

BRAMDEAN AND HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 21ST January 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall, Wood Lane, Bramdean.

Present: Mrs B Holyome (Vice-Chairman), Mrs M Bulloch, Mr A Harding Mrs K Hawkings,
Mr T Laker, Mrs R Greenwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

County Cllr Mrs Hindson (illness), Mr Morton (family commitment), PC McShea (illness),
Cllr Verney (meeting). In the absence of Mr Morton, Mrs Holyome took the chair.

2. Disclosure of interests

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests or personal/prejudicial interests were made in
respect of items on the agenda.

3. Public Session

PCSO Adnams reported the following incidents: anti-social vehicles (1), non-dwelling burglaries
(2), criminal damage (1), speeding offences (4), collisions (1), suspicious persons (2), suspicious
vehicles (2). Seven working dogs, all living outside, had been stolen from the area. Three arrests
had been made but there was insufficient evidence to prosecute.

There had been no further incidents of dog attacks in the centre of Bramdean. PC McShea had
confirmed that the owners of the said dog had been placed on a Dog Behaviour Contract (jointly
with Police and WCC Animal Welfare Officer). The dog would receive training under the
supervision of an appropriate dog trainer who would regularly update the Police on its progress.
The contract would be reviewed after 12 months. The owners could request a review after 6
months if the trainer felt the dog had progressed enough to be re-assessed. The decision to change
any terms of the contract would be made by the Police and the Animal Welfare Officer if they
were satisfied that this would not cause any further risk to the community.

There had been a long delay to clear the blocked culvert at the bottom of Wood Lane because the
Highways' contractor, Amey, had to order the equipment from another contractor. Although the
Parish Council had requested Highways to clear the culvert on 16th October, despite the best
efforts of the local Highway Engineer, a jetter was not available until 17th December during which
time the water had reached danger level. The same culvert had seriously impeded the flow of
water during the 2000/01 floods and as winters were forecast to become much wetter such
equipment should be more easily accessible. The culvert should be cleared annually in future.
Mrs Hindson would be asked to take the matter up with Highways.

4. Approval of minutes of Parish Council meeting – 22nd October 2012

It was agreed that the text for Item 8.3, 2nd para, should read: "In 2006, the Parish Council advised
WCC that the ownership of the path in front of All Saints, Hinton Ampner was shown incorrectly
on maps relating to planning applications submitted by the National Trust. Mrs Holyome would
have the map in the possession of Mrs Trickle verified at the Hampshire Records Office before
taking the matter up with the National Trust." The text would be amended in ink to indicate that
the wording had been amended at the following meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were
then approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Parish Council meeting –22nd October 2012

The Clerk was asked to contact Elaina Whittingham-Slark as to when the alternative designs for the National Byway Signage (brown cycle loop signage) would be available for comment.

No reply had been received from Velvet Travel regarding running a double-decker bus to ease overcrowding on the 67 bus from Petersfield at 7.00 am used by Peter Symonds College students.

6. Recreation Committee

D J Scott had advised that a suitable second hand machine to replace the Lazer mower was likely to cost £1500-£2000 + VAT. If the Lazer was not taken in part-exchange, it would be advertised in a trade magazine. An application had been made to Cllr Hindson's devolved budget towards replacement. It was agreed to credit £50 to the fuel account at Bramdean Garage.

The new safety matting should be laid under the cradle swings, ideally before the annual safety inspection in February (cost £37.50 +VAT) unless the ground was either frosted or too wet. The HPFA would award the sum of £500, pending satisfactory inspection after the matting was laid. Thanks were due to the Diamond Jubilee Committee for the donation of £300 for the swing safety barriers. Playdale finally replaced the rotten timber upright on the monkey bars w/b 17th December. Adrian Taylor had repainted the springers and cut the lower Leylandii branches flush with the boundary fence. The hard court was moss-free following surface treatment in November 2011. Tennis coaching was likely to be held Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August.

7. Finance

7.1 Accounts

The Lloyds TSB account was £5445.32 in credit to 31st December 2012 (£4765.61 to date) including Open Space Grant (£300) and VAT claim (£761.16).

Cheques raised since last meeting:

304	BHA Village Hall Committee room hire 2012	40.00
305	HMRC re income tax R Greenwood to 31 Dec 12	130.60
306	R Greenwood pay/expenses to 31 Dec	549.11

7.2 Budget and Precept 2013/14

The final surplus for 2012/13 could increase by ca £200 if there was no expenditure on Bus Shelters or the Website. For 2013/14, provision had been made for Electoral Fees should the additional Parish Councillor not be co-opted. Details of a small increase to the Clerk's hours from 1st April 2013 would be circulated prior to the Parish Council meeting on 20th May.

WCC had confirmed that the parish would receive an additional sum of £373.59 from the Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme. After discussion, it was agreed that the Precept would remain unchanged at £6000 and to advise WCC accordingly. The budget would be revised and circulated. It was proposed to invest the CTS grant in developing the parish website, possibly in partnership with neighbouring Upper Itchen villages. As the existing website was extremely difficult for a non-specialist to maintain, it was probably necessary to create a new model. Mrs Bulloch would research set-up costs, possibly from HALC.

8. Planning

8.1 Decisions received

SDNP/12/00064/LIS - Fox Inn, Bramdean. Installing new wired fire detection system, alterations and renewal of existing doors and installation of emergency lighting throughout.

PC – Support SDNP – Approved

SDNP/12/00885/LIS – The Old Cottage, Bramdean. Property refurbishment, new ground floor shower-room.

PC – Support SDNP - Approved

SDNP/12/00887/HOUS - 1 Woodcote Cottages, Bramdean. Erection of 2 storey rear extension and internal alterations.

