

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Monday 4th March 2019

Present: A Melville (Chairman), V Maylan, L Trebble, K Faulhaber, S Roach, D Lacey and F Derbyshire

District Cllr B Deed

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

Minute 113021 Apologies

Apologies were received from the Clerk, Cllr P Allwright and County Cllr, Margaret Squires

Minute 113022 Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes

No issues raised

Minute 113023 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2019

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the minutes be amended as follows:

- i) Page 1558 – line 4 – here should be there.
- ii) Page 1560 – line 1 – whih should be which

Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Minute 113024 Review of Action Plan

Draft Neighbourhood Plan – a response has been received from MDDC.

Rope Swing – ongoing. Cllr Maylan reported that the ropes holding the large snake rope are fraying and may need replacing soon.

Repairs to Bus Shelter – Clerk to find out if these have been completed.

Possible asset transfer of grass areas in village from MDDC to Parish Council – Cllr Deed is dealing with this and may have an answer soon.

Cllr Lacey proposed accepting the changes to the Action Plan and Cllr Faulhaber seconded. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Minutes 113025 Discussion with District Councillor Bob Deed

District Cllr Deed informed the Parish Council that the Inspector has finished deliberations on the Local Plan, so it is likely that there will be less speculative planning applications made in the future. Cllr Melville asked whether this would affect the planning application for 20 houses on the site behind Silverdale. Cllr Deed replied that this application will almost certainly go before the Planning Committee for discussion and that normally, applications outside the settlement would not be accepted.

Cllr Deed stated that he is still in discussion with MDDC regarding the asset transfer of grass areas.

Cllr Deed informed the Parish Council that election packs are now available from MDDC for Councillors to stand at the elections on 2nd May. The dates for the completed papers to be hand delivered to MDDC are from 18.03.19 – 03.04.19. Jackie Stoneman is the Electoral Officer at MDDC and can be contacted for further information.

Cllr Melville stated that he had attended the Silverton Mini Market with District Cllr Deed, who was holding his surgery. A villager mentioned that the steps from the churchyard down to School Road were dangerous, because there is no stop railing and the hedge line obscures vision. Also, there are often cars parked on the opposite side of the road, so cars coming in either direction pass very close to the bottom of the steps. The villager requested that the Parish Council investigate putting warning signs up. After discussion, it was decided to ask the Clerk to write to the Highways Department to see if they can suggest a solution. This was proposed by Cllr Roach and seconded by Cllr Trebble. A vote was taken with six in favour and one abstention.

Another villager mentioned that the light which illuminates the pedestrian path from the church to the square was not working. During discussion, councillors were unsure as to whether this is the responsibility of the County Council or the church. Cllr Roach proposed asking the Clerk to investigate this and Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Minute 113026 Planning

(a) Applications

(i) **19/00302/CAT – Notification of intention to fell one willow tree within the Conservation Area – 44 Fore Street, Silverton**

Cllr Faulhaber proposed that the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Lacey seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

(ii) **19/00303/CAT – Notification of intention to prune one cotoneaster tree, remove one elder tree, reduce the crown of two bay trees and one holly tree to 2m, reduce crown of one laurel to 4m and crown lift one strawberry tree to give clearance by 2m within Conservation Area – 44 Fore Street, Silverton**

Cllr Derbyshire proposed that the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

(iii) **19/00284/CAT – Notification of intention to cut back overhanging branches of hedge and reduce the height of two conifer trees, by approximately 2m within Conservation Area – land between 72 Wyndham Road and St. Mary's View, Silverton**

Cllr Faulhaber proposed that the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Lacey seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

(iv) **19/00192/LBC - Listed building consent for the installation of two Velux rooflights, creation of internal wall and alterations to secondary staircase – The Courtyard, Great Pitt Fam, Silverton**

Cllr Roach proposed that the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

(v) **18/01673/FULL – Conversion of barns to two holiday lets – Stone Robots, Silverton**

After discussion, Cllr Derbyshire proposed that the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

(b) **Approvals/Refusals (received from MDDC)**

None received.

Minute 113027 **Finances**

Monthly invoices:

| Chq No | Payee | Amount | Income | Amount |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 002405 | Mrs S Woodland | Clerk's wages (£568.36) | | |
| 002406 | Mr D L Marsden | £250.00 (contractor) | | |
| 002407 | MDDC | Annual play area inspections £31.80 | | |

(b) **Other Financial matters**

i) **Electricity supply contract renewal (Night Landing Site)**

Cllr Roach proposed keeping the contract with N Power for another year. Cllr Lacey seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

ii) **Consider condition report re lime trees on the Bury**

After discussion, it was decided to ask the Clerk to get three quotes for completing an assessment of the lime trees, a report and a quote for carrying out the work, with recommendations of work that needs to be done. This was proposed by Cllr Faulhaber and seconded by Cllr Derbyshire. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Minute 113028 **Update re Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Trebble reported that the committee have been advised by Locality that their application for technical assistance to provide a strategic environmental assessment has been approved, which is good news. Locality have also informed the committee that there are Neighbourhood Plan Champions from whom they could get further advice regarding other reports that will be needed. There is a committee meeting next Monday to discuss this.

Minute 113029 **Set date for Parish Assembly**

A date of Tuesday 28th May 2019 was proposed by Cllr Melville and seconded by Cllr Roach. A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Minute 113030 Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman

Cllr Derbyshire informed the Parish Council that the laurel hedge alongside the village car park is overgrown at the car park exit, which is affecting drivers' vision, as they turn out. It was decided to ask the Clerk to liaise with the Community Hall Committee regarding getting the hedge cut back.

Cllr Maylan had noticed that the lid of the dog waste bin at the end of Parsonage Lane was off and lying on the ground. She will contact MDDC regarding this.

Meeting closed at 8.16 p.m.

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