

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Monday 5th December 2016

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

Minute 112629 Apologies

Apologies were received from District & Parish Cllr J Roach who was attending a DCC/MDDC meeting at Tiverton on behalf of the Parish Council.

Apologies were also received from Parish Cllr S Roach, District Cllr B Deed and County Cllr J Berry

Minute 112630 To consider applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor

Mr Adam Hill addressed the meeting and gave a resume of why he felt he would make a good councillor after which Cllr G Barrett proposed Mr Hill be co-opted onto the Parish Council, Cllr Lawson seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Mr Hill signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form which was witnessed by the Clerk.

Minute 112631 Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes

Mr Jim Wise addressed the meeting and said he felt it had been disrespectful that traffic running through the village whilst the Remembrance Sunday service was taking place in the Square was not stopped. He asked if this could be addressed for next year. The Chairman stated that PC Tim Soper had intended attending but had been called away and was unable to do so. PC Anna Roberts was returning to work in December after maternity leave and it was hoped the Police coverage in the village would increase when she returned. A question was asked whether or not the Parish Council could stop the traffic itself and the Chairman will make enquiries.

Mr Green asked if funds could be earmarked for the night landing site for the Air Ambulance. The Chairman confirmed it would be discussed at the Budget meeting in January.

Minute 112632 To approve Minutes of meeting held on 7th November 2016

It was noted County Cllr John Berry had been in attendance at the meeting.

Pg 1417, final paragraph, 4th line – should read “... provided *by* DCC”

Pg 1419, 6th Paragraph – should read “replacement of *existing* timber ...”

Pg 1421, Minute 112625 – 2nd line – should read “bad with *cars* parked...”

Subject to the above amendments Cllr Kennard proposed the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions

Minute 112633 **Matters arising from the Minutes of 7.11.2016**

Grass Cutting - Cllr J Roach had met with MDDC – invoice can now be paid. A further invoice will be raised to cover all grass cutting up to the maximum of £2500 which was agreed at the 2016 Budget Meeting

British Heart Foundation – email of thanks sent by Chairman and reply received.

Minute 112634 **Discussion with Police Representatives, District Councillors J Roach and B Deed**

No reports were available for the meeting

Minute 112635 **Planning**

(a) Applications

No applications had been received

(b) Approvals/Refusals (received from MDDC)

APPROVAL- Retention of vehicular access – Land at Dunsmore, Silverton

APPROVAL – Formation of new window opening on gable wall – 21 Fore Street, Silverton

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT – replacement window and formation of new window opening on gable wall – 21 Fore Street, Silverton

(c) Any other planning matters

Conversion of Inn to 3 dwellings and rebuilding of boundary wall following removal of a block of five letting rooms and storage and lavatory buildings – The Three Tuns, Silverton - **WITHDRAWN**

Minute 112636 **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Income	Amount
002247	Mrs S Woodland	Clerk's wages (£550.48) + expenses (£0.00)		
002248	Mr D L Marsden	£250.00 (contractor)		
002249	Soc Local Council Clerks	£108.00 (annual sub)		
002250	Silverton Royal BL	£20.75 (Wreath for Remembrance Sunday)		

002251	Mrs G Barrett	£11.95 (batteries for Christmas tree)		
002252	Mr D L Marsden	£205.00 (Contractor's annual insurance)		
002253	Mrs S Woodland	£80.00 (disconnection fee re electricity at Old Fire Station)		

The Chairman reported that the Contractor's Public Liability Insurance was due for renewal and this was a Parish Council expense. Two quotes had been obtained: £205.00 (Lloyds) + £315.00 (Underwriters Excellerate). The quote from Lloyds was the same premium as last year. Cllr G Barrett proposed the quote from Lloyds be accepted. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous

(b) Other Financial matters

(i) Tree replacement on Bury

Cllr Kennard confirmed the Parish Council should wait for all the leaves to fall from the trees on the Bury before planting the new tree. She also pointed out that the Parish Council should arrange for all the hazelnut seedlings to be removed. It was agreed to ask Steve Land if he would quote for this work with an item being place on the agenda for January

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

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with EDF who had informed her that before they will disconnect the electricity from the Old Fire Station a disconnection fee of £80.00 must be paid and this can only be paid electronically or by card. After discussion Cllr G Barrett proposed that the Clerk pay the sum due on her bank card with the Parish Council reimbursing her. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

(iii) To consider any projects re TAP Funding

All projects to be considered at the Budget meeting

(iv) Consider quote re cementing benches in Football Field

The Clerk confirmed only one quotation had been received and the Chairman opened the envelope. Quotation received was from Andy Isaac at a cost of £290.00. Cllr G Barrett proposed the Parish Council accept the quotation. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Picnic Benches

Clerk to establish the cost of a pack of 12 Cell Pave blocks and an item be placed on the Budget Meeting for further discussion.

(v) Update re repairs to top of slide in Children's Play Area

The Chairman reported that the Contractor was to remove the concrete block from the top of the slide next week.

(vi) Consider specification for grass cutting in the Parish for year 2017/2018

It was agreed the Clerk would speak with Cllr J Roach with a view to preparing a specification in order that tenders could be sent out in time for the Budget Meeting. It was agreed an Extraordinary meeting to be arranged if it was felt necessary.

Christmas Tree Festival – it was noted that the Christmas Tree purchased on behalf of the Parish Council for the Tree Festival in the Church has been sold to a parishioner.

Minute 112637 Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Kennard stated that 3 Committee members had attended MDDC in relation to the housing survey to clarify how many affordable houses were needed in Silverton now the J27 application had been agreed in principle. Cllr Kennard indicated that the next public consultation will be online early in 2017.

Minute 112638 Update on discussions with Community Helipads Development Officer re suitability of Football Field for night landing site for Devon Air Ambulance

The Clerk confirmed she was waiting to hear whether or not, after a survey of the area had been carried out by the Devon Air Ambulance, the Football Field is suitable for night landing. She pointed out that at present there is no electricity supply to the Football Field and this would need to be addressed in order to supply the required lighting. Cllr Hill pointed out that taking a spur off the main supply would be very costly. A query was raised as to whether or not a separate meter could be installed if someone offered the supply. It was agreed that Mr Hill would be the Parish Council's contact point for the Community Helipads Development Officer.

The Chairman reported that Mr Ben Barton at Greenslinch had suggested he may have a night landing site and Mr Hill would inform the Community Helipads Development Officer.

Minute 112639 Report by Cllr Derbyshire on Turning Tides Workshop

Cllr Derbyshire had attended a Turning Tides Workshop. The Organisation was based in Crediton and the purpose of the Workshop had been to ask Parish Councils to be aware of people in their parishes with disabilities and ensure there is equal access and information to the services offered in the village for all parishioners

Minute 112640 **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

Correspondence received:

None

The Chairman reported the following:

Play Park – Rope Swing – one of the ropes is beginning to fray. Clerk to obtain a quotation for repair and this item to be placed on Budget Agenda.

Christmas Tree – waiting for supplier to advise of cost and delivery date

Green Bins – The Green Bins on the Little Rec are now being emptied every Friday morning by the Trade Waste Dept at MDDC Trade Waste Dept

Double Yellow Lines – Police recently attended the village and tickets were issued where cars were parked on double yellow lines and causing an obstruction.

Goal Posts – The Contractor had reported that the top bar of the goal posts in the Football Field had not been replaced.

Meeting closed 8.37

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