

SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Soberton Parish Council Actions Committee
held on 15th December 2020

PRESENT: Mr J Hyland (Chairman), Mrs J Masterman (ViceChairman),
Mrs A Turner, Mr R Stranks, Mr D Salmon

IN ATTENDANCE: Jenny Clarke, Clerk

1/AC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Mrs W Prangnell

2/AC 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 Committee.

3/AC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public joined the meeting.

4/AC TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference for the newly formed Committee which have been previously
circulated were agreed. The Committee is to meet four times a year.

5/AC RECREATION GROUND AND PAVILION

As Soberton Utd are not using the pitch due to the badger damage, the pavilion
has been closed down for the winter.
The badger damage will be dealt with in the spring.

6/AC CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Quotations were received for the repair of the surface beneath the 'Birds Nest'
which is damaged due to wear and tear. The Committee agreed to accept the
lowest quotation. The work to be completed before Easter.

7/AC HIGH STREET BANK

It was agreed that the money taken for the sale of the "The Story of Soberton and
Newtown' books would go towards the sowing of wild flower seeds on the Bank.
It was also agreed that a margin would be mown along the edge of the bank so that
the wild flowers did not impede the road.

To help stop parking on the grass the Clerk to investigate any planning issues regarding installing a low fence or individual posts. JC

8/AC CHALK PIT

A report written by SDNPA was previously circulated.
It was agreed that a survey would be conducted in the Spring. Mr Hyland to contact Richard Osmond to discuss ways of dealing with this. JH
The Clerk to investigate SDNPA grants to pay for any associated costs. JC
Mr Hyland is dealing with the Land Registry regarding ownership of the Chalk Pit. JH

9/AC WAR MEMORIALS

The repairs on the Lych Gate, Church Road, Newtown are to commence on 5th January 2021 and will take approximately two weeks to complete.

10/AC OTHER COMMON LAND

Pond – we are in the process of converting the pond from Common Land to Soberton Parish Council ownership.
It was agreed that Mr Hyland as Chairman of the Council can sign off any Land Registry documents on behalf of the Parish Council.
Hoegate Common – after several complaints from residents regarding the work around Hoegate Common it was ascertained that the level of disturbance cannot be classed as ‘Engineering Works’ and therefore would not require a planning approval in normal circumstances.
Mr Hyland does not believe that approval is required from the First Secretary of State (HCC or WCC). He does this as Chair of Soberton Parish Council which in the absence of a known owner, is the authority legally responsible for Common Land in the Parish and takes all necessary decisions concerning the land.

11/AC LENGTHSMEN

It was agreed by the Committee that both Droxford and Corehampton and Meonstoke can join our Lengthmen Scheme next year.
The Clerk to contact these Parish Councils. JC

12/AC ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The Clerk to contact Highways regarding moving the weight limit sign to Cutts Arch to nearer the turning. JC

13/AC FINANCE

Proposed by Mrs J Masterman and seconded by Mr R Stranks
Payments: Clerk’s salary, Clerk’s expenses £65.19, Paul Collins £350, Swanmore Parish Council £146.92, Lowndes £330, Sobernewts £400, PKF £240, Tudor Pest Control £260, David Cleeve £160

Finance Update - C/A £51,103.23

Less £ 3,232.00 Lengthsmens Grant remaining
Actual £47,871.23

The Finance sub-committee and the Clerk are to meet to discuss the
21/22 budget

JH/AT/JC

14/AC ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Usual Items

15/AC DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.09pm