

**MINUTES OF THE OF CLIDDSDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MILLENNIUM VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 19.30 ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2017**

Present: Cllrs: Plenty (LP) Metz (HM) & Tyler (AT)

In Attendance. About 70 members of the public, PC Reid & the Parish Clerk.

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

26/17 It was
RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Tyler (AT) as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

AT declared an interest in Agenda Items 6 and 7(i).

4. **MINUTES**

27/17 It was
RESOLVED to receive and approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 November 2016.
Proposed HM Seconded LP Signed by AT.

5. **POLICING MATTERS**

- a. **PC Reid's Report:** PC Reid's report is attached as Appendix A to these Minutes.
- b. **Local Policing Issues:** there has been no further information beyond the fact that the PCC is planning to have a conference locally in February to focus on rural policing. MR has expressed his desire to present our model of policing at that conference.

At this point AT handed over the chair to HM in view of his declared interest in the next items 6 and 7(i).

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At 19:40, the meeting recessed into Open Forum to allow residents to express their view, with particular reference to the proposal to build 40 houses on Southlea Meadow and resumed at 20:50.

A summary of the discussion is contained in Appendix B to these Minutes.

7. **PLANNING MATTERS**

7(i): It was

28/17
RESOLVED to **OBJECT** to Application 16/04690/FUL: Land at Farleigh Road Cliddesden Hampshire (Southlea Meadow) Erection of 40 dwellings to include 24 private homes and 16 affordable homes, associated parking, landscaping, amenity space and highway alterations. A copy of the text of CPC's objection (attached as Appendix C to these Minutes) will be sent to the Action Group.

At this point Cllr Tyler resumed his role as Chairman.

7(ii) Other New Applications:

A Planning Report (Appendix C to these Minutes) prepared by the Clerk was noted.

29/17 It was
RESOLVED to respond as follows to the other planning applications received since the previous meeting:

16/04720/HSE:	Faraway Hackwood Lane: Erection of a part two storey and part single storey rear extension and detached double garage:	NO OBJECTION
T/00530/16/TCA	Cliddesden Down House Farleigh Road: T1 - Copper beech - crown reduce by 2/3m selectively, crown lift to 4m leaving a finished height of 12m and spread of 8m. T2 - Horse chestnut - westerly laterals to be tip reduced by 3m to suitable growth points. T3 - maple - fell. T4 - sycamore - fell. T5 - fell. T6 - T16 - poplars - pollard back to previous pruning points.	NOTED
16/04540/HSE	6 Southlea: Erection of two storey side extension:	NO OBJECTION
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7(iii) **Planning Enforcement Issues:** The Clerk was asked to pursue action regarding a planning enforcement query made earlier in relation to No 5 Southlea.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. A financial report and bank reconciliation showing balances at 24 December 2016 of £501.20 on the Treasurer's Account (up to & including CQ No 681) and £15,165.06 on the Deposit Account was noted.
- b. Payments for approval.

30/17 It was
RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

CQ NO	Payee	Service	Amount
		CQs signed between meetings	
678	Personalised Print	Newsletter print inv 16081 December edition	£200.91
679	R Darley	Expenses November/December 2016	£34.27
680	R. Darley	Salary November 2016	£215.74
681	HMRC	PAYE November	£53.80
682	Personalised Print	Newsletter print in 16086 January edition	£52.00
		Total	£556.72

- c. Budget & Precept 2017/18

31/17 It was
RESOLVED to apply for the reduced Limited General Grant of £5,500 offered by BDBC.

32/17 It was
RESOLVED to approve the draft 2017/2018 Budget prepared by the Clerk. *(The detailed budget is attached at Appendix D.)*

33/17 It was
RESOLVED a Precept for 2017/2018 of £6,500 be requested from BDBC. This is the first increase in the Precept since 2013/14. The increase of £600 (10%) is entirely due to reduced grant funding from the Borough Council (-£771). The effect of a 10% increase means that the per household Band D rate will increase from £25.27 to 27.84 per annum.

- 9. **REPORTS**
 - a. **School Governors:** No report.
 - b. **Paths & Ponds:** it was agreed to defer discussion of the landscaping proposals.
 - c. **Communications:** no report.
 - d. **Village Hall: Clerk to check if an appointment letter had been sent to VCH.**
 - e. **Planning Matters:** covered earlier.
 - f. **Highways:** nothing further to report.
 - g. **Clerk’s Report:** nothing more to report.

10. **CO-OPTION**

The Council is currently short of 2 members. A further advertisement in the Newsletter. One resident had indicated that he would confirm his availability in a couple of days.

11. **ROAD SAFETY MEASURES**

It was reported that Speedwatch is having significant success in reducing traffic speeds through the village. However, more volunteers (3) are needed. An advertisement is to go into the Newsletter.

STANDING ORDER 10 (vi)

34/17 **RESOLVED** It was to defer discussion of Agenda Item 12 until after Item 14 when Standing Order 10 (xi) would be invoked.

13. **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/CLERK**

Members raised the possibility of their attending, en masse, a suitable training event for new councillors. Clerk to investigate.

15. **DATES OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Further meetings of the parish council are scheduled for 7 March, 2 May (preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly and 4 July 2017).

STANDING ORDER 10(xi)

35/17 **RESOLVED** It was to exclude the press and public from a meeting in respect of confidential or sensitive information concerning the appointment of a new Clerk.

RECRUITMENT OF A REPLACEMENT PARISH CLERK

36/17 **RESOLVED** It was to recruit Ms Sue Turner to fill the vacancy created by the relocation of Mr Ron Darley. Ms Turner is an experienced Clerk and her appointment is to commence immediately, in order to ensure an effective handover.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22:00

Signed.....

Date.....

Open Forum 3 January 2017

Approximately 70 residents attended the meeting to air their view on the proposed housing development on Southlea Meadow – Planning Application No 16/04690/FUL. The following points were raised.

Mr Tyler outlined the background and activities of the Action Group. He said that there were so far 140 names on a petition to be handed into BDBC at 3.45 on Friday 6 January and invited anyone to attend. He outlined the objections prepared by the Action Group which were set out in a document which had been widely circulated and invited those present to ask questions/comment/outline their personal objections on the proposed development.

Mr Davies, Southlea: queried the density of the development and queried densities in other areas of the village.

Mr Palmer, Farleigh Road: felt that the meadow should remain as pasture as it has always been.

Mr Dicks, Southlea: was concerned about the narrow passage for vehicles caused by cars/vans parking along Southlea. The dataset provided by the developer is very small and shows only 6 cars parked at the time – this is grossly understated and a misrepresentation of the problem.

Southlea Resident: has two disabled children and needs to park along the front. Comments about householders having garages at the rear of Southlea etc are not relevant.

Mrs Mendelsohn, Southlea: commented about the sloping access to the back of Southlea.

Mr Mendelsohn referred to a parking survey done some 18 months ago when there was a suggestion of parking restrictions along Southlea. Farleigh Road. Its data may be relevant.

Southlea Resident: Asked about the term “virtual footpath” and was advised that it involved white lines being painted on the roadway. The point was made that children need to walk along there to get to school. They used to have to walk to the Pond, but the bus now stops in “the muddy layby” opposite Southlea.

Ross Palmer: commented that even if there was a footpath from the estate, the large lorries travelling at high speed represented real danger to life and limb – it would be dangerous to put a footpath where suggested.

B Evans, Farleigh Road: asked if we knew what the Planning Officer’s position is on this application – and was advised that it is too early to have formed any opinion yet and it is unlikely that she would give an opinion before making her recommendation to the Development Control Committee (DCC)

Alison Mosson - Southlea: suggested we call for a site visit and get a date asap.

Mark, Hackwood Lane: asked whether the site is in the Conservation Area [YES] and is it in a flood plain. AT said he had a flooding area map from the Environment Agency (EA). Check to be sure the site is outside the Village Settlement Boundary / “Village Envelope”.

Mr Mendelsohn commented that in the documents supporting the Scoping Application (No 16/03717/ENSC) Thakeham claimed that there were no water courses or history of flooding on the site.

Resident, Southlea said when their house was purchased, solicitors said it was close to a flood plain.

Les Smith, Farleigh Road: referred to a document on Thames Water website which claimed that there is more than adequate water and sewage capacity in the area. That is not the case – there is a marked discrepancy between desk-based assessments and what is known on the ground. The developer is responsible for water on his land, but they don’t seem to have done a hydrology survey / expert method statement of how they would tackle flooding.

Resident, Southlea: questioned: if a scheme to cope with the potential flooding, who would pay for it?

Resident, Southlea: said the site definitely floods, and has done for years and was concerned about the nature of the water course, where does it go? AT responded that the flow has been tracked from the back of the Pond, and along the back of the houses on Farleigh Road.

There was also comment on a flood map on “the website”. The paperwork gives aerial views, which don’t fit with the style of villages.

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Dave Evans, Chapel Walk: said that when that small development took place it was limited to 3 houses because of traffic access onto road. [That compares to 40 houses on this saite}.

Resident, Southlea: said that a large soakaway was dug some years ago to take way the water from the watercourse, but it is obviously not working.

Ben Maunder, Church Lane? Expressed concern about the potential for this development to be used as a precedent – there are 5 sites in the SHLAA for Cliddesden.

Alison Mosson, Southlea: commented that in BDBC documentation it is suggested that all villages take about 10 houses towards the housing target. She pointed out that in very recent years about 15 dwellings have been built in Cliddesden.

Tracy, Southlea; commented about the effect of a development of this size on the capacity of the local school.

Resident, Cleresden Rise: commented that the development goes against the Local Plan.

A point of protocol was then raised – about how best to lodge objections. The answer is saturation – lots of individual objections addressed direct to members of the Development Control Committee. Can we get a list of DCC members.

At this point it was also said that child safety had not figured large in reasons for objecting *[but their pedestrian safety was mentioned earlier]*

The need for more volunteers to join the Action Group was raised. It was suggested that Facebook and Posters should be used to recruit new members.

