

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Tuesday 22nd August, 2017

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

District Cllr J Roach

1 member of the public

Minute 112759 **Apologies**

Cllrs S Roach, O Kennard, F Derbyshire, K Faulhaber, District Cllrs B Deed and M Squires

A Lawson took the minutes as the clerk was on annual leave

Minute 112760 **Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes**

Mr Jim Wise addressed the meeting in relation to the village war memorial in the square. He reminded the Council that next year will be the centenary of the end of WW1, and was concerned that the current state of the memorial was in need of addressing. Cllr A Hill believed that the Clerk had contacted a number of charities requesting assistance in refurbishing it in time for the 2018 Remembrance Service. Cllr A Hill enquired as to who actually owned the memorial. Cllr J Roach believed that Silverton Parish Council had taken ownership/responsibility for it a number of years ago, but do not hold the deeds. The deeds have been pursued in the past but to date have not been found. Mr Wise also asked the Council to assist in slowing the traffic ten minutes before and during the November Remembrance Service. Cllr J Barrett will see that the local PCSO is emailed ahead of time requesting help with the traffic.

Minute 112761 **Planning**

Cllr J Roach took no 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.

17/01250/HOUSE - 6 St. Mary's View, Silverton - Raising roof height of garage and installation of 2 dormer windows to form additional first floor accommodation.

Cllr A Lawson proposed the Parish Council recommend approval of the above application, Cllr A Hill seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and 1 abstention.

17/01166/FULL - Christ Cross House, Silverton – Retention of dwelling, erection of two-storey extension and change of use of agricultural land to form additional garden.

Cllr A Hill proposed the Parish Council recommends approval of the above application favour, Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and 1 abstention.

17/00988/FULL - Playing Field, Coach Road, Silverton – erection of 10m lighting column with a pair of 150 Watt LED floodlights to provide emergency lighting for night landing by Devon Air Ambulance

As this was the Parish Council's own application it was agreed that it would be inappropriate to comment.

17/01072/HOUSE - Silver Cottage, 1 High Bullen, Silverton – Erection of garden shed in front garden

Cllr A Hill noted that there were already sheds erected in the grounds of a number of other properties within High Bullen, therefore setting a precedent. Cllr G Barrett proposed the Parish Council recommends approval of the above application, Cllr A Hill seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and 1 abstention.

Minute 112761 **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

- (i) Mrs S Woodland – Clerk's wages (£551.44)
- (ii) Mr D Marsden – Contractor's monthly invoice of £250
- (iii) The No Butts Bin Company Ltd – 4 seats - £2,160
- (iv) Mr S Roach – Leaflet printing costs - £57.80
- (v) Cllr J Roach queried the grass cutting for the Street Market, as there appeared to be confusion over the bills from Mr G Hibbert and Mr S Land. The clerk will check with Mr Hibbert as to who authorised the grass cut. Cllr J Roach proposed to pay agreed work to Mr Land for the weed kill but to ask the clerk to contact the Street Market committee, requesting that they cover the cost of the grass cut on the Little Rec by Mr Land for £30. Cllr J Roach proposed that the payment to Mr Hibbert be delayed until the clerk has spoken with him.
- (vi) Mr S Land – weed killing, invoice dated 27th June, 2017, £45
- (vii) Mr S Land – weed killing invoice dated 5th August 2017 £45

(b) Other financial matters

(i) TAP application from Bradninch and Hele re Night Landing Site

Agreed that this should be rescheduled to be discussed at the September meeting.

- (ii) Quote for re-securing and siting of the new benches. 1 quote was received, dated 4th August, 2017, from Mr A Isaac. The total cost for the work to be undertaken is £2,155. Cllr J Roach told the council that the Section 106 Officer would require 3 tenders. The Clerk to explain to the Officer that, tenders were sent out to 3 different companies but only 1

quotation had been received. Cllr J Roach moved that the Council accept the quote, Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous. The Clerk to contact the Section 106 Officer to ask for approval of this.

(iii) MDDC Play Inspection Report for June 2017. There are a number of rivets in need of replacing on the running surface, Clerk to contact Mr Mike Watts to ask him to arrange before it becomes more urgent/health and safety issue. Cllr A Hill proposed that the basketball hoop back board be replaced in next year's budget, due to long term damage. Litter bin – 2 bolts need fixing to the back of the bin – Clerk to remind Mr Marsden to do this. Tennis Court – Cllr A Hill has been approached to ask the Council if the tennis court could be remarked, due to the wear and tear over the years this has faded substantially. Cllr Hill asked if anyone had any idea of cost, and if this could be sorted for next year.

(iv) Removal of dead trees behind the Tennis Hut. Cllr J. Barrett reported that the roots were breaking up the footpath. Clerk to put out tenders as soon as possible to carry out the necessary work.

(v) Devon Association of Local Councils annual subscription – the Clerk was due to access the website of CALC to compare with DALC, including the cost of each, and decide which one would be more suited to SPC, before final decision by the Council. Cllr J Barrett (chair) proposed to trial CALC & DALC to run side by side for one year depending on cost and then decide. It was noted that Mid Devon District Council do not provide a legal advice service to local councils. The PC queried which, if any, courses the Clerk had accessed through either Mid Devon or DALC (Cllr J Barrett to check).

Any Other Business

Cllr J Barrett wished to thank Cllrs S and J Roach for the very professional 'Your Village Needs You' flyers. These proved to have been very helpful & successful in providing volunteer helpers on the day of the Street Market.

Cllr J Barrett informed the Parish Council a total of £450 was raised from the Street Market, this included a very generous donation from the Knit and Natter group of £125. A full report to be given at the September meeting.

There was a need for the councillors to meet to decide on the location of the new benches. Cllr J Roach suggested that at the next home game of football, that the supporters are approached as to where they would like them placed.

'No Dogs' sign were erected in time for the Street Market.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm