

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Monday 5th September 2016

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

County Cllr John Berry

Minute 112587 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Roach, S Roach, P Dixon and District Cllr B Deed

Minute 112588 To consider applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor

No applications were received

Minute 112589 Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes

No members of the public were present

Minute 112590 To approve Minutes of meeting held on 4th July 2016

It was noted on page 1394, Minute 112574 “rose” should read “arose”, on page 1396, Minute 112576 “asset” should read “assess” and on page 1399 Minute 112579 (b)(vi) “meeting” should read “meet”. Cllr Lawson proposed subject to the above amendments the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112591 Matters arising from the Minutes of 4.7.2016

Football Club – the repairs to the goalpost were pending

Defibrillator at School – the Clerk had confirmed the Parish Council will cover the minimal electricity running costs if a defibrillator is sited at the Primary School

An application for funding for an additional defibrillator through the British Heart Foundation has been submitted. Primary Schools are exempt from applying for funding but as the Parish Council is submitting the application it was hoped the exemption would not apply.

Grass Cutting in the village – a request had been forwarded to the Chief Executives of both MDDC and DCC. MDDC had acknowledged the request and a decision was awaited. No response from DCC as yet.

Minute 112592 To approve Minutes of meeting held on 1st August 2016

It was noted on page 1401 “right” should read “write” and District Cllr B Deed was noted as having attended the meeting although he was in fact absent. Subject to these amendments Cllr Kennard proposed the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and 1 abstention.

Minute 112593 Matters arising from the Minutes of 1.8.2016

No matters arising

Minute 112594 **Discussion with Police Representatives, County Councillor J Berry, District Councillors J Roach and B Deed**

County Cllr Berry gave an update on adult social care in Devon and indicated there would be a public consultation in the near future. The general consensus was that there was insufficient funding for health and social care due to cut backs by Central Government and this was of grave concern although he stressed budgets do have to be adhered to. Discussions had taken place as to how additional funding could be found to go into Devon. The general report for Devon adult social care was good. County Cllr Berry also pointed out that abuse was a growing concern in rural communities with children.

It was hoped that the problem with the drain outside Wysteria House had been rectified.

A grant of £150.00 had been given to the Football Club and District Cllr Margaret Squires was also contributing towards new goal posts.

With regard to the Junction 27 plans, County Cllr Berry stated that in his opinion the scheme must go through as it will generate employment for the younger generation. The Eden Project was now backing the scheme which would include more food/produce from local areas to supply the needs of the restaurant which it was anticipated would be open 24 hours a day. People would even be able to learn to surf if the plans went forward and electric cars would be available for hire. No plans for the development of this area has as yet been submitted to MDDC and the proposals were at the consultation stage. In order to proceed MDDC would need to amend its Local Plan and this will be voted on in the near future.

The Chairman read an email from PC Tim Soper in which he confirmed that during July there was one reported crime which was a dwelling burglary and no reported crimes during August.

Minute 112595 **Planning**

(a) **Applications**

16/01154/FULL – Aishe Barton, Old Butterleigh Road, Silverton – replacement of existing barn with new store and barn and installation of tennis court (revised Scheme)

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council support the above application. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal – a vote was taken which was unanimous

16/00180/FULL – 19 Exeter Road, Silverton – erection of 2 dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling (revised scheme) – revised Design and Access Statement and updated plans received

Cllr Lawon proposed that the Parish Council did not support the above application on the grounds the development was overbearing and an over-development of the site which will

dominate and change the appearance of Exeter Road together with concerns regarding a loss of a Devon Bank and the additional traffic generated. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

(b) Approvals/Refusals (received from MDDC)

APPROVAL – erection of a porch extension, 3 High Bullen, Silverton

APPROVAL – erection of rear extension with roof garden – Queen Anne House, 5D Fore Street, Silverton

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT – internal alterations, installation of new staircase and installation of replacement roof lights – The Old Lodge, 5A Fore Street, Silverton

(c) Any other planning matters

Notification of further details received (archaeological) – 16/00376/FULL – change of use of land at “near Great Pitt Granary”, Silverton

Minute 112596 **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Income	Amount
002232	Mrs S Woodland	£550.48(wages) £35.99 (expenses)		
002233	Mr D L Marsden	£250.00 (contractor)		
002234	Silverton PCC	£118.00 (programmes for Street Market)		
002235	DB Fencing	£3,794.82 (fencing at Recreation Field)		
002236	Mr S Land	£45.00 (weed killing etc)		

(b) Other Financial matters

(i) Tree replacement on Bury

Cllr Kennard stated in her opinion the hazelnut trees which have self-seeded under the original horse chestnut require removal. Discussion regarding the suitability of various trees and it was noted native trees tend to have diseases and it was agreed non-native trees will be considered. Cllr Kennard will make enquiries as to suitability of specific tree species and report back to the October meeting.

(ii) Trimming of Lime Trees on the Bury

It was agreed quotations will be obtained to clear scrub around the bottom of the trees and Cllr Kennard will provide the Clerk with an appropriate specification to circulate to potential contractors.

(iii) Update re removing electrical supply to Old Fire Station

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had made enquiries of EDF as to the removal of the electrical supply to the Old Fire Station. She had been informed that before EDF will remove the meter the Parish Council must supply an "I-Certificate" to them confirming it is safe for their electricians to remove the meter. The I-Certificate must be provided by a qualified electrician and an estimate had been provided by Richard Cosway (R & S Services (Devon) Ltd in the sum of £350.00. This was a health and safety issue as EDF when they visited the site stated that the current meter was overheating.

Cllr Lawson proposed that Richard Cosway's estimate be accepted. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

(iv) Request by resident to purchase small piece of land in the Recreation Field.

A request had been received from Amanda Knight to purchase the small piece of land between the stream and the play park. A general discussion arose regarding the request when it was generally felt that it would not be in the Parish Council's best interests to sell off part of the Recreation Field. Cllr Lawson proposed that the request to purchase the small piece of land be denied. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

(v) To note successful annual Audit

It was noted the annual Audit had been successful. The only point raised was that the Asset Register needed to be completed as soon as possible.

(vi) To note August play equipment inspection by MDDC

The August inspection had been carried out with no problems having been highlighted save for graffiti in the BMX Park which the Contractor had now painted over. MDDC had also confirmed in writing that the roundabout complies with current safety standards

MDDC had recommended that our Contractor complete a basic visual checklist weekly to cover not only the play areas but also the football field, Jubilee Garden, Trees/hedges and any other miscellaneous issues. The Clerk had provided a Checklist which the Contractor was completing weekly.

(vii) Siting of benches in Recreation Field

The Chairman confirmed Chunky Monkey had two benches ready for delivery and the siting of the benches needed to be agreed. It was noted that during meeting of MDDC, the Clerk and Cllr J Roach it had been recommended by MDDC that the old BMX track could be a danger and should be removed and possibly a seating area created. Concerns regarding footballs hitting parishioners sitting in this area were expressed. After discussion it was agreed that 1 bench would be sited near the new BMX Park and one on the bank, to one side, of the northern goal area. It was agreed tenders would be requested for fixing the seats in situ and the Chairman would provide the Clerk with a specification to cover this work.

With regard to the fixing of the picnic table in the Little Rec, it was agreed to obtain an updated quotation.

It was agreed to place on the Agenda for October additional seating for the Children's Play Area as the area only had one seat.

(viii) Publicising to Parishioners the siting of the Defibrillator

The Clerk suggested a "Save a Life" evening which she had noted from the Clerk's monthly publication other Local Authorities had held. After discussion it was agreed to hold a "Save a Life" evening from 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 and provide teas and coffees. Cllr G Barrett would supply the Clerk with dates of availability of the hall.

(ix) To note payment to HMRC of £427.87 – Clerk's PAYE

Noted

Minute 112597 **Consider draft new Lease re Little Rec**

A copy of the draft new Lease had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk indicated that she was awaiting a copy of the new Condition Report relating to the wall from the Richard's Educational Charity. After discussion Cllr G Bamforth proposed the Parish Council agree the draft Lease subject to the new Condition Report. Cllr Lawson seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 112598 **Street Cleansing Review including discussion regarding rubbish being placed around the old village hall site**

The Street Cleansing Questionnaire received from MDDC was completed.

An email had been received from Mr Eric Gray in which he provided photographs of the state of the rubbish dumped around the old village hall site and increasingly onto the pavement which he pointed out was a health hazard. Mr Gray informed the Council that he was removing rubbish on a daily basis from the footpath and placing it onto the waste ground. Clerk will discuss the problem with District Cllr Jenny Roach.

Minute 112599 **Update on Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Kennard confirmed the consultation would take place during the evening of the 9th September and the morning of the 10th September 2016.

Minute 112600 Request by Cllr J Roach to use the Little Rec for a Room 4U fund raising event on either 10th September, 24th September or 1st October 2016

Cllr Lawson proposed the Parish Council agree to the request. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous

Minute 112601 Matters brought forward by the Chairman

The Chairman stated that the Richard's Educational Charity was to send a letter regarding the ivy/weeds on the wall of the Little Rec but nothing had been received to date. He will meet with Mr G Knowles during the month to discuss the issue.

The Contractor had reported that a supply of fresh fish had been wrapped in paper and placed in the Litter Bins in the Square together with 20 used sanitary pads, cans and a bubble pack of pills for blood pressure. It was agreed the dumping of this type of rubbish was unacceptable.