

ALBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 12th February 2013, in Albourne Village Hall at 7.00 p.m

In attendance:

Cllr Graham Stafford (Acting Chairman) Cllr John Gooch
Cllr Michael Gratton Cllr Elaine Makey

Present One member of public

1. (2013 – 033) The Chairman opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Meg Price. Cllr Robert Dunkley would have been unaware of the meeting, as he was previously absent (away) on 5th February 2013 when arranged.

2. (2013 – 034) Adjournment for any questions or issues raised by members of the public

There were no questions.

3. (2013 – 035) Declarations of interest

None.

4. (2013 – 036) Planning matters

(i) The Council considered its response to the planning applications set out below. Cllr Gratton reminded the Council that the previous application for the land adjacent to Greenmead had been withdrawn. In the current application properties 3 and 4 have been re positioned in a north/south direction whereas previously it had been east/west. Furthermore the impact on Holders would be reduced as there would be only ground floor windows on that side.

With regard to Wickwoods Cllr Gratton explained the previous application had also been withdrawn. This new application follows a visit by Councillors to Wickwoods and a presentation by the owner setting out his business need for the application. In the new application the footprint of the new tennis courts has been reduced in size and has been moved 10 yards closer to the existing courts. This has reduced the encroachment on the woodland and reduced the number of trees to be cut down. It was noted MSDC was minded to impose conditions with regard to screening and replanting and the removal of spoil.

APPLICATION and LOCATION	PROPOSAL	Decision
AE/12/00259/FUL Land adjacent to	The proposal is for the development of a	Object and the Council will draw MSDC's attention to

Greenmead, Henfield Road	currently underused area of garden into 4 no. dwelling houses consisting of two pairs of semi-detached properties with associated private amenity and parking	its view expressed previously.
Wickwoods Country Club Hotel & Spa	Additional tennis courts and replacement dome, etc., on the site.	No objection but the Council strongly supports the conditions as mentioned above.

(ii) The report from Cllr Gratton on the Sustainability Objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan policies (previously circulated to Members) was tabled for approval.

Cllr Gratton advised that no comments had been received from Councillors and therefore, he proposed the Council approve and adopt the Sustainability Objectives in order to progress to further consultation. The proposal was seconded and agreed by the Council.

(iii) Cllr Gratton tabled the Neighbourhood Plan “SWOT” analysis specific to Albourne Parish. He asked the Council to consider the paper and let him have any comments as soon as possible, so that the analysis can be ratified at the next meeting on 16 February. Cllr Gooch suggested that the Parish Church be included specifically under ‘Heritage Assets’.

5. (2013 – 037) Casual vacancy on the Council

The Chairman advised that no election had been called following the Notice of the casual vacancy, by the due date of 7th February 2013. As such the Council could if it so wished co-opt a new councillor. It was proposed, and seconded that the Council co-opt Nikki Ernest on to the Council. There being no other nominated candidates, Nikki Ernest was duly elected on to the Council of Albourne Parish Council.

6. (2013 – 038) Any other business (not requiring a major decision)

The Council’s attention was brought to a Parish and Town Councils Briefing Note prepared by Accounting Solutions (included in last months SALC newsletter). The note referred to the possibility Staging dates (implementation date for the new auto enrolment pension requirements) for small councils like APC being treated as

that of WSCC because WSCC incorporates local councils' employees as if they were its own, as far as PAYE is concerned. This could have significant cost implications for small councils. It was noted that WSCC payroll department had advised that all returns to HMRC are submitted for APC under the WSCC PAYE Ref of 334/w1. Cllr was asked to follow this up with SALC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm.