

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Monday 1st July 2019

Present: Parish Cllrs A Melville, D Lacey, L Trebble, K Faulhaber, F Derbyshire, & S Roach

District Cllr B Deed, District Cllr J Wright & County Cllr M Squires

The Chairman asked, as a mark of respect, that the meeting observed a minute's silence in memory of Chris Sleep who recently passed away. Chris had been a Parish Councillor between 2011 and 2014 and would be missed in the Parish.

Minute 113069

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Maylan

Minute 113070

Consider any application for Co-option onto Parish Council

An application had been received from Mr Simon Steer who had been held up in traffic but would be attending the meeting as soon as possible. It was agreed to defer this item until such time as Mr Steer attended

Minute 113071

Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes

Mr Wise pointed out he had raised the question at a previous meeting as to how any S106 monies which would be raised from developments in the Parish would be utilised. The Clerk had circulated an email to all councillors asking for suggestions for the use of S106 monies which would be an Agenda item for August

Minute 113072

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2019

Subject to a minor typographical amendment Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Minutes be accepted as a correct record. Cllr Lacey seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous

Minute 113073

Review of Action Plan

Bus shelter – Cllr Derbyshire stated that Mr Luxton has indicated the work was to be carried out last week but it had not been done to date.

Football Club – The Chairman confirmed he and the Clerk had attended a meeting with representatives of the Football Club when various issues had been agreed. The Clerk was to draft a new Lease for consideration by both the Council and the Football Club.

S106 monies – The Clerk explained that she had been approached by the S106 Officer with regard to the original plan for which funds had been allocated to provide a footpath from the top of School Road to the Square via the Little Rec. The Clerk confirmed that this particular project was not now feasible and the S106 Officer had asked if the Parish Council had any other suggestions in order to use the funds allocated rather than lose it. S106 monies must be used to enhance green areas.

Cllr Roach proposed that some of the money be used to provide adult gym equipment on the Little Rec. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Cllr Roach also proposed that some of the funds be used to provide additional trees. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Cllr Faulhaber proposed a bin store + composter be provided on the Little Rec. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Cllr Derbyshire proposed a shelter be provided on the Little Rec. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

If funds became available for the above projects it was noted the consent of the Richard's Trust would be required.

Parish Clock – Mr A Campbell had obtained a quotation from English Gilding, a local specialist, to refurbish the parish clock. The quote was to clean and oil and prepare dial and hands for gilding with gold leaf and refurbishment at a cost £695 + VAT. The Parish Council would also have to provide a tower or scaffolding which would be an additional cost. It was agreed the Clerk would liaise with the PCC and obtain its views with regard to the clock refurbishment.

Minute 113074 **Consider Applications for Co-Option to Parish Council**

Mr Simon Steer gave a resume of why he would like to be co-opted onto the Parish Council and explained he had previously served as a Parish Councillor for Silverton. Cllr Faulhaber proposed Mr Steer be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr Lacey seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 113075 Discussion with County Councillor Cllr Margaret Squires & District Councillors J Wright and B Deed

County Cllr Margaret Squires informed the meeting she had brought the Highways Officer to the village to consider the current problems. They had come up Tiverton Road into Silverdale. She said the roads are there to be used so DCC cannot ask contractors not to use them. During their visit they had noticed that cars were parked near to or on junctions which they felt was irresponsible.

With regard to resurfacing areas, County Highways do not fill up areas which have come away from the side/hedges they only resurface the road. With regard to the Leat the weeds growing in it are not seen as a defect. With regard to the road from Park Rd to Red Cross there is a scheme drawn up and this is in the system but she cannot say when the works will be carried out. They did also look at the grass area at Wyndham Road. When they visited there was a large van parked which mean you could not see to one way.

Cllr Steer pointed out that with regard to the area from Park Road to Red Cross there is a danger in this road as there are large pieces of concrete in the road which were part of the drainage system installed some years ago by DCC and which and could cause a danger to drivers. County Cllr Squires confirmed she would go back to County Highways and ask them to look at it from a safety point of view.

County Cllr Squires confirmed she had agreed to donate from her Locality Budget the sum of £500 towards new equipment. She said she could not offer anything further as she was already supporting the Street Market. The Chairman thanked her for the donation.

District Cllr Josh Wright informed the meeting he had discussed with MDDC the two current planning applications which were causing concerns within the village. The application in relation to The Ruffwell had been called in and was due before the Planning Committee on Wednesday. District Cllr Wright stated he would be providing a written report if he cannot attend due to work commitments. The other application related to the proposed development at Silverdale and he was asking the Planning Officer for an update as to the current position on this application. He stated that climate change was a large issue when canvassing and he had put an amendment forward to the District Council's aim to reduce carbon emissions from 2050 to 2030 and this had been unanimously accepted

District Cllr Deed reported that residents of Thorverton are also concerned about the development at The Ruffwell. He said that a Parish Councillor at Thorverton could speak before the Planning Meeting but no-body was actually going as they would need to call an Extraordinary Meeting to agree someone attends. He confirmed MDDC were aware of climate change and already have solar panels on their properties. He said it is a challenge for MDDC but they are ready for it.

As he had reported at the last meeting Bickleigh did not have anyone apply to become a Parish Councillor and therefore MDDC appointed three District and one County Councillor to take over the running of the Parish. If insufficient parishioners apply to become Councillors Bickleigh may have to merge with another Council and that could possibly be Silverton. Boundary changes are still progressing and MDDC has proposed to the Boundary Commission that the Ward Councillors remain at 42 although boundaries will undoubtedly change

Minute 113075 Planning

(a) Applications

19/00986/LBC – Listed Building Consent to replace front door – 15 Newcourt Road, Silverton

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council supports the application. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour 1 abstention

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Faulhaber declared a personal interest in the following 2 applications and left the room prior to any discussions taking place

19/00963/HOUSE – Erection of garden shed following demolition of existing – 3 Fore Street, Silverton

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Lacey seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour 1 abstention.

19/01040/CAT – Notification of intention to reduce height of T1 Bay tree by 3.5m; thin, reshape crown and shorten lower branches of T2 Tree of Heaven by 2m; prune lower branches of T3 Black Cherry Plum by 1.5m and fell T4 Bay tree within Conservation area – 3 Fore Street, Silverton

Cllr Roach proposed the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour 1 abstention

Cllr Faulhaber returned to the meeting

19/01004/HOUSE – Erection of extension and pitched roof to garage and extension to existing dormer window to rear of property – Newhaven, Strathculm Road, Hele

Cllr Lacey proposed the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour 2 abstentions

19/01082/CAT – Notification of intention to prune 1 Maple tree and 1 Yew tree and remove 1 Laurel in Conservation Area – Graveyard & Church Hall, St Mary's Church, Church Road, Silverton

It was agreed that as the application had only been received today to ask the Planning Officer if the time limit for receipt of the Parish Council's comments can be extended to after the August meeting.

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

19/00696/HOUSE – conversion of barn to two storey annex and roof over existing corridor to create link to house (revised scheme) – Livinghayes Cottage, Livingshayes Road, Silverton

19/00610/HOUSE – erection of a garage and lean-to greenhouse – 8 King Street, Silverton

(c) **Report by Chairman re Planning Committee meeting to Change of use of land for siting of permanent and touring pitches for tents and caravans on land adjoining Ruffwell Inn, Thorverton**

The Chairman confirmed he would be attending the Planning Meeting at MDDC and putting forward the Parish Council comments on the above application to the Planning Committee

Minute 113076

Finances

Monthly invoices:

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Income	Amount
002508	Mrs S Woodland	Clerk's wages (£582.26) + expenses (£77.97)		
002509	Mr D L Marsden	£250.00 (contractor's monthly invoice)		
002510	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE (£445.38)		
002511	NPower	Electricity bill re Night Landing Site		
002512	G Hibbert	Grass cutting (£540.00)		

Cllr Roach proposed the above invoices be paid. Cllr Lacey seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour 1 abstention

i) Consider any tenders received re refurbishment of Jubilee Garden

The Clerk confirmed 4 specifications had been issued but no tenders received. Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Clerk ask MDDC if the Parish Council could have a list of their contractors and also ask if they would like to tender for the work. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour 1 abstention

ii) Condition of roundabout and rope swing at Children's Play Area

Roundabout

The following quotations had been received to remove the roundabout from the Children's Play Area:

Outdoor Play Devon - £500 + VAT

Sutcliffe - £800

Cllr Roach proposed the roundabout is professionally removed and disposed of and the area made good. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal a vote was taken with 6 in favour 1 abstention

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council accepts the quotation from Outdoor Play Devon. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention

It was agreed to ask our Contractor to remove the rope swing from the Children's Play Area as soon as possible due to its condition. The Clerk is investigating as to whether or not this piece of equipment is covered by guarantee.

(iii) Review of banking facility

Cllr Faulhaber had been in contact with National Westminster Bank who were not helpful and were not willing to give the Clerk view and print access to the Bank Account as she was not a signatory. Information relating to a Lloyds Bank account had been circulated by the Clerk who informed the meeting she had been told verbally by Lloyds that she would be able to have access to view the account and print on specific authority from signatories of the account.

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council change their Bank from National Westminster Bank to Lloyds Bank Plc. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour 1 abstention

Minute 113077 **Grass cutting in Parish**

Margaret Hendy had forwarded to the Parish Council an email she had sent to District Cllr Wright relating to the problem of dog fouling in the village. She had also noticed that the Parish Council were to discuss grass cutting at its meeting this evening and she confirmed she felt the scruffy patches of grass in the village could be managed better with wildflower area which would provide habitats for insects etc. She had supplied various links providing information in this regard.

The Chairman asked if any Parish Councillors were willing to form a small working group to explore grants and the possibility of creating wild flower areas in the village. After discussion it was agreed Clls Derbyshire, Steer and Faulhaber would make enquiries and provide an update at the September meeting. The Chairman will circulate the information he has relating to wild flower areas.

Minute 113078

Update re Neighbourhood Plan

Four members of the NP Committee were able to respond to an invitation from MDDC to attend a workshop on 'Custom and Self Build Housing Development' on 20th June. The main speaker was a member of 'The National Right to Build Task Force'. The focus was on support for people in local communities wishing to commission or build their own homes in MDDC.

The example of builds undertaken in other parts of the country varied from 6 to 1900 homes. The information given, together with a booklet provided by MDDC could be of use in the future.

Minute 113079

Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman

Cllr Faulhaber had been asked by a Parishioner as to how to get the 3 battery wheelchairs which appear to be dumped in Fore Street removed. It was agreed MDDC should be contacted.

Cllr Derbyshire informed the meeting she had reported the overgrown footpath No 9 and this had been strimmed within 48 hours. She had written a letter of thanks to DCC.

Cllr Lacey brought to the Council's attention a number of car break-ins had occurred at Killerton and a parishioner had her handbag stolen in one break-in. The Police were aware.

Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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