

SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Soberton Parish Council held on
18th February 2020 in Rookesbury Hall, Newtown

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

In attendance: Jenny Clarke – Clerk
Mrs P Stallard, County Councillor
Neil Lander-Brinkley, Vice-President of the Conservative Association

17/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from: Mrs A Turner

18/20 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.

19/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 21st January 2020

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

20/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was attended by Neil Lander-Brinkley, Vice-President of the
Conservative Association. Mr Lander-Brinkley was introduced to the
Council by Mrs P Stallard.

21/20 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- Appointment of Parish Councillors – new Councillors to be invited to
join the Soberton Parish Council Annual Meeting on 9th March 2020. JC

- Lytch Gate, Holy Trinity. Advertise for contractors to tender for
the works. JC

- Children's play area – we are researching our legal position with
regard to 'rights of access'. The land does not appear to be
registered to the Charity. JH

- VE Day 75 year celebration – 8th May 2020

It has been agreed that we will plant three trees in the REC, one on
the bank in the High Street and one in the children's play area.
The trees will be 3-4m high and will be maintained for a year by the
Supplier.

Tree planting/plaque ceremony on the REC has been suggested – either VE Day or during Children’s Week.

- Agenda Items for Annual Council Meeting on 9th March 2020.

Suggested AGM Speakers:

- FWMT re preventative measures regarding flooding in the Parish. RH
- Police re Home Safety JC
- Re-cycling VW/JC
- Parish Notice Boards – at least four of the six Parish Notice Boards need some remedial work to waterproof them. JC
- It was agreed that an Internal Auditor should be appointed. JC
- CSO – Produce list for CSO’s consideration JC
- VDS – waiting for photographs to attach to the report for inclusion on the Winchester City Council website. VW/JC

22/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

See attached.

23/20 OPEN SPACES

Mr A Andrew’s report received.

There is still a big problem with moles and badgers on the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately Southern Ground Care cannot do anything until the weather improves. Mr A Andrew to obtain quotes re pest control. AA

The residents on the northern boundary of the Rec to be sent letters regarding the removal of the bridges and garden waste dumped on the Rec to allow for the ditches to be cleared. JC

Pavilion – there is a fault with the electricity meter in the pavilion. The Electricity Company to install a test meter. JC

24/20 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND FOOTPATHS

- Roads
Nothing to report
- Lengthsmen Scheme
Summary of accounts received by the Council.
- Footpaths
Nothing to report.

25/20 FINANCE

Proposed by Mr R Stranks and seconded by Mrs J Masterman.

R P Gardening £1,200, Clerk’s Expenses £142.96, Soberton Allotment for the Labouring Poor £100

Finance Update – C/A £43,218.67

Less £2,832.00 Lengthsmens Grant remaining

Actual £40,386.67

26/20 ST CLAIR’S MEADOW

Report received by the Council

27/20 FINGERPOSTS

Received judgement from the Small Claims Court against Heritage Fingerposts. They have four weeks to pay the outstanding sum.

JC

28/20 FLOOD ACTION REPORT

Report received by the Council.

West Street – Portsmouth Water have accepted responsibility for the maintenance of the ditches surrounding their land.

The Liberties – the treatment plant works has not been consented by FWMT. The Parish Council to discuss with the contractor Clanville Drain Tech.

RH

Liberty Road – The Parish Council to obtain historic evidence of open ditch system.

RH

Recreation Ground – Ditches. Waiting for one more quotation to clear the ditches surrounding the Recreation Ground.

AA

29/20 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Reports were received from District and County Councillors.

30/20 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence for consideration.

31/20 ACTION LIST AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Usual items plus:

VE Day Celebrations

VDS

Social Media

Lytch Gate Newtown

Community Safety Officer

32/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.00pm in Soberton Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm