

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Monday 4th November 2019

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

District Cllrs Josh Wright, Bob Deed and County Cllr Margaret Squires

2 members of the public

Minute 113104 **Apologies**

No absentees

Minute 113105 **Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes**

No matters raised

Minute 113106 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2019**

The Chairman proposed the draft Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 2019 were accepted as an accurate record. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal – a vote was taken with 7 in favour 1 abstention.

Minute 113107 **Review of Action Plan**

Grass – the quotation for the additional grass cutting areas was awaited from our contractor. It was agreed to consider this item at the January Budget meeting

Feasibility Study re potential Toddler's Area in Recreation Field – it was agreed to consider this item at the January Budget meeting

Parish Clock – a response had been received from Mr Peter Smith which confirmed there was a process which had to be observed and he initially required a copy of the quotation and schedule of works for consideration. Mr Albert Campbell was arranging for this information to be provided by the contractor. It was noted the consent of the Archdeacon may be necessary and possibly a faculty. This item to remain as an Agenda item for the time being.

Disability access to Little Rec – A meeting had been arranged this week between the Chairman and a representative of Living Options Devon. Chairman to report to the December meeting

Sub Committee re wildflowers – meeting remains to be arranged

Payment to MDDC – The Chairman gave thanks to the Clerk for negotiating a reduction in the overdue payment to MDDC in respect of the 2017 grass cutting invoice. MDDC had agreed a payment of £100 in full and final settlement which resulted in a reduction of £76.34.

Minute 113108 **Discussion with District Councillors J Wright, B Deed & County Cllr M Squires**

County Cllr Margaret Squires – confirmed she had little to report but she had been involved with the transmission from the children's services to adult services for children with additional needs

Cllr Josh Wright – confirmed MDDC had carried out a budget survey which he will put on social media and included Heating/switching/Smart Meