

Nutfield Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of held on
Wednesday 4th February 2009 at 7.30pm
at The Village Hall, Mid Street, South Nutfield

Present:

Councillors: Mr D Chapman (Vice Chairman), Mr D Cullen,
Mr M Higgs, Mrs S Renaut, Mr K Sandiford, Mr C Stamford
Co-opted Councillors: Mrs E Hames & Mrs. K Hayes
County Councillor: Mrs M Myland
District Councillors: Ms G Black , Mr T Elias
2 residents signed as present, list attached.

Action

Vice-Chairman

Councillor Chapman opened the meeting and welcomed all Parishioners present

1. Public Forum

Mr Amos presented a copy of the letter received from Mrs Gate at SCC, re 350M of damaged footpath on Greensand Way between Mid Street and Sandy Lane. Mrs Gates has responded that there are currently no funds to amend the fencing, and that many other footpaths are in a similar condition, she therefore cannot give a date for improvements. Mr Amos has been in contact with the Ramblers Association, they are in agreement that the condition of the footpath is not acceptable and they will pursue further from their perspective. Mrs Myland will investigate this further with SCC. **MM**

Clerk to contact the farmer who erected the fence, Mr. Collett, to ask if the fence could be moved half a metre down to allow better access? Also check width of pathway at this point to see if legally correct. **RB**

Mrs Myland has not had an opportunity to walk the footpath before the arrival of the snow. She is still happy to do this with Mr Amos to see the damage. Mrs Myland will also contact Simon Elson to see if his team may be able to provide any assistance with clearing the brambles etc. **MM**

Councillor Chapman confirmed that the works could be formally added to the list of work outstanding.

Mrs A Hames attended the meeting on behalf of the Conservation Society. The Society are concerned regarding the application for the Redfest music festival. The main concern being potential noise disruption for local residents and the fact that this application is for an annual license. Councillor Chapman confirmed that the Parish Council has not yet received any application to consider, but it is likely that the application is via Reigate and Banstead Council. Mrs Hames provided the meeting with details of what she believes to be the application number RR09-00107-LAPREM. Councillor Chapman confirmed that in the previous year the Parish Council had supported the Redfest music festival as a positive contribution of activities for younger people in the area.

2. Police Report

PC Shrapel attended the meeting and reported as follows: -

Police Report for Nutfield Parish Council

It has continued to be a quiet period around the Bletchingley and Nutfield Area. There were only 2 reported crimes for the period 01/01/2009 to 04/02/2009. There has been an increase in burglaries in adjoining areas, so parishioners should be vigilant regarding their security should this trend widen.

Reported Crimes since 01/01/2009

1. Theft of motor vehicle overnight 6th-7th January from High Street, Nutfield. Landrover taken, later recovered in the Chelsham area
2. Burglary from a dwelling in Mid Street, South Nutfield between 14.30 – 16.00 hours on 13th January – suspicious vehicle seen in the area by police, followed, lost, later found abandoned. Property from the burglary was found in the vehicle, enquiries are ongoing.

PC Shrapel advised regarding an internet-based scam in relation to US travel visas. Rogue visa web sites are being advertised via search engines. These web sites are charging, for example £49.99, for the supposed supply of a US visa. No visa is actually supplied. US visas are actually free from the correct authorities. There is also a danger in the supply of personal information.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Chapman asked if there were any Declarations of Interest:
There were no declarations of interest.

4. Apologies for Absence

The vice-chairman had received Apologies from Councillor S Gammon and Clerk R Brown.

5. District Councillors

County Council. Myland advised the council on the following matters

Mrs Myland has received written notification of column protection works upon the viaduct in Coopers Hill Road. These will commence on 20th April and should last approximately 10 weeks. During this time lane controls will be put in place, with 3 way traffic lights. The footpath on the north side of King's Cross Lane will also be affected.

Mrs Myland has spoken with SCC regarding the Cemetery access road and the ongoing problems with HGV's etc parking there. SCC have emailed Pat O'Neil at Biffa suggesting that their drivers etc use WC facilities etc at local filling stations. This is actually part of the problem as there are very few facilities of this nature. Mrs Myland has responded to SCC by email confirming that there are actually no WC facilities within the cemetery, and the usage is actually in the form of desecration. The parking problems are creating difficulties in terms of access for funerals. The recent damage sustained (photos circulated) really is unsightly and not acceptable. When travelling from the M25 through Godstone, Bletchingly and Nutfield the HGV's are passing through a Conservation area, with many older and listed properties, not designed to withstand the noise levels and with foundations vulnerable to vibrations etc. Mrs Myland has requested that SCC provide a "No Parking" sign. Councillor Cullen pointed out that what is actually required is width restrictions, to actually prevent HGV's from parking. Parish Council also to write to SCC again. **RB**

Mrs Myland confirmed that she has made enquiries regarding the block booking of Buses 4 U, as raised by Councillor Gammon at the last meeting. The buses are being booked by schools etc for journeys to swimming. Mrs Myland agrees that this is not the objective of Buses for U and will pursue further.

District Councillor Ms Black confirmed that parishioners should have received letters from Tandridge Council advising of the new weekly waste and recycling collection days. The collections will commence from 7am. Additional blue bags have been issued for the collection of plastic.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th January 2009

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record

7. Matters arising from those Minutes which are not included as later Agenda items

No items raised.

8. Memorial Hall

Vice Chairman Council. Chapman welcomed the Trustees of the Memorial Hall – Graham Green, Brian Lyus to the meeting. He also then provided a short recap of the position to date and introduced the motion detailed in 8.1.

Councillor Renault commented that she would much rather see something better than the previous hall. Councillor Higgs confirmed that he agreed with this but is concerned regarding the problems raising funds and is not convinced that a loan and potentially heavy repayments are the correct way to go.

Co-opted Councillor Hayes identified the need for a proper business plan for any of the rebuild options, to ensure that the project can be afforded ongoingly. Mr Green referred to his letter of 30/05/2008, which advised that the Trustees did not intend to produce a business plan. Vice Chairman Council. Chapman reiterated that the Parish Council solicitors have advised that it is the Trustees' legal responsibility to rebuild and then run the new hall, even if that is not the current Trustees. Mr Green commented that the current Trustees would not be running the new hall. Mr Green confirmed that the Trustees back account balance is currently £176k, of which £5k is allocated to sundries required within the hall. Therefore approximately £170k is available toward rebuild costs. The insurers estimate that a direct replacement of the existing hall will cost in the region of £205 /£210k. Even with this basic build there is a significant shortfall of £35 / £40k.

8.1 Motion to Ratify and agree the proposal –

“Nutfield Parish Council requests the Memorial Hall Trustees to take back full responsibility and action the construction of the replacement Memorial Hall building, which fulfils the basic requirements of the Parish and surrounding area.”

A vote was taken 4 for, 1 against and 1 undecided. The motion was therefore carried. Clerk Roger Brown will write to the Trustees to confirm.

Mr Green reminded those present of what the Trustees had said was possible back in May 2008. That was to raise approximately £375k with funding from the Football Foundation, with the rebuild being completed in the region of 18 months. Given the current situation, change in economic climate and the damage sustained to the relationship with the Football Foundation, the Trustees are no longer confident that they will still be able to deliver upon that original proposal.

The Memorial Hall Trustees departed the meeting at 8.30pm

8.2 Further discussion if required

Councillor Renault expressed her dismay at the fact the previous motion had been carried and that the decision should have been made by the parishioners.

A note regarding the motion will be prepared for publication in the coming edition of the Link. **DC**

Co-opted Councillor Hayes offered to act as a communication person / intermediary between the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall Trustees.

Public Meeting closed

9.0 Finance

The following payments were agreed and cheques and stubs duly signed:

JANUARY

Chq No.	£
002160 Clerks salary	947.17
002161 Clerks expenses	72.53
002162 H.M. Revenue & Customs – Income Tax + N.I.	461.67
002163 Ken Hamilton - Invoice 381.13 - Maintenance work Cemetery	170.00
002163 Ken Hamilton - Invoice 381.14 – Tree work Memorial playing field	600.00
002163 Ken Hamilton - Invoice 381.15 – Tree work Memorial playing field	90.00
002164 Allianz – Invoice 14131900/17 – Annual Inspection & Insurance Memorial Playing Field	226.11
002165 BTCV – Nutfield Parish Tree Wardens – Zurich Municipal Insurance	226.54
002166 Frank Brown Delivers LLP – Courier of train set to Lacey Scott & Knight	18.98
002167 Nutfield Village Hall Management – Invoice hire of Committee room Feb 08 – Dec 08	126.50
002168 SLCC – Membership Renewal 2009 – Clerk Membership	<u>166.00</u>

Total Payments **3105.50**

RESOLVED: Proposed, Councillor Sandiford. Seconded, Councillor Higgs

9.1 Financial Report year to date

An up-to-date set of accounts showing balance was distributed and is attached with these minutes

End of Financial Matters

- 9.2 MOTION** - To Ratify and agree the proposal from the Clerk-
"To adopt Nutfield Parish Council's Financial Regulations"
RESOLVED: Proposed and unanimously agreed

10.0 Working parties' reports – VFM

Previous VFM minutes: Agreed.

Matters Outstanding:

None

- 10.1 MOTION** - To Ratify and agree the proposal from the Clerk-
"To adopt Nutfield Parish Council's Complaints Procedure – Code of Practice"
RESOLVED: Proposed and unanimously agreed

10.2 Date of Next Meeting

Next VFM meeting 19th February - 8.00pm at Dairy Cottage, Mid Street

11. Working parties' reports – EAP

Previous EAP minutes: No meeting held

Matters Outstanding:

None

11.1 Planning Notifications from Tandridge District Council

None

11.2 Planning Applications

TA/2009/16 Coopers Cottages, Bletchingly Road, Nutfield... Retention of 1.75m high entrance gates.

Decision – No Objection – Neighbours

TA/2009/33 Coighach, Holmesdale Road, South Nutfield... Erection of 2-storey rear extension (certificate of lawfulness for a proposed development)

Decision – No objection - Neighbours

11.3 Date of Next Meeting

Next EAP meeting 23rd February - 8.00pm in Parish Office

End of Working Parties Matters

12. Correspondence (Incoming/Outgoing)

Councillors read correspondence lists

Matters arising: None

13. Other Reports

None

14. Clerks Report incl. Publicity

None

15. Other matters – for information only

None

Dates of next meetings:

VFM Meeting – 19th February @ Dairy Cottage, Mid Street at 8.00pm

EAP Meeting – 23rd February @ Parish Office at 8.00pm

Full Council – 4th March @ The Village Hall, South Nutfield at 7.30pm

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Signed, Chairman, 4th March 2009

**Cc County Councillor Myland
District Councillor Elias
District Councillor Black**