

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Monday 5th February 2018

Present: Cllr J Barrett (Chairman), Cllrs G Barrett, F Derbyshire, K Faulhaber,

J Roach, & S Roach

Minute 112852 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Lawson and it was noted County Cllr Margaret Squires will be attending late

Minute 112853 **To consider application by Patricia Allwright to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor**

Patricia Allwright gave a brief resume of why she would like to be co-opted onto the Parish Council and her other interests in the village. Cllr G Barrett proposed Mrs Allwright be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous. Thereafter Mrs Allwright signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form with the Clerk countersigning.

Minute 112854 **Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes**

Mr Green pointed out that the Minutes of the meeting dated 19th December 2017 had not been published on the Website and neither had the Anticipated Expenditure. The Clerk stated she was certain it had been published on the Website. Mr Green pointing out there were a lot of mistakes in the Minutes.

Minute 112855 **To approve Minutes of meeting held on 8th January 2018**

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th January 2018 be signed as a true record. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

Minute 112856 **Matters arising from Minutes of 8.1.2018**

It was agreed the review of the Action Plan now covers this item.

Minute 112857 **To approve Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 22nd January 2018**

It was noted the date of the Minutes should read 31.3.2018 should be 2017

Pg 10503 Minute – 112851 – the heading should read 2018 and not 2016

Subject to the above amendments Cllr J Roach proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

Minute 112858 **Matters arising from Minutes of 22.1.2018**

It was agreed the review of the Action Plan now covers this item.

Minute 112859

Review of Action Plan

The Clerk indicated that two stonemasons were going to carry out a site visit during the following week and provide her with quotes for the proposed works. It was agreed the War Memorial be an item for discussion on the March Agenda.

The S106 monies had now been received and Mr Isaac had been asked to carry out the works to erect/pave under the new seating in the Recreation Field and also pave under the picnic table in the Little Rec.

The Clerk confirmed she had set an email to the Police Commissioner asking if she would attend a meeting but to date no response. Clerk to chase.

Minute 112860

Discussions with Police Representatives, County Cllr M Squires and District Councillors J Roach & B Deed

District Cllr J Roach informed the meeting that at her monthly surgery she had been inundated with complaints regarding potholes in the village and she had hoped County Cllr Squires would be at the meeting in order that she could inform her.

The lighting on the footpath between High Street and Silverdale was not working and District Cllr Roach had emailed the Chief Executive and these should be working soon

The monthly Police report from PCSO Roberts was read to the meeting by the Chairman. There had been 5 crimes, one of theft of scrap metal, one common assault, one of sending threatening communication, one criminal damage and one intent to cause harassment/alarm/distress.

Minute 112861

Planning

(a) Applications

17/01751/FULL – erection of 6 dwellings – Land at NGR 295748 103455 - South of 5 Old Butterleigh Road, Silverton – erection of 6 dwellings – REVISED PLANS AND DESCRIPTION

It was noted the application had reduced the number of dwellings to 5. Cllr J Roach said it was important to remember the application was on a piece of land outside the village limits, is not in the existing Local Plan and is not in the Local Plan to be submitted shortly and should therefore be refused until such time as the land is included in a Local Plan.

Cllr S Roach proposed the Parish Council recommends refusal of the above application as it is outside the boundaries of the Local Plan. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions

18/00054/FULL – land at NGR 297321 103332 – Yard Down Lane, Silverton – retention of change of use of land for the siting of a building for edible flower and wine production

Cllr Faulhaber stated that he felt it needs more screening from the road. Cllr J Roach stated that this was development in the Countryside and the Countryside rules apply and he explained same.

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council recommends refusal of the application on the grounds of the visual impact on the landscape . Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken

with 2 in favour and 5 abstentions.

18/00023 – Land at NGR 295174 103122 The Orchard, Great Pitt, Silverton – Permanent retention of log cabin for use by full time worker

Cllr J Roach stated that the original issue remains as to the business use and that the business is sustainable. After discussion Cllr S Roach proposed that the Parish Council recommends refusal of the above application on the grounds that there is an extension already in place to use the building which has another 2 years to run in order to prove a business case. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention

28/00252 - 50 Fore Street, Silverton –notification of intention to remove 1 Prunus tree within a Conservation Area

Cllr G Barrett proposed the Parish Council support the above application. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions.

(b) Approvals/Refusals (received from MDDC)

- **NO OBJECTION** – notification of intention to remove 1 Weeping Cherry and reduce height to approximately 3.5-4.0m of 1 other tree (species unknown) within Conservation Area – 50 Fore Street, Silverton
- **APPROVAL** – change of use of agricultural building to dwelling under Class Q (Revised Scheme) – Land and Buildings at Moorland Farm, Bradninch

Any other planning matters

To note: The Three Tuns, Exeter Road, Silverton – matter placed on Enforcement Agenda for consideration by members at the Planning Committee re 31.1.2018 – re thatch roof. Notices have been issued. Cllr J Roach informed the meeting that she had asked for consideration to be given to serving a Dangerous Building Notice and this is being considered

Minute 112862 **Finances**

Monthly invoices:

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Income	Amount
002361	Mrs S Woodland	Clerk's wages (£551.44) + expenses (£35.92)	HMRC – VAT refund	£563.81
002362	Mr D L Marsden	£250.00 (contractor)		
002363	Silverton PCC	Grant to Churchyard Re grass cutting (£1,500.00)		
002364	D Langdon	Repair works to Tennis Hus (£1,149.00)		
002365	MDDC	Grass cutting of verges (£1,500.00)		

It was noted a PAYE payment had been to HMRC during January in the sum of £423.90

(b) Other Financial matters

(i) Consider tenders re removal of dead trees behind Tennis Hut

2 tenders had been received (1) Tree Wise Men: £550.00 (2) L Adams Tree Services £500.00

Cllr G Barrett proposed the tender from L Adams Tree Services be accepted. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

(ii) Outstanding payment to MDDC re grass cutting

Cllr J Roach informed the meeting that MDDC did not do all the work which was originally invoiced and after the Parish Council questioned the invoice the District Council has indicated it will not carry out any further grass cutting on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council were aware that a parishioner had paid for grass cutting which should have been carried out by MDDC. Cllr J Roach proposed that as a compromise the Parish Council offer to pay the sum of £1,500.00. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

With regard to DCC grass cutting it was noted that the Parish Council felt it should not take over responsibility for arranging the cuts on behalf of the County Council. The areas the Parish Council should consider are the grassed area to the right hand side of the entrance to Hederman Close, the Triangle at the junction of Park Road/Coach Road and School Road and the verge at the entrance to Silverdale. Cllr J Roach proposed the Parish Council arranges for these areas to be cut if DCC agrees. Cllr G Barrett seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with our grass contractor who had indicated that the grass was currently quite long and he felt he should carry out his first cut at the end of February. Cllr J Roach proposed that the Contractor be asked to carry out the first cut at the end of February. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

(iii) War Memorial

Report given above

(iv) Update re provision of defibrillator at Ellerhayes

A decision was awaited on the Parish Council's application for Tap Funding.

Minute 112863

Neighbourhood Plan update

No update

Minute 112864

Update on new Website

The Clerk reported that she had attended at MDDC for training with regard to the new website. A considerable amount of data had now been uploaded to the new site and she hoped the site would go live by the end of February.

Minute 112865

Speed Watch Update

The Clerk reported only 3 volunteers had come forward to date. It was agreed to ask on the Silverton Community website for volunteers

Minute 1 12866 **Draft Parish Council Emergency Plan**

The Clerk had received no volunteers from farmers or owners of 4x4 vehicles to assist in an emergency situation despite a request having been placed in the Parish Newsletter.

Minute 112867 **Update on Air Ambulance Night Landing Site**

Western Power starting on 14th to 16th February and connect son the 16th. Matt Electrics will then do their works. Needs to get quotes for supplying – “utility”

Minute 112868 **Request from Mike Leonard, Bradninch to support TAP application (1) repairs to Church organ and (2) replace dilapidated windows and main door in West End Hall, Bradninch**

Cllr J Roach proposed the Parish Council support the above TAP applications. Cllr Derbyshire second the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

County Cllr M Squires attended the meeting at this point.

Minute 112869 **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

MDDC had pointed out the fencing around the old BMX pipe in the Recreation Field needed attention. Agreed this would be discussed at the March meeting.

Clerk to obtain quotes for replacement slates to Bus Shelter.

The review of the Handyman's Contract would be discussed at the March meeting.

It was noted the sump needs clearing in Recreation Field. The silt is very high inside and is above water level which results in the water overflowing into Coach Road/School Road/Park Road.. This will pose a danger to all road users if the water freezes. County Cllr Squires to ask DCC to inspect as a matter of urgency.

It was noted that cars were parking in Wyndham Road on the grassed area oppose the flats. Cllr J Roach stated that she had asked MDDC if this area could be tarmacked but the Local Authority state they cannot afford it

The Hall Committee will consider the Parish Council's request for it to waive the hall rent at a meeting tomorrow evening.

Cllr G Barrett informed the meeting the tapestry was now hanging in the Hall.

The meeting was opened to County Cllr Margaret Squires at this point and Cllr J Roach gave her photographs of potholes in the village which had been taken after complaints received at her District Councillor monthly surgery.