PC – Support SDNP – Approved

SDNP/12/01388/LIS – Brockwood Lodge, Bramdean. Single storey flat roofed extension to provide wheelchair accessible bath/shower room.

PC - Support SDNP - Approved

SDNP/12/01878/HOUS -3 The Spinney, Bramdean. Conversion of existing roof space; 3 velux windows.

PC – Support SDNP - Approved

SDNP/12/01943/LIS – Hinton Ampner House. New centralised biomass boiler facility.

PC - Support SDNP - Approved

SDNP/12/02165/HOUS – 3 Woodcote Cottages, Bramdean. 2 storey side extension and basement.

PC – Awaited SDNP - Refused

8.2 Decisions awaited

SDNP/12/01248/FUL – Humphrey Farms, Wolfhanger Farm, Woodlands, Bramdean. Demolition of existing redundant farm buildings, construction of 2 Arts & Crafts dwellings with detached garages, landscaping and associated works.

PC – Support (refer to Planning Committee) SDNP – Pending consideration

SDNP/12/03073/LDP – 3 Woodcote Cottages, Bramdean. Construct basement and single storey rear extension.

PC –Support SDNP – Awaited

SDNP/12/031093/FUL - Hinton Hill. Provision of 2 x STPs and 1 pumping unit to replace existing non compliant septic tanks to village. Amendment to permitted permission 11/02736/SFUL.

PC – Awaited SDNP - Awaited

SDNP/12/03181/HOUS & 03182/LIS – Bramdean Manor. Outdoor swimming pool.

PC – Support SDNP - Awaited

Mrs Holyome noted that there had been some improvement in the publishing of SDNP planning decisions.

8.3 Other matters

Mrs Holyome understood that Michael Scammell (SDNPA Historical Buildings Officer) planned to make a further visit to the listed barn at Hinton Woodlands and would press for this to be done.

The Clerk would ensure that WCC were aware of local concerns regarding Hummingbirds Nursery.

9. Flooding Update

Mrs Holyome thanked Mr Harding on behalf of the Parish Council for all his hard work during the recent floods. Notes on the recent flooding had been circulated with the agenda. The ditch running across private land had not been cleared as efficiently as the highway section: this would need to be monitored. All riparian owners would receive the revised version of the Environment

Agency publication, "Living on the Edge". Mr Harding agreed to approach a Bramdean resident to act as Deputy Flood Warden.

10. Highway Report

No further remedial action appeared to have been carried out to lessen the incidence of flooding the bus shelter at Brockwood Dean.

The reflector on the post outside Maple Cottage, Bramdean, was still missing. Ditto the broken reflector post by the War Memorial and a number of coloured reflectors nearby.

On 22nd October, Damian Offer advised that he hoped to resolve the land registration of the steep grass bank bounding 19 Woodlane Close by March 2013 and certainly before the next cutting season. The owner of 19 Woodlane Close had offered to take responsibility for the upkeep.

The highway footpath from Church Lane to Maple Cottage had been cut and would be treated with weed killer in Spring 2013. HCC had been requested to cut back the footpath from the former Hinton Ampner school to the Hinton Ampner crossroads.

The Parish Council had advised HCC that there were no local objections to removing the remaining fittings for the chevron sign attached to the wall of Corner Cottage, Bramdean.

On 28th November, Mr Morton and The Clerk met Elliot Rowe (Countryside Ranger) to discuss the following works:

Upkeep of FP503/504 (formerly FP 42), Jubilee Recreation Ground to A272. Mr Rowe would write to the owner of Bramdean Cottage regarding the maintenance of overhanging vegetation.

Based on the information from the definitive statement, Cheriton Lane was 8ft wide by Raeburn House. HCC would not seek the removal of the unofficial sign behind the War Memorial. As the wooden sign for FP 17 opposite Woodcote Manor was in a better state of repair than previously thought, no action was needed at present.

Kissing gates would not be a suitable option for FP 24 as the priority was to stop vehicle traffic on restricted byways. Strictly speaking barriers, such as gates, should only be used to stop the ingress and egress of stock and a gap was the most favoured option for access. Local people should report any vehicles using the path to the police. FP24 appeared to be on the Bramdean & Hnton Ampner parish border.

Regarding the theft of salt from the bins at Brockwood and Hinton Hill, Peter Eade (Highways Manager, Winchester) had advised that the bin plastic was not tough enough for locks to be fitted and that the locks would rust in time, keys would be lost, etc. It was proposed to refill with a 50/50 mix of salt/grit which would be far less attractive to passers-by. To prevent wastage of resources, the residents of Hinton Hill would receive a letter stating that Graham Budd and John Wood had volunteered to take charge of gritting and restocking of the bin.

11. Bramdean Common

Damian Offer had been unable to progress with alternative measures to curb anti-social use of the common (update awaited).

Regarding vehicular access and repair of the track to Wood Farm Cottages across Bramdean Common, WCC had not agreed to maintain the track in perpetuity and maintenance was the responsibility of the owners or occupiers benefiting from access. There had been no reply from WCC concerning the "Smokery" sign which had been erected illegally close to Elm Cottage.

12. Affordable Housing

Mags Wylie would be asked to obtain a progress report from the planners.

13. Parking at Jubilee Recreation Ground

On 26th June 2012, Brian Bottruell (WCC Estates) had advised the Parish Council that the engineers who managed the Sewage Treatment Works off Woodlane Close had been asked to comment on the issue of parking on the WCC land opposite the Jubilee Recreation Ground. Mr Bottruell had hoped to make a site visit to assess the extent of car congestion in Woodlane Close. A suggestion to remove the wide section of grass verge outside 15-16 Woodlane Close to create additional parking spaces was noted. There being no progress, despite reminders, it was agreed to refer the matter to Cllr Verney.

14. SDNPA Consultee Access

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