

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall

on Monday 13 November 2017

PRESENT: Councillor J E Jordan - Chairman
Councillor S J Billis
Councillor S G Hartley
Councillor M A Holland
Councillor B Joyce
Councillor R Pearce
Councillor C J Rendell

OFFICERS: Mrs L A Roberts – Parish Clerk

Public Participation

There were seven members of public present.

Community Fund

Clarification was sought on what the term, match funding meant, the question was asked regarding applications which may come from small community groups to the Good Energy Community Fund and whether benefit in kind could be considered as match funding. It was felt that for small groups who set up for one off projects and therefore might not have a constitution nor bank account could lose out. It was agreed that benefit in kind should count but the position needed to be checked with Good Energy. It was agreed that the Community Fund Criteria should be placed on the website.

138/17 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

139/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Joyce wanted it recorded that he has been a consultee in the planning application to be discussed at agenda item 7.2, he is a neighbour.

Councillor Mrs Hartley declared an interest in the agenda item 9, Defibrillator as a member of the Women's Institute.

The Interim Parish Clerk declared an interest in agenda item 4 regarding the confirmation of her appointment to the post of Parish Clerk.

140/17 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9 October 2017 having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Jordan as a correct record.

141/17 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hartley, seconded by Councillor Joyce and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to confirm the appointment of Mrs Linda Roberts as the permanent Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

142/17.1 FINANCIAL – INVOICES APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed by Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Billis and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the payment of £88.20 to RoSPA for the annual inspection of the play equipment at Redhills Play Area.

It was requested that the report be circulated to councillors.

142/17.2 INTERIM CLERK SERVICES

It was proposed by the Chairman Councillor Mrs Jordan, seconded by Councillor Holland and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the payment of £2924.20 for interim clerk services and expenses from 10 April 2017 until 12 November 2017.

143/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

143/17.1 Application Ref: 17/09864/FUL Application for Full Planning

Members discussed the application and the following comments were made.

The Parish Council will withhold any decision on this planning application for the following reasons. An original application was approved however the actual structure proposed was much larger than the original application and following an appeal the application was refused at appeal. It was understood then that planning enforcement would ensue. This new application is for a structure 15x14x6 which to confirm is larger than the original planning application dimensions. The Parish Council feel that the accompanying letter from

the planning consultants is misleading. It should be refused on design, scale and quality, there is no justifiable reason for the size, it is harmful to the character of the surrounding countryside.

The planning application is very misleading. Although there is additional parking and turning space. Nothing else changed.

Councillor Joyce would arrange to meet the case officer on site and a request be made to hold any decisions pending that meeting.

143/17.2 Application Ref: 17/09620/REM Application for Reserved Matters

The Parish Council are aware of significant objections from neighbours already lodged. Horns Lane is in a poor state of maintenance and extra traffic will exacerbate that. The parking and traffic problems should be addressed first. It was acknowledged that outline permission has been granted.

Parking on site has been addressed in the application however the scope of the buildings has changed. There are concerns over dominance of existing dwellings by overshadowing. It is not in keeping with existing landscape. Questions raised were, how will delivery trucks negotiate the road and manoeuvre in and out of the lane? What consideration has been given about the access of emergency vehicles?

There will be significant disruption to that part of the village and there are grave safety concerns which need addressing. The development will also affect residents in Chapel Lane. It was agreed that assurance should be sought about how the concerns would be mitigated.

Residents are already concerned about inaccessibility for emergency vehicles and the safety of children and families.

The Parish Council were aware that the Case Officer had made a site visit, but no report as a result of the visit is available to view on the website.

143.17.3 Application Ref: 17/07138/FUL Application for Full Planning

Members were disappointed that the previous request for a fuller consultation process, requested by the Parish Council does not appear to have been carried out with all neighbouring properties affected by the proposals. Additional information was requested for the associated works and now another planning application has been submitted. There is also a raised area of decking included in this application. The Parish Council will reiterate their previous comments which stated, 'As the proposal was a considerable structure in terms of size for a summerhouse, it was agreed that all the surrounding properties and landowners should be consulted and not just the adjoining neighbours in Chapel Lane. The proposed development will be nearer to those properties on Broad Town Road than those in Chapel Lane'. It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Wiltshire Council are requested to

consult on this application with all adjoining property and landowners and those to whom this development would be visible.

144/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

Application Number: 17/08540/FUL

Site Location: Marston Farm House 24 Broad Town Road Broad Town Wiltshire SN4 7RB

Proposal: Extension and alterations to existing dwelling (amendments to existing planning permission 14/11543/FUL).

Decision: Approve with Conditions **Decision Date: 25/10/2017**

Category of Application: Full Planning

The decision was noted.

145/17 SPEEDING TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS REPORTED IN CHAPEL LANE AND HORNS LANE

Members discussed the concerns raised by a resident and it was reported that there was indeed, concerns where children playing in the road could be in conflict with traffic using the area. It was acknowledged that the odd vehicle does speed in the area, although it is difficult to speed down the road due to parked cars.

The following suggestions were made:

- Is a 20-mph zone possible?
- Should a Children Playing sign be installed. This could be first raised with the Area Board and then reported to CATG.

It was proposed by the Chairman Councillor Mrs Jordan, seconded by Councillor Pearce and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to request CATG to consider the installation of a Children Playing Sign.

146/17 DEFIBRILLATOR – Maintenance Contract

It was proposed by Councillor Pearce, seconded by Councillor Billis and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Parish Council should sign the Maintenance Contract.

Following the resolution, the contract was signed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Jordan. Councillor Hartley reported that she would check that inspections of the defibrillator were being carried out as required under the contract and that after 3 to 4 months it would be reviewed. It was reported that six volunteers have come forward to assist with the

inspections. It was also reported that all the necessary funding had been received.

147/17.1 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

Councillor Billis as representative of the Footpath Working Group reported that the group had met and completed some terms of reference which would be included in the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting for adoption.

Councillor Holland reported that they had been out for the last three Sunday mornings inspecting footpaths and was pleased to advise they were not in too bad a condition. Some clearance work is necessary and on a section of the White Horse Trail some serious attention is required due to problems caused by horse riding. It would be necessary to establish the landowners before a remedial plan can be put into action. The group intends to survey all the footpaths before the spring and then hold a group training day for those interested in assisting and to allocate tasks to volunteers. It would be necessary to establish if and what training is necessary for volunteers to enable them to carry out simple maintenance. This could be established from the Rights of Way warden who could also offer advice to the group on any other issues to be careful of in the maintenance and upkeep of footpaths.

147/17.2 NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Replacement of Play Area Goals

Signs for Chapel Lane

Appointment of permanent Parish Clerk

Surviving Winter - leaflet

Parish Steward Scheme

Road Closures to include on website

147/17.3

- Councillor Hartley reported on matters from the Area Board.
- Wiltshire Wildlife want to purchase Morningside Farm Meadows (approximately 60 acres) to prevent developers.
- There is a Wiltshire Waste Recycling survey currently out. They are suggesting changes to what is picked up from the kerbside.
- Councillor Billis would attend the next CATG meeting.
- Swindon and Wiltshire Joint spatial framework, comments are being sought from Wiltshire Council. The Parish Councils previous comments should be used and maybe adapted for a response.
- Councillor Joyce would be meeting up with the Parish Steward on 14 November.

- The Planning Application at Laymarsh Farm planning application has been withdrawn.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Next Meeting Monday 11 December 2017, 6.30pm in the Village Hall