop-in tent. Donations to charities from Fete funds
were discussed. Mrs Weston commented on our responsibilities across
the whole Parish including Newtown.
It was also noted that we already give an annual grant for the maintenance
of both churchyards.

132/19 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- Celebration for retired Clerk
- Mr B Henderson's resignation from the Parish Council was announced.
We are now two Councillors short – Mr Hyland to invite applications for
the posts in the next issue of the Parish Magazine
- VE Day 75 year celebration – 8th May 2020
It was agreed that we would plant trees to commemorate
the VE Day 75yr celebration.

JH

- The bank in the High Street and Newtown School were suggested as appropriate places for the trees. TC/JH
- It was agreed that the Clerk would set up three email addresses solely for Parish Council use for the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Clerk. JC
 - It was agreed that the Clerk would set up a telephone number solely for Parish Clerk business use. JC
 - Copies of the draft budget to be sent to Councillors for comment before the next Council meeting. JC
 - It was agreed that the Parish Council would supply rubbish bags for voluntary litter pickers. JC

133/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

See attached.

134/19 OPEN SPACES

Mr A Andrew's report received:

- The Recreation Ground Football Pitch
Check for grants to help with the groundworks on the recreation ground. AA
- Dogs on recreation ground. Mr Hyland to look at Shedfield. JH
- Pavillion
Request Paul Collins to remove grass cuttings from the old Skateboard park area. JC
- Childrens Play Area
Quotation received for repair work to the car park which was agreed. Work can go ahead once the Clerk has received a copy of the contractors PLI. AA
- Mr Salmon agreed to ask the Lengthsmen to reinstate the concrete post on the bank in the High Street as Biffa has not responded to our requests.

135/19 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND FOOTPATHS

- Roads
Nothing to report
- Lengthsmen Scheme
Summary of accounts received by the Council.
It was agreed that Titchborne and Kilmeston join our scheme.
It was agreed that we would contribute £168.00 towards Warnford's Insurance payment. Mr J Hyland to speak to Warnford Parish Council Chairman. JH
Mr D Salmon to provide contact details. DS
- Footpaths
Mr T Collins reported that the two footpaths around Arian Stud have been cleared by the Hambledon Ramblers

136/19 FINANCE

Proposed by Mr J Hyland and seconded by Mr T Collins.

RP Gardening – Lengthsmen - £800.00

RP Gardening – Lengthsmen - £400.00

Finance Update – C/A £52,161.77

Less £5,632.00 Lengthsmens Grant remaining

Actual £46,529.77

137/19 ST CLAIR’S MEADOW

Report received by the Council

138/19 FINGERPOSTS

It was agreed that as the Clerk has been unable to get a response from or contact Heritage Fingerposts that the Council would go through the Small Claims Court in order to reclaim the deposit paid for the fingerposts.

JC

139/19 FLOOD ACTION REPORT

Flood Action Report received.

It was noted that Hampshire FWMT have not responded regarding enforcement of riparian responsibilities or advice over flooding and land use conflict. It was agreed that Mrs R Hicks should resend her email in the hope of getting a response.

RH

140/19 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Reports received by the Council.

141/19 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence for consideration.

142/19 ACTION LIST AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Usual Items plus:

Lengthmens Scheme

Finger posts

Celebration for Retired Clerk

VE Day Celebrations

VDS

Church Fete

2020 Meeting Dates

Draft Proposed Budget 2020/2021

143/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 7.30pm in Rookesbury Hall, Newtown

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

SDNP/19/04228/ful

Street Record Mill Lane Soberton

Closing date for comments 14 Nov 2019

Amended Plans, Proposed development to erect 3 stables, tack room and hay shed and new entrance to the site.

A large stable block and associated support buildings. Built using wood framed techniques, similar to other stable blocks on neighbouring sites.

This is further erosion of the open countryside, being replaced by significant equestrian presence.

Winchester have identified that this revised development is acceptable. There is one objection from a local resident/neighbour, citing continued erosion of the open spaces in the SDNP.

The Parish Council objects to this application based upon:

The fact that this development will further damage the natural beauty of this heathland in the South Downs National Park.

Also Mill lane is a no through road that is single track with no passing points. Additional traffic from further development would impact the safety of the many pedestrians and cyclists that access the MVT via Mill Lane.

Additional gateways obscured by hedging would also increase risk to vehicles using this very narrow village lane.

SDNP/19/0500/ful

Colway, Station Road Soberton

Closing date for comments 20 Nov 2019

Replace rear dormers with single span mono pitch dormer with Juliet balconies, reconfiguration of ground floor layout and insertion of new external door on side elevation (variation to design of in-fill dwelling permitted under SDNP/18/05769/FUL) | Colway Station Road Soberton SO32 3QU.

A very minor change to the building plans already presented and approved.

No objection form PC

Tony Collins 25 Nov 2019

