

## **Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council**

**held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Present: Cllr J Barrett (Chairman), Cllrs G Barrett, A Lawson, F Derbyshire, K Faulhaber, J Roach, & S Roach

### **Minute 112830**      **Apologies**

District Cllr Bob Deed & County Councillor Margaret Squires

### **Minute 112831**      **To consider applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor**

None. Agreed to take this item off the monthly Agenda.

### **Minute 112832**      **Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes**

No members of the public were present

### **Minute 112833**      **To approve Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Cllr J Roach proposed the Minutes of 4 December 2017 be accepted as a true record. Cllr S Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour 1 abstention

### **Minute 112934**      **Matters arising from Minutes of 4.12.2017**

Grass Cutting - new invoice received from MDDC to cover 6 cuts in the year – dates of the cuts have been requested

War Memorial – information received from War Memorials Trust circulated to all councillors for consideration at the meeting. Cllr J Roach proposed quotations be obtained from a stonemason to clean the granite and improve the lettering. Cllr Lawson seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous. It was agreed this item be on the Agenda for February.

Website – the current domain expires on 2 February 2018 and therefore it is probable there will be perhaps a month or so when the Parish Council has no website available. Clerk is to arrange a meeting with MDDC during January to discuss setting up the new site.

Defibrillator training – Waiting to hear back from Wyndham House Surgery as to whether or not they are happy for the training to take place alongside a Mini Market.

TAP Funding (a) Clerk has suggested to Mr Paul Webster that he might like to submit an application for funding for the Youth Club but he has not responded to the email (b) an application will be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council for funding of £900 towards the defibrillator at Ellerhayes.

Tennis Hut refurbishment – Mr Langdon's tender accepted.

Youth Club– Mr Webster informed there were currently no volunteers from the Parish Council available to sit on the committee.

Walk around village – Our Contractor has indicated he is not prepared to pull up any weeds in the Square as this should be undertaken by DCC. This item generally will be put on the Budget Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

Emergency Plan – Clerk has not had any contact from anyone re generators or farmers who are willing to use their tractors in an emergency.

**Minute 112835**      **To approve Minutes of meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Cllr G Barrett proposed the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr S Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour 1 abstention

**Minute 112836**      **Matters arising from Minutes of 19.12.2017**

There were no matters arising

**Minute 112837**      **To consider removing “Matters Arising” from future Agendas**

It was noted that the removal of “Matters Arising” from future agendas was a recommendation from MDDC. Cllr J Roach proposed the Parish Council draws up an “Action Plan” to substitute Matters Arising in order that the Council monitors progress on various decisions taken. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

**Minute 112838**      **Discussions with Police Representatives, County Cllr M Squires and District Councillors J Roach & B Deed**

District Cllr J Roach stated that when Mr West’s application went before MDDC there were objections from both the Parish Council and residents. MDDC has changed way the way people can speak at its meeting and District Cllrs now only have 5 minutes with objectors having 3 minutes. District Cllr Roach stated that she tried to get a site meeting but the District Council’s solicitor indicated that as County Highways had no objection to the application the District Council should not object. She said she would have liked to have queried this but was unable to do as District Cllrs cannot correct incorrect knowledge if they had already spoken at the meeting. She submitted a Notice of Motion and this is going to Committee.

An email had been received from County Cllr Margaret Squires in which she stated the slippery surface between Park Road and Red Cross still needs investigating but the road had been too icy. A speed check with a hand-held device will be undertaken in the village. The Hederman Close works have been entered into the system but as yet there is no indication of when they will be carried out.

The monthly report from PCSO Anna Roberts for December 2017 was read. 6 crimes consisting of 1 burglary, 2 assaults (domestic related), 2 theft of car number plates and criminal damage to vehicle in parsonage lane. 17 calls were received with the only item to note being a car that was parked on double yellow lines for several days in Fore Street.

**Minute 112839**      **Planning**

(a)      Applications

17/02011/TPO – Prispen House, Prispen Drive, Silverton – application to fell 2 Ash trees, 2 Sycamores, 1 Cherry Tree, 1 Holly Tree and 2 Birch trees and to crown thin 1 Lime, crown reduce

### 1 Holm Oak and pollard 1 Willow

Cllr J Roach informed the Council that the Tree Officer had carried out a site visit with her and some residents of Prispin House and has agreed to the felling etc of the trees

Cllr Lawson proposed the Parish Council support the above application. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour. District Cllr J Roach did not vote

*Cllr J Roach took no further part in the discussions as she is a District Councillor for the Ward and wishes to remain independent of the Parish Council so as to be able to represent the parishioners.*

### 17/02041/CAT – 50 Fore Street, Silverton – notification of intention to remove 1 Weeping Cherry and reduce height to approx. 3.5-4m of 1 other tree (species unknown)

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council support the above application. Cllr S Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention

### 17/02057/CLU – Certificate of existing lawful use of land and buildings as retail farm shop (A10, car parking, associated outside storage and display for sales areas, internal office and road access in excess of more than 10 years – Exe Valley Farm Shop, Thorverton.

Concerns were expressed regarding hygiene provisions. Cllr Derbyshire proposed MDDC be asked to carry out an environmental health assessment with regard to sanitation and hygiene issues for the owner/staff or visitors as food is being handled. Cllr Lawson seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

### 17/02021/HOUSE – erection of single storey rear extension with balcony above following demolition of existing sun room – Egremont, Silverton

Cllr S Roach proposed the Parish Council recommends support of the above application. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

#### **(b) Approvals/Refusals (received from MDDC)**

- **REFUSAL-** Listed Building Consent – 2 roof lights on storage barn – Aishe Barton, Old Butterleigh Road, Silverton
- **APPROVAL** – Siting of 1 home, 2 motor homes and a compost w.c. – Oak Meadow, Silverton.

It was agreed a letter be sent to the Chief Executive and Head of Planning complaining that the Parish Council views were overlooked despite valid planning reasons being given.

- **PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT** – Prior Notification for the change of use of agricultural building to hotel (Use Class C1) under class R - Building at Pound Farm, Butterleigh
- **NO OBJECTION** to reduce height by 4.5m a line of 4-5 Leylandii/Lawson Cypress at 40 Fore Street Silverton

The above Decisions were noted

#### **(c) Any other planning matters**

Clerk to chase MDDC in relation to a possible anthrax report on Old Butterleigh Road site.

**Minute 112840****Finances****Monthly invoices:**

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
002331	Mrs S Woodland	Clerk's wages (£551.44) + expenses
002332	Mr D L Marsden	£250.00 (contractor)
002333	Mr J Barrett	Contractor's annual insurance premium £218.00
002334	Culm Florist	Golden Wedding Flowers - £36.00
002335	Silverton Comm. Hall	Annual hire of hall in advance (£171.00)
002336	MDDC	Grass verge cutting - £1,708.14
002337	Mr A Campbell	Annual honorarium re clock winding - £175.00
002338	SPCC	Contribution to cost of Silverleigh Newsletter - £250
002339	Broxap Limited	Rope swing – 198.00
002340	Faulhaber Design Ltd	Plan for first registration of Rec Field - £22.33

With regard to the cutting of the grass verges, Cllr J Roach informed the meeting that MDDC has now agreed that it will inform the Council after each cut. Cllr Lawson proposed the Council do not pay the invoice until proof is obtained that the grass was cut on each occasion or the invoice is amended accordingly. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

It was noted a donation towards the Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site had been received from John Pizey and the Clerk had sent a note of thanks.

It was agreed to ask our Contractor what work would be included in the 6 hours estimate given for the repainting the bench on the Pond Site.

(b) Other Financial matters

**Minute 112841****Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllr J Roach reported a further technical report is required and this is in hand. Mid Devon District Council also need to screen the Report. The main concerns currently are the allocation of land sites.

**Minute 112842****Speed Watch Update**

The Clerk confirmed one volunteer had come forward from the Pre-School. Waiting to hear further from PTA.

**Minute 1 12843****Draft Parish Council Emergency Plan**

Agreed this would be an item on the Agenda for February.

**Minute 112844****Update on Air Ambulance Night Landing Site**

Western Power Distribution are expected to provide the supply to the Tennis Hut in the near future.

**Minute 1128245****Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

It was noted a dead tree had been blown down behind Tennis Court – on Agenda for February to remove remaining dead trees. Clerk to obtain Quotations to cut down and remove.

A letter had been received from Mr Frank Ayshford in which he has asked for some form of recognition for his father who he stated was a prominent person in the village during his working life. It was agreed to approach MDDC to ask what the forthcoming development is to be called and if the Parish Council can be consulted on its naming.

It was noted there had been fly tipping at Ellerhayes

Police Commissioner – It was agreed to approach Alison Hernandez and ask if she would attend a meeting to speak on speeding issues.

Cllr Faulhaber raised concerns regarding the sump not being cleaned in Fore Street. He said to the best of his knowledge this had only been cleaned once since he moved in at the end of February 2017.

Cllr G Barrett stated that a volunteer is required to store the Christmas Lights and the Litter Pick equipment. It was pointed out it was part of the original agreement when the Hall Committee took over the running of the Hall that the Parish Council would have storage in the hall as it was paying the loan which enabled the Hall to be purchased.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.