

## Rogate Parish Council - Full Meeting of Council

Held on Monday 10th March, 2014 at Rogate Village Hall, Rogate at 7.30p.m.

Those present Sarah O'Brian-Twohig Vice Chairman who took the chair in the absence of the Chairman

Councillors:- Fiona Dix P.M. Berrisford-Hill S. Williamson Val Farren P. Howland  
V. Farren M. Harwood A. Arnold G. Carter  
WSCC. McAra, CDC J. Kingston and 2 members of the general public

Mrs M. Bentall took the Minutes

1. Apologies of absence : E. Brown S. Sprackling M. Spalding P. Button

2. Declaration of Absence - There were none

3. **Presentation from <sup>Sir</sup> Sebastian Anstruther of Arun & Rother Trust**

The Trust has only just been set up and is listed as a Charity. With the aid of slides ~~Mr~~ <sup>Sir Sebastian</sup> Anstruther explained the work of the Trust was to improve the flow of the Rivers in the area, to aid fish to reach breeding sites which need to be a sandy river floor with shade, to work with Landowners to restrict the soil runoff into rivers and to generally improve the quality of extracted drinking water.

The new modern cropping regime of growing maize increases the erosion problem due to late harvest. He felt that long term contracts with tenant farmers would encourage farmers to take more care of the land as all soil lost due to erosion must be detrimental to the quality of the soil. An audit map from the Parish Council mapping problem areas would be appreciated but he does not feel that legislation is the way forward more working in partnership with the land stewards. His organisation works along side the Southdown National Park

The Vice Chairman thanked him for a very enlightening presentation

4. **Presentation by Katharine Hale of SDNP Sustainable Future Department.**

This department is set up to aid planning tourism in the National Park (an information desk will be set up at Capron House)

This entails finding accommodation for visitors, to inform visitors of all the activities and places of interest within the park A Scheme called 'Hidden Britain', to try and get people out of their cars by the use of public transport and Workshops to inform interested parties how to advertise the attractions and information which will make the SouthDowns National Park more attractive to visit and stay over night or more

5. **Reports from County and District Councillors**

5a. **District Councillor**- The Council Tax will be increase to 5p for Ban D. The Grange is now open and he encourages people to visit this facility The Library is now open 7 days a week and open the same hours as the Grange. Work is still ongoing to improve Broadband in the area.

5b **County Councillor** - The Watershed scheme will include work at Bull Hill/Canhouse Lane and work at Langley clearing ditches, the Council should make an application for the upgrading of the BOAT at Langley. Councillors informed the County Councillor that the culvert in Fyning Lane is in need of repair and the construction of a water retention pond to hold run off water. The sand pile at the Dower House is going to be taken back up the field. The traffic Counters in the Rake area will have the results published on the HighwayNetwork. Mr McAra will enquire about a grant towards the provision of a kitchen at Rogate School.

6) **Minutes of the last meeting** Council unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting held on 10/2/2014 as a true record.

6a) Watershed scheme - to request a meeting to alleviate the flooding problem in Langley.

6b) Schedule of Deeds - S. Williamson to liaise with the Vice Chairman to register the Deeds.

This was proposed by

V Farren and G. Carter. Nina Williams SDNP will aid the Councillors.

7) **Vice Chairman Report**

7a **Clerk** - C. Woolley has resigned at Clerk/RFO ON 27/2, giving one week's notice. At the EGM held on 5/3/14 it was agreed that arrangements for the handover of RPC property to S. Williamson then deposited all the 'items' to the Vice Chairman awaiting the return of the Chairman on 7.3.14

**Interim Management of the Parish Council** C. Woolley will return the laptop and forward all mail to all councillors until the chairmans return. Councillors will report any issues requiring response to the Chairman on her return.

**Recruitment to New Clerk** - this is under hand with the applications being posted on all noticeboards, Bus shelters and librarys. Closing date for applications is 28.3.14 with interviews being finalised by the Chairman and it is hoped to appoint a new Clerk/FO by mid-April

7b **item 11.5 Fracking/Energy** At a fracking meeting it was announced that the Cellique Fernhurst/Lynchmere application to be deferred until summer.

Formation of the Parish Council fracking working party : B. Gainey (ex/BP) Ian Lindsay (lawyer) and Councillors Harwood

and O'Brien-Twohig with Sprackling inclusion to be confirmed.

7c **11.6 Rogate Community Sky Centre** The Rogate Dark Skies Survey was launched by an article in the R & T news by SDNPA Dark Skies Lead., Dan Oakley and a display will be set up in Rogate Stores. The formation of Community Sky Centre Working Party will be lead by Councillors O'Brien-Twohig, Dix with help from D. Oakly and Debbie Pattinson.

7d **item 16 SALC** Councillors Arnold, Farren have attend training course and Councillors Harwood and Carter will attend a course on 12.6.14

8 **Finance report (given by Councillor Williamson)** <sup>on request</sup> attached to these minutes. The listed cheques were endorsed and signed. The bank have been informed of the change of address of statements etc to Councillor Williamson.

The Vice Chairman thank Councillor Williamson for taking the finances into hand.

8a Any grants which Councillor may wish to table must be on the next Agenda of full Council.

8b Committees and Working parties' reports : no meeting has been held. Councillor Williamson reported that the bank Statements are reconciled

9. **11.2 Planning** the Minutes of 10th February were received with the next meeting being held on 17th March planning councillors not present to be informed of the date.

10 **item 11.3 Open Spaces** To receive the minutes of open spaces committee dated 27/1/14. The next meeting will be on 29th April with Nina Williams (Forestry & Woodland Officer of SDNP) as quest speaker

11 **item 11.4 RATA** nothing to report Councillor Dix pressing for a report. Work on Habin Hill laybys and Langley BOAT to be considered

12 **item 11.5 Fracking/energy** Councillors will be informed when a planning application is submitted

13 **Maintenance of assets of Parish Council Owned lands**

13a **item 12.1 Bus shelters** Councillor Arnold will obtain an estimate to repair the board on Terwick Bus shelter to be presented at the next meeting and order a new Notice Board.

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Chairman:-

Date:-

14/4/14

Elizabeth M Brown