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PLANNING REPORT
TO CPC MEETING 3 JANUARY 2017

Applications Received

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16/04690/FUL: Land At Farleigh Road: Erection of 40 dwellings to include 24 private homes and 16 affordable homes, associated parking, landscaping, amenity space and highway alterations. **For discussion at meeting on 3 January.**

Decisions Received

No decisions were received.

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Appendix D to
mpc3012017

Cliddesden Parish Council
Dated 27/12/2016

2017/18
Budget & Precept Calculation

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
BUDGET CALCULATION	Actual	Budget	Actual	Projected	Spend/	Budget
	2015/16	2016/17	To Date	2016/17	Income	2017/18
			2016/17		2016/17	
			31/12/2016			
Expenditure						
Section 137	32	0	50	50	0	100
Clerk Salary	3203	3140	2425	3,235	810	3300
Mileage Allowance	94	100	47	95	48	95
Subscriptions (HAPTC)	467	350	217	217	0	250
Other Subs (Inc Data Prot.	35	50	35	35	0	50
Insurance (Cornhill)	302	350	315	315	0	350
Newsletter Costs	747	1000	817	1,000	183	1000
Admin Costs	577	450	290	500	210	520
Training	35	100	23	100	77	100
Office Equipment	0	50	0	0	0	50
Audit	200	100	115	115	0	120
Website	120	120	90	120	30	120
Grounds & General Maintenance	313	400	500	700	200	500
Transfer to Pond Dredging Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	400
Defibrillator Reserve/Maint.	225	250	0	0	0	0
Village Emergency Tel System	0	100	0	0	0	0
Speedwatch	80	0	0	0	0	0
Contribution to Police Presence		0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous		0	0	0	0	0
VAT	532	0	150	147	-3	0
Gross Revenue Expenditure	6962	6560	5074	6629	1555	6955
Capital Expenditure						
Defibrillator Purchase		0	0	0	0	0
Speedwatch	2030	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	8992	6560	5074	6629	1555	6955
Precept	5900	5900	5900	5900	0	
Bank Interest	7	8	5	8	-3	8
Limited General Grant	1050	1100	1100	1100	0	550
Council Tax Support Grant	638	662	662	662	0	441
Other Grants	1000	0	0	0	0	0
s106 Income		0	0	0	0	0
Defibrillator Contributions		0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	25	0	85	85		
VAT refunds	449	511	531	531	0	147
Gross Income	9069	8181	8283	8286	-3	1146
Surplus/(Deficit)	77	1621	3209	1657	1558	-5809

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PRECEPT CALCULATION

Budget 2016/2017 comprising									
Expenditure	£6,955								
Income	£1,146								
									£5,809
Bank balances @ 27/12/2016				£15,165					
Projected additional spend to 31/03/2017				£1,555					
Projected additional income to 31/03/2017				-£3					
Therefore anticipated bank bals @ 31/03/2017		2-3-4		£13,613					
Comprising									
1. Earmarked Reserves									
(Pond dredging)				£10,000	}				
2. Prudent Reserve				£2,000	}			£14,300	
3. Unallocated Reserve £1.5-£1k allocated to Capital 12/13				£500					
4. Defibrillator Reserve				£300					
5. Police Reserve				£1,500					
Net Balance available to offset Precept level		+5-6-7		-£687					
				Net Precept Request		1 minus			
						8			
								£6,496	
								say	
								£6500	
Past Years' Precepts									
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18			
	6000	6300	5850	5900	5900	6500			
			602	588	662	441			
	6000	6300	6452	6488	6562	6941			
Council Tax Baseline Band D Equiv.				231.1	233.5	233.5			
Per household Band D				£25.31	£25.27	£27.84			+10%

Summary of Outstanding/Ongoing Matters

<u>Item</u>	<u>Agreed Action</u>	<u>Report</u>
1	(ii) The vegetation around the pond needs urgent attention. AF to take action to determine (i) what work is needed and (ii) identify potential contractors	New contractor has carried out initial tidying up works. Further work eg fencing needed.
2	Planning Matters: The question of change of use of the garage to car sales is to be taken up with Planning Enforcement.	BDBC report that there is an element of car sales in garage activity. Maintain watching brief on the level of activity.
3	It was resolved to advise Sherborne St John PC that CPC is interested in the proposal for a shared mobile shop but we need more details.	Activity on this proposal appears to have ceased. Clerk to check
4	The possibility of acquiring more attractive gateway signage at the entrances to the village. Examples of what is available are to be investigated	HM had acquired details of some signage whose cost was prohibitive. Cheaper solutions to be investigated. Ongoing
5	Redesignation of the short stretch of 60mph road between Cliddesden and Brighton Hill to 30mph. Unsuccessful attempts have been made in the past, but the Clerk will approach HCC again	Letter sent to HCC.
6	Clerk to check enforcement action re No 5 Southlea	A planning application to regularise this work has been submitted. Delete.