

South Mimms Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th May 2010 at South Mimms Village Hall

Present: Councillor Ian Dempster Chairman
Councillors Paul Binstead, Mark Edwards,
Yvonne Harverson and Kenneth Swayne
Mrs H. Rook Clerk
Ms B. Levy Interim Clerk
8 members of the public

31/10 APOLOGIES

All members were present.

32/10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Moved by Councillor Binstead, seconded by Councillor Harverson and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Ian Dempster be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Dempster signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman and thanked the Council for his election.

33/10 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Moved by Councillor Dempster, seconded by Councillor Binstead and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Kenneth Swayne be appointed Vice Chairman for the municipal year.

Councillor Swayne signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice Chairman.

34/10 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

35/10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2010

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th March 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

36/10 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) **Hertsmere Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) now called Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership (CSP)**
- b) **Hertsmere Standards Committee**

RESOLVED that Councillor Dempster be appointed to represent the Council on both bodies.

37/10 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL AUDIT RETURN

The Council considered the annual statement of accounts and annual governance statement and **RESOLVED** that they be approved and adopted.

38/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

As comments were required on the following applications prior to this meeting the Interim Clerk/Clerk Designate, in consultation with the Chairman and other Members of the Council made the following comments:-

TP/10/0454 – Ingham Lodge, Greyhound Lane, South Mimms, EN6 3NU – Proposed detached garage/workshop and store over following demolition of existing building - No objection in principle but concern that what starts out as a garage is soon converted to residential accommodation which is contrary to Green Belt Policy. If permission was granted could a condition be imposed to prevent this.

Borough Council Decision – Permission granted subject to conditions

TP/10/0191 – New Grange, Blanche Lane, South Mimms, EN6 3NZ - Insertion of 3 x dormer windows to front & 3 x dormer windows to rear elevations at ancillary residential block (retrospective application). – The Parish Council had already expressed concern that although it was understood that the original application was for a garage it had now been converted to residential, contrary to Green Belt policy. Accordingly the Council objected to the proposal.

Borough Council Decision – Permission refused

TP/10/0196 – Clare Hall Laboratories, Blanche Lane, South Mimms EN6 3LD – Conversion of Clare Hall Manor to office, seminar rooms, library and residential accommodation ancillary to ICRF’s existing premises, erection of additional research laboratories and ancillary facilities and provision of car parking (proposed revised timetabling of phases as a variation of conditions under TP/1996/0179). (Additional plans received 23/7/02) Application to extend time limit following approval of TP/02/0323 dated 29/07/03. - The Parish Council expressed concern about increased traffic generation on already busy country lanes, and requested that consideration be given to a S106 agreement to improve the roads in the vicinity.

Borough Council Decision – Permission granted subject to referral to the Secretary of State (Go East) and completion of a deed of variation under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

TP/10/0481 – 22 Blanche Lane, South Mimms, EN6 3PA – Temporary siting of mobile home – No objection

Borough Council Decision – Permission granted subject to conditions

TP/10/0198 – Badgers Mead, St Albans Road, South Mimms, EN6 3PW – Proposed alterations to existing annexe. Installation of 2 new windows and 2 new skylights with minor alterations to the internal layout. Currently used as a gym and store, proposed use as a guest annexe and home office. – The Parish Council objected on the grounds the application contravenes the original planning consent and is in contravention of the Green Belt Policy.

TP/10/0236 – A1 Shooting Ground, Rowley Lane, Barnet, EN5 3HW – Removal of existing structures and erection of pavilion to include residential accommodation. – The Parish Council expressed concern regarding the dangerous entry/exit for traffic on the A1 and requested that if permission was granted that a condition be imposed preventing the building being used purely as a residential property.

TP/10/0590 – Bridlecroft, Blanche Lane, South Mimms EN6 3PB – Erection of bungalow (Outline Application). – The Parish Council objected on the grounds that this is a proposed new residential unit on Green Belt/Conservation land and in that regard breaches planning policy.

The following application will be considered at the meeting:

TP/10/0722 – Cottage, Knightsland Farm, St Albans Road, Barnet, EN5 4RE – Single storey side extension. Councillor Dempster declared an interest.
The Council **RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

39/10 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Schedules of accounts as follows (attached) were **RECEIVED** and **CONFIRMED**:-

31 st March 2010 – Cheques 37-39	-	£1,070.00
13 th May 2010 – Cheques 40-43	-	£863.95

40/10 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY – CRIME STATISTICS

The crime statistics for the previous two months had not been received.

41/10 HERTFORDSHIRE HIGHWAYS

A meeting was held with Hertfordshire Highways on Tuesday 20th April 2010 and notes from the meeting had been circulated to all Councillors (attached). It was **NOTED** that no progress had been made on the items discussed at the meeting and further contact would be made with the District Manager .

42/10 PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman invited questions from members of the public about items on the agenda.

It was noted that the hedgerows in Greyhound Lane are overgrown and need cutting back away from the kerb edge. Hertfordshire Highways would be asked to contact the land owner requesting they deal with the overhanging vegetation.

A horse-rider had been seen on the Glebeland and had churned up the football pitch. “No Horse-riding” signs would be requested from Hertsmere Borough Council.

The second goal post for the Glebeland was due to be installed in the next few days.

The suggestion of a Youth Shelter was raised and a consultation of residents would take place to see if there was a need for such a shelter and to find a suitable location.

Reference was made to ball games being played on the Green at Brookside. A “No Ball Games” sign would be requested from Hertsmere Borough Council.

The problem of traffic speeding in the village was raised and it was suggested that a light up sign showing the speed limit in St Albans Road be paid for under the Section 106 imposed on Clare Hall Laboratories.

The two new benches had arrived and would be installed over the next couple of weeks by volunteers from the White Horse. The fixings for the benches had been made and provided free of charge by Mr & Mrs Beer of Flitwick and it was agreed to send them a £25 bouquet of flowers as a ‘thank you’.

The Village Hall Committee had received a Gas Bill of some £1,800 and on the proposal of Councillor Harverson, seconded by Councillor Edwards it was **RESOLVED** that a donation be made to the Village Hall Committee of £1,000. A written application would be provided.

43/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th July 2010 in the back room of South Mimms Village Hall.

44/10 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Chairman

Date