

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Monday 6th February 2017

Present: Cllrs J Barrett (Chairman), G Barrett, A Lawson, F Derbyshire, O Kennard, A Hill and S Roach

Minute 112657 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr P Dixon, Parish & District Cllr J Roach & District Cllr B Deed

Minute 112658 To consider applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor

None

Minute 112659 Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes

Mr Green informed the meeting that the January and Budget Meeting Minutes were not available to view on the website. The Clerk reported that there had been a problem with uploading documents and the Administrators had indicated in an email that the documents had been uploaded. Clerk to contact the Administrators and confirm to Mr Green when the Minutes were available to view.

Minute 112660 To approve Minutes of meeting held on 9th January 2017

Pg 1429 – “going” should be “growing”

Pg 1430 – third sentence from top “Mr and Mrs Higman” not “Highman”

Pg 1431 – “Tennis House” should be “Hut”

Pg 1432 – “Chunky Money” should read “Chunky Monkey”

Pg 1432 - “Little Bin” should read “Litter Bin”

Subject to the above amendments Cllr G Barrett proposed the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr Lawson seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112661 Matters arising from the Minutes of 9.1.2017

Removal of concrete slab from top of slide – The Chairman reported this had now been removed

Benches on rec – These had been delivered on 16th Jan and cemented in on 23rd January 2017.

Neighbourhood Plan Grant - now received and Consultant's outstanding invoice was paid during the month.

Bench on Little Rec – the bench was checked by Chunky Monkey when the benches for the Recreation Field were delivered – no rotting of the wood

Old Fire Station – electricity supply now disconnected

Minute 112662 To approve Minutes of budget Meeting held on 11th January 2017 together with updated Budget papers

Pg 1343 final paragraph – “plan” should read “project plan”

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

Minute 112663 Matters arising from Budget Minute Minutes

LED traffic sign – Chairman of Butterleigh Parish Meeting has confirmed support for the application. Awaiting confirmation from Bradninch Town Council and Thorverton PC if they will also support the application – if supported the application will be submitted for TAP funding as soon as possible.

Minute 112664 To discuss public behaviour at Parish Council meetings

Cllr S Roach informed the meeting that he was not happy with a member of the public who implied at the last meeting that Councillors were not qualified. Cllr Roach stated that if that member of public actually looked into the position he would realise that Councillors were actually putting themselves out and are volunteers. The gentleman in question was also very rude to members of the Parish Council. After discussion, it was felt that if the member of public in question was not happy with the way Councillors were conducting the parish business then he should join the Parish Council.

The Chairman confirmed he had spoken with the Police to obtain the correct procedure should he have to ask them to remove any member of the public in the future for disruptive behaviour.

Cllr Derbyshire proposes that in future any disruptive behaviour to be dealt with appropriately. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112665 Discussion with Police Representatives, District Councillors J Roach and County Cllr J Berry

County Cllr John Berry gave a resume of the proposed Funding Education in Devon and stated that Devon is one of the lowest funded Local Authority areas in England. In 2016/2017 funding per pupil in Devon is £4,346 which is £290 per pupil less than the England average. County Cllr Berry stated that social services will be benefitting from additional funding from the Government although figures are not as yet agreed. Highways have been allocated a considerable sum for potholes etc and each area will be allocated a sum. Small requests such as no parking markings, slow signs or double yellow lines are being considered for funding and any application should be sent to the area's Officer, Willie Pike, by the end of February.

North Devon Hospital closing. Schools - less funding per pupil than average – John has been campaigning for years to get better funding for South West Schools. Stephen querying why schools were different – i.e. Bradninch and Silverton?

Cllr S Roach gave a report on behalf of District Cllr J Roach who had contacted the S106 Officer and spoken to Steve Densham at MDDC who felt the benches chosen by the Parish Council were not of the best quality. The grass matting which the Parish Council were to put under wear areas was felt to be a good idea and met

the criteria for the release of S106 funds. It would be necessary to obtain quotations. MDDC would be contacting Councillors shortly to remind them it is a criminal offence not to complete or keep up to date Declaration of Interest Forms.

The Chairman read an email from PCSO Anna Roberts in which she confirmed during January there had been 1 theft which was related to a domestic incident between ex-partners and 10 calls including mud on road, domestic, alarm at the Spar, abandoned vehicle, noises at the Skate Park (officers attended but the area was empty) and alarms at the Surgery.

