

MINUTES OF SILVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2016

Present: Cllr J Barrett (Chairman), Cllrs, J Roach, G Barrett, O Kennard, S Roach and P Dixon.

Minute 112459 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr A Lawson and District Cllr B Deed

Minute 112460 To consider any applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor
None

Minute 112461 Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes

No members of the public present

Minute 112462 To approve Minutes of meeting held on 7th December 2015
Cllr J Roach indicated she had comments to make regarding the content of the Part 2 Minutes which it was agreed would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Cllr J Roach proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th December 2016 be agreed as a true record subject to discussion in Part 2. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112463 Matters arising from Minutes of 7.12.2015

Parish Handyman – Clerk has spoken in length with Mr Marsden who had confirmed what he really would like are three black bins in order that he can separate as much as possible of the rubbish he collects and recycle. Clerk has asked MDDC if they would supply these.

Sign for Children's Play Area – Clerk had chased for a response from AG Signs

Roundabout Inspection – awaiting date for inspection from MDDC

Branches overhanging from Recreation Field into Coach Road – quotations requested in time for budget meeting.

Signage at junction of Ruffwell Inn – DCC contacted regarding the amount of signs on display.

Amenity Car Park Review – email sent to Mr Jarrett

Bradinch Town Council – email sent confirming Parish Council had communicated direct with MDDC

Minute 112464 To approve Minutes of meeting held on 16th December 2015
Olivia proposes. Gill seconds. 4 in favour 2 abstentions

Minute 112465 Matters arising from Minutes of 16.12.2015

None

Cllr Kennard proposed that the meeting be opened to Mr D Marsden. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal – a vote was taken with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions

Mr Marsden confirmed he would like black bins and he acknowledged that the Clerk had requested these from MDDC. He stated that when he was clearing the sump recently a parishioner had mentioned to him that a car had damaged the bricks some time ago and believed an insurance claim had been paid out. Mr Marsden confirmed he would ask for further information and will pass this to the Clerk who will forward any information on to County Cllr J Berry. Mr Marsden confirmed he is monitoring whether the bins in the Square are emptied on a Wednesday. He is going on holiday but his children will be covering his duties.

The meeting was closed to members of the public at this point.

Minute 112466 Discussion with Police Representatives, County Councillor J Berry, District Councillors J Roach and B Deed of any relevant matters

District Cllr J Roach stated the District Council wanted to put up car parking charges and the main bone of contention were the multi and larger car parks which the District Council wanted to increase to £2 for 4 hours. Cllr Roach confirmed she had called this item in and the Scrutiny Committee had agreed to refer it back to the Cabinet Committee. Other issue which was not being discussed is that of devolution which is a Government idea to devolve powers/budgets to local Councils and the Government has invited local authorities in England to develop their own local proposals. Mid Devon District Council has been working with councils in Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay and the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership on an initial submission or Statement of Intent. The Government is implying that whether or not there is an agreement on devolution it is likely to come to fruition in any event which would mean another level of government and the expenses this would incur.

District Cllr B Deed stated that with regard to the District devolution, DCC had submitted a plan to the Government, along with other Authorities but no response had been received as yet. Devolution will be open to consultation when it comes out from Government which is anticipated later this year.

With regard to the sump, County Cllr J Berry confirmed he will follow this up when further details are known with regard to the insurance claim. With regard to School Lollipop Crossings, he stated this was under debate as to whether County Council can continue to fund these. County Cllr Berry did indicate that he was making a case for Cullompton to retain their Lollipop Crossing due to volume of traffic on the main road. County Cllr Berry confirmed he was making a grant to the Room 4 U of £450.

Cllr Kennard reported to County Cllr Berry a problem with a drop off the tarmac of approximately 6 inches just past West garage when you turn right at the junction towards the Ruffwell Inn.

PCSO Vicky Randle had confirmed by email that the only issue/crime in Silverton this month was the continued damage to planters on the drive at Prispen House. Crime prevention advice had been given with a suggestion that CCTV should be considered by the residents association in order to identify the culprits. Cllr S Roach informed the Council that cars were driving across the Bury again with rubbish being left. It was agreed to report this to PCSO Randle. It was noted that cars were parking on the grass area by Council houses in Wyndham Road and Cllr J Roach confirmed she would mention this to MDDC, Cllr Dixon suggested that perhaps bolting the planters to the road at Prispen House would make it more difficult to move

Minute 112467 Planning

Cllr Roach took no part in the discussions as she is the district councillor and wishes to remain independent of the Parish Council so as to be able to represent the parishioners.

(a) Applications

15/01930/FULL – erection of an agricultural farm manager’s dwelling – Silverhay Farm, Silverton – Mr and Mrs J Kittow

Cllr Kennard proposed the Parish Council recommend refusal on the grounds of (i) business case not established (ii) impact on surrounding area and countryside (iii) size of dwelling overbearing. Cllr S Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour 1 abstention

15/01888/LBC – Listed Building Consent for internal alterations – Nettleworth House, 9 Church Road, Silverton – Mrs J Grainger

Cllr S Roach proposed the Parish Council recommend approval of the above application. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 1 abstention

15/01978/CAT – Notification of intention to reduce the height and width of 1 Sycamore Tree by 5-6m within Conservation Area – 9 Fore Street, Silverton – Mrs P Moore

Cllr S Roach proposed the Parish Council recommend approval of the above application. Cllr Dixon seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour 1 abstention

(b) Approvals/Refusals (received from MDDC)

NO OBJECTION to reduce crown by 40% and reduce height by 2 metres – 1 Copper Beech within Conservation Area – Nethercott House, 28 King Street, Silverton

NO OBJECTION to reduce 6 Ash trees in height by 50% within a Conservation Area – 3 Church Road, Silverton

NO OBJECTION to prune and shape 1 Crab Apple and fell 12 Ash trees within the Conservation Area – 7 Church Road, Silverton

(c) Any other planning matters

15/01691/FULL – erection of 2 dwellings after demolition of existing dwelling and alteration to existing access – 19 Exeter Road, Silverton – **WITHDRAWN**

Minute 112468 Finances

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Income	Amount
002164	Mrs S Woodland	£546.01 (wages)	Groundwork UK (Grant re NP)	£7,630.00
002165	Mr D L Marsden	£250.00 (contractor)		
002166	Mr D L Mrsden	£204.25 (public liability insurance)		
002167	M P Weston	£1,176.00 (NP consultant)		

(b) Other financial matters

(i) Apple Tree in Little Rec – consider pruning

It was agreed to obtain a quotation for general pruning and to cut back by 1/3rd It was agreed the Clerk would Email the Conservation Officer to ascertain whether Planning Consent was required – Cllr Kennard would email the Clerk photographs to send with the email

(ii) Email from Devon County Council re School Crossing Patrols Consultation

Silverton does not have a School Crossing Patrol and it was agreed no comments would be made.

(iii) Flowers for 60th wedding anniversary

Cllr G Barrett proposed a posey be obtained for an approximate cost of £25. Cllr Dixon seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Agreed that on being notified of special anniversaries and birthdays (Golden Wedding Anniversary + 100 birthday and above) flowers would be sent. Parishioners would be asked via the Parish Newsletter to notify the Clerk of any special anniversaries or birthdays at least one month in advance.

Minute 112469 Room 4 U – update

No update at present

Minute 112470 Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Grant monies had been received into the Parish Council Bank Account on 29 December 2015. No other update.

Minute 112471 Website update

The current position is that Spartan Website Design are waiting to receive from Mr Simon Steer an email which should have been sent to him direct from the current administrators and which contains the final piece of information which will permit the domain to be transferred to Spartan. Cllr Kennard visited Mr Steer but the information has not been forthcoming so far as the Clerk is aware. The Chairman stated that he had been in contact with Spartan Website Design today and the Gandi account, which is the account that handles the day to day administration of the website is in Simon Steer's name with his old email address. The change of address had not been notified to Gandi and Mr Steer will be required to complete a form on line as a matter of urgency to enable the account to be put in a new email address to enable the transfer of the domain to take place.

The Clerk indicated that the annual fee for the current website of £72 had been deducted from her credit card within the past couple of days and therefore the current website was "live" and can be transferred.

Minute 112472 Footpath from School Road to the Square

Response received from Mr S Densham at MDDC in which he indicated his immediate concern was that a new opening in the wall for access will require planning consent as it would constitute a new access to a public highway. He stated that visibility is nil to all intents and purposes so arguably the project is a non-starter. He is to liaise with Devon County Council. Cllr J Roach pointed out that it was the S106 Officer who had suggested the footpath through the wall and it was agreed to clarify this point with Mr Densham. Cllr Dixon queried if the project was not viable would it be possible to have white lines along School Road denoting a footpath area.

Minute 112473 Disposal of flowers from Churchyard in Litter Bins – consider asking SPCC to provide compost bins for their disposal

No further action

Minute 112474 Matters brought forward by the Chairman

No Dog stencils – Chairman will obtain quotations.

Christmas tree being taken down next Sunday and the Football Club had agreed to assist.

Handyman – It was noted that comments had been received from parishioners that the condition of the Square is much improved.

Deeds –Cllr J Roach indicated she will continue to make enquiries as to the whereabouts of the Parish Council deeds as will the Clerk

Cllr Kennard pointed out that litter in the village is really bad. After Christmas, rubbish had been put out in boxes without lids and the gales had blown this round. Cllr J Roach will make enquiries as to whether or not lids or nets are available for the green recycling boxes.

Cllr Dixon stated that there was dog faeces everywhere and he had received complaints from parishioners. He stated he had put up laminated posters in the village. It was noted that the Dog Warden had visited the village and MDDC signs were up informing dog owners that the village was being monitored. It was agreed a request would be put in the Parish Newsletter asking dog owners to pick up after their dogs and should any parishioners be aware of people not picking up after their dogs they are being asked to report it to Dog Warden as this is a serious health hazard.

Cllr J Roach proposed that, under S100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part5 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. Cllr S Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112475 Clarification of Minutes as to Part 2 discussion re Handyman

Cllr J Roach requested amendments be made to the confidential Minutes relating to this item which were agreed by the Council

**These Minutes are subject to verification by the full Parish Council at
its meeting on Monday 1st February 2016**