

**MINUTES OF SILVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**Present** Cllr J Barrett (Chairman), Cllrs G Barrett, O Kennard & P Dixon together with District Cllr B Deed

Minute 112522                      Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Roach, S Roach & A Lawson together with County Cllr J Berry + PCSO Randall

Minute 112523                      To consider any applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor

None

Minute 112524                      Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes

Pat Hawkes, the applicant of the Great Pitt Granary planning application addressed the Council. She said there are very few facilities in Devon for the type of dog training planned. The Community Hall cannot really be used as it is not big enough for agility and she felt this would not be permitted in any event due to Health and Safety reasons. She said her intended use of the land would create employment. There would be a limited number of dogs in each class in order to monitor noise and traffic. Cllr Kennard stated her only concern was parking facilities for competitions. Ms Hawkes confirmed it was not her intention to have any competitions, it would be for training purposes only.

Minute 112525                      To approve Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>TH</sup> March 2016

It was noted on Page 1136 – “ho” should read “who”. Subject to this amendment Cllr G Barrett proposed the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal – vote taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112526                      Matters arising from Minutes of 7.3.2016

Sign for Children’s Play Area – this has been collected by Chairman and Handyman to erect

Possible footpath from School Road to Square - still awaiting response from DCC.

New waste bin in Little Rec – design and quotation submitted by Mr Langdon.

Minute 112527                      To approve Extra-ordinary meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Cllr O Kennard proposed the Minutes be approved as a true record. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 3 in favour and 1 abstention

Minute 112528                      Discussion with Police Representatives, County Councillor J Berry, District Councillors J Roach and B Deed of any relevant matters

Cllr B Deed stated that there had been unfortunate remarks made by a District Councillor recently. He stated staff at MDDC are paid employees and overall should give a better service. Unfortunately staff are frequently away due to sickness, maternity leave etc. and when this happens there is a deterioration in services. Cllr Deed confirmed that the new Chief Executive had a lot to do with regard to organisation of the Council etc and he has been approached regarding concerns in the services provided and other issues.

Cllr Deed indicated that a review was imminent with regard to dog bins and he feels there will not be any additional dog bins provided and the general bins will be used instead. After discussion on this point it was agreed that the Clerk write to MDDC to ask if the Parish Council can move dog bin to other side of notice board.

Minute 112529

Planning

(a) Applications

*16/00376/FULL – land near Great Pitt Granary, Silverton – change of use of land to mixed use for agriculture and dog training, erection of a building for dog training facilities and agricultural storage, formation of new parking area and alterations to vehicular access*

Cllr Kennard reiterated her only reservation was with regard to traffic should the property be used for competition. It was pointed out the applicant had confirmed no competitions are envisaged. Cllr G Barrett proposed the Parish Council recommend approval of the above application. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal – vote taken which was unanimous

16/00417/HOUSE – erection of first floor extension – 1 Poundsland Cottages, Silverton

Cllr Kennard stated her only concern was the proposed extension might take some sunlight away from neighbours. Clerk confirmed no letter of objection had been received. Cllr Dixon proposed the Parish Council recommend approval of the above application. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal – vote taken which was unanimous

16/00396/FULL – Public Conveniences, Wyndham Road, Silverton – Erection of new day centre following demolition of public toilets

The Chairman stated he felt the building was not big enough for dementia care as it is currently but he appreciates the Trustees need to start somewhere.

After discussion Cllr Kennard proposed the Parish Council recommend approval of the above application. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal – vote taken which was unanimous

16/00338/HOUSE – Installation of 2 pitched roof dormer windows and erection to rear - 1 Old Butterleigh Road

Cllr Kennard proposed the Parish Council recommend approval of the above application. Cllr Dixon seconded the proposal – vote taken which was unanimous

(b) Approvals/Refusals (received from MDDC)

**APPROVAL** – replacement of existing window with door onto balcony – 4 Prispen House, Prispen Drive, Silverton

**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT** – replacement front door – 1 Newcourt Road, Silverton

**APPROVAL** – erection of dwelling following demolition of bungalow – Lambarene, Thorverton, Exeter EX5 5NA

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER** – works to 3 Yew Trees at Prispen House, Prispen Drive, Silverton

**REFUSAL OF CONSENT** to carry out work to 3 Oak Trees at Prispen House, Prispen Drive, Silverton

(c) Any other planning matters

16/00178/FULL \_ Lawrence's Hair Salon – 3 Exeter Road, Silverton – Change of use of hairdressing salon (ClassA1) to studio flat (Class C3) - **application withdrawn**

Minute 112530

Finances

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Income	Amount
002186	Mrs S Woodland	£545.81 (wages) £14.99 (expenses)		
002187	Mr D L Marsden	£250.00 (contractor)		
002188	Devon Association of Parish Councils	£443.75 (annual sub)		
002189	Mr S Roach	£87.58 (NP expenses - ink)		
002190	Miss O Kennard	£103.60 (NP expenses - stamps)		
002191	The Lamb Inn	£25.00 (NP hire of room)		
002192	Silverton Comm Hall	£375.00 (annual room hire)		
002193	Silverton Comm Hall	£12.00 (additional room hire)		
002194	Mr J A Barrett	£171.60 (play area signs)		
002195	L Adams Tree Services	£800.00 (work to apple tree in Little Rec)		
002196	Digital Colour Services	£344.00 (NP booklets)		
002197	Digital Colour Services	£182.02 (NP Posters)		

B Other Financial matters

(i) To note payment to HMRC re Clerk's NI & PAYE - £418.22

Noted

(ii) New waste bin in Little Rec

A sketch drawing and quotation had been provided by Mr Langdon which was considered. It was noted that the overall cost would be circa £1,000.00. The Chairman proposed this project be included for the TAP fund application for financial year 2017/2018. Cllr Dixon seconded the proposal – vote taken which was unanimous

It was agreed to forward the sketch drawing to the Richard's Educational Charity for approval.

(iii) Installation of Defibrillator

MDDC had recommended an electrician, Mr Steve Youldon, for this work and the Clerk had obtained a quotation from him in the sum of £160.00. The Clerk confirmed Mr Youldon had been in contact with the Manager of the Spar Shop. from Steve Youldon. Cllr G Barrett proposed this quotation be accepted. Cllr Dixon seconded the proposal – vote taken which was unanimous.

Dog stencil for Recreation Fields

The Chairman pointed out that Cllr J Roach had indicated she would approach MDDC to see if they had any stencils the Parish Council could use and as she was not present he proposed this item be deferred to the May meeting which was agreed by the meeting.

(iv) Replacement of Union Jack flag

Cllr G Barrett indicated that she had repaired the current Union Jack flag but it would be necessary for the Parish Council to purchase a new one in the near future. The Clerk stated that County Cllr Berry had asked if the Parish Council had any projects for which funding was required as there was a small amount available. It was agreed to ask County Cllr Berry if he would fund the cost of a new Union Jack Flat – cost in the region of £80.00/£100.

Minute 112531      Website update

Cllr Kennard confirm this project was a “work in progress”. The Clerk will be having further training during the month.

Minute 112532      Footpath from School Road to the Square

A response was awaited from DCC

Minute 112533      Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Kennard indicated the Committee now had a very draft Neighbourhood Plan which will be uploaded onto the website shortly for parishioners to look at. A consultation is being carried out with those who declared an interest in the Plan. Meetings are currently being held on a weekly basis

Minute 112534      Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Celebrations – update

Cllr Lawson had been unavailable recently but matters are going forward with the Chairman taking over the reins pro temp. An open meeting is to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> April in The Lamb at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Minute 112535

Request from Parishioner to walk dog over footpath from Meadow Lea to Coach Road

The Clerk had circulated to all Councillors an email from Eleanor Blagden in which she asked the Parish Council if they would consider dogs on a lead being able to use the footpath from Meadow Lea to Coach Road via the Recreation Field. She explained that her mother occasionally looks after her son whilst she is at work but unfortunately her mother has arthritis in both knees and finds it difficult to walk any distance. After general discussion Councillors agreed they felt it was not appropriate for dogs to be permitted in the Recreation Field due to Health and Safety reasons. Cllr Dixon proposed the Parish Council do not relax the regulations with regard to dogs in the Recreation Field. Cllr G Bamforth seconded the proposal – vote taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112536  
Correspondence

Matters brought forward by the Chairman

Play Signs – The Chairman confirmed the Contractor was having a look at the BMX track and he was awaiting for him to come back to him

NoticeBoard – it was noted this was damaged either by the wind or vandalism whereby a door had come off the hinges. Mr Absley Mallett (carpenter) had collected the noticeboard for repairs.

Devon Air Ambulance on Recreation Field – Cllr Kennard indicated she felt the Parish Council should ask the representative to attend a public meeting as the village needs to back this project and possibly fund raise towards the cost. Agreed this item would be on the Agenda for May

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

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