Minute 112666 Planning

(a) Applications

Councillor Lawson declared a personal interest and signed the Declaration of Interest Book prior to discussion on the following application:

17/00132/HOUSE – Erection of single storey extension to rear, replacement of flat roofs with pitched roofs and erection of garage together with new driveway and vehicular access onto Applemede – 7 King Street, Silverton

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

16/01830/FULL – Siting of 1 mobile home, 2 motor homes and a compost w.c.- Oakmeadow, Hayne Lane, Silverton

Cllr S Roach proposed the Parish Council carry out a site meeting. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous. Agreed the site meeting would take place at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8th February 2017

(b) Approvals/Refusals (received from MDDC)

- **APPROVAL**- Erection of mixed use building and creation of new access and track – land adjacent to Waterleat House, Silverton
- **APPROVAL** – retention of change of use of existing agricultural building to commercial storage – land at Dunsmore, Silverton
- **APPROVAL** – installation of telecommunications equipment – 4 antennas located behind replica louvres internal cabinets within the church tower, external meter pillar to match church stone and ancillary development – St Marys Church, Church Road, Silverton
- **APPROVAL** – prior notification for erection of agricultural storage building – Greenslinch Lane, Silverton

(c) Any other planning matters

MDDC – Local Plan Review 2013 to 2033 – Proposed Submission

It was agreed an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 29th March 2017 @ 7.30 p.m. and the copy of the Local Plan Review to be circulated to all councillors in the interim period

It was agreed to ask Cllr/District Cllr J Roach to enquire of MDDC if the Parish Council were going to receive a response to its letter pointing out that the information and documentation provided in relation to the development at The Three Tuns were confusing and unclear.

Minute 112667 Finances

(a) Monthly invoices

Req No	Payee	Amount	Balance forward	Amount
02263	Mrs S Woodland	Clerk's wages (£550.48) + expenses (£14.00)		
02264	Mr D L Marsden	£250.00 (contractor)		
02265	Miss O Kennard	Cables ties/barrier tape re Christmas Tree (£12.81)		
02266	Andrew Isaac	curving benches in Little Rec - £290.00		
02267	EDF	Balance due re Old Fire Station - £62.03		
02268	G Barrett	Christmas Tree lights - £87.97		

(b) Other Financial matters

(I) Update re possible provision of funding through S106 for improvements to Little Rec (matting under picnic table) and Recreation Field (additional seating)

The Chairman asked for clarification as to whether or not the picnic table was to be cemented in. After discussion Cllr Lawson proposed the picnic table is cemented in. Cllr S Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous. It was noted the picnic table will need to be cemented in at the same time as the matting underneath.

Minute 112668 Update re Night Landing Site for Devon Air Ambulance

Cllr Hill reported that Western Power had carried out a site visit to quote supply electricity to the tennis hut which will be circa £2,000.00. He had spoken to Toby Russell at DAA and it was hoped the total cost of the night landing site would be available within the next couple of weeks. The Chairman asked if any literature could be made available for parishioners at the Mini Market and the possibility of a representative from the Devon Air Ambulance attending a future Mini Market was discussed.

Minute 112669 Application to vary Licence from GS & S Sheppard, Exe Valley Brewery, Silverton

Cllr Lawson proposed the Parish Council support the above application. Cllr Hill seconded the proposal – vote taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112670 Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Kennard reported that the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan is in sight. She reported that within the next month or so an on-line consultation on the

Neighbourhood Plan would be available and after that a full consultation would take place before the middle of year. The Neighbourhood Plan would be sent to the Examiner after the final consultations had taken place.

Minute 112671 To consider Community Land Trust Scheme

Cllr Kennard reiterated that a Community Land Trust Scheme would be completely separate from the Neighbourhood Plan. She stressed the Parish Council needs to inform parishioners of the opportunity of a community-led housing scheme and it was generally agreed this should be considered after the Neighbourhood Plan had been sent to the Examiner to avoid any confusion.

Cllr Lawson proposed the Parish Council delay considering a Community Land Trust Scheme until the Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion or has been completed. Cllr S Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

Minute 112672 Request for TAP Funding Support from Butterleigh Village Hall Committee

Cllr Kennard proposed the Parish Council supports the TAP Funding Application of Butterleigh Village Hall Committee. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112673 Request for TAP Funding Support from Bradninch 12th Night Group

Cllr Lawson proposed the Parish Council supports the TAP Funding Application by Bradninch 12th Night Group. Cllr S Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112674 Matters brought forward by the Chairman

Correspondence received:

The Chairman reported that he had sent some photographs to the Contractor in Newton Abbot and he is trying to establish a Company who provides the rope required to replace the one which is fraying. The Chairman confirmed the equipment is currently safe.

It was agreed to place on the March Agenda consideration of providing better quality additional seating in light of the comment made by MDDC

Cllr Lawson indicated she was concerned regarding the historic footpath that has been decimated and asked if the Parish Council could do anything? The Clerk confirmed she had not received any correspondence from parishioners relating to this matter. Cllr Kennard confirmed residents have been emailing various people and she had written to the Footpath Officer who had visited and felt there was not a lot of damage and it would re-grow despite the fact that an opening had been made. MDDC had been informed and Cllr Kennard said she had spoken with an Officer who was going to carry out a site meeting with the Conservation Officer.

Cllr Hill stated that since MDDC had updated their planning portfolio some documents were still missing on the site and some which are there have wrongly been tagged as confidential.

