Minutes of Extraordinary meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Wednesday 15th February 2017

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

Minute 112675 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr F Derbyshire and Sheila Woodland (Parish Clerk)

Minute 112676 To consider applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor

None

Minute 112677 Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes

Mr Jameson Evans asked what the grounds were for redacting a comment made on the planning application at Oak Meadow. He was concerned that the overwhelming desire to be politically correct might result in a backlash from minority groups. He felt that the long planning history on this site showed a step by step approach to achieve the aim of living on site. He also queried how the status of a travelling show person had been validated.

Mr Green said he had emailed the Clerk about the errors in the budget meeting minutes, he is concerned that those errors have not been corrected. The minutes had been loaded before the corrections had been made. He also queried the budget which appears to have a £50 discrepancy.

Minute 112678 Planning applications

<u>16/01830/full-siting of a mobile home. 2 motor homes and a compost wc-Oak</u> <u>Meadow. Hayne lane Silverton.</u>

Cllr J Roach gave a run down on the previous applications on this site and the contact she had had with Mel Stride.

A general discussion took place regarding the application.

It was noted that despite the agent saying that it was not convenient for the Council to do a site visit, when we looked at the site from a neighbouring field we could see the owner working in the grounds. She subsequently passed us in her car as she went to pick the children up from school.

The following points were made.

*it is difficult to make a decision when the members could not see the site nor judge the effect on the environment of the increased use.

* has the condition been complied with in relation to the requirement to have a site licence?

*how many of the vehicles/huts/caravans on site have planning permission? How many do not?

*is this application retrospective?

*have the principles of the Housing act 2004, as specified as an addition to the approval notice been adhered to?

*is the proposed mobile home in the application one that meets the definition of a mobile home?

*is there clean water on site for the children?

It was resolved that;

Cllr J Roach proposed that given the lack of information about the site members asked the Clerk to write to the Planning Officer requesting (1) an answer to all the queries raised by members and (2) a extension to the consultation time to enable the Council to consider the application when they have the required information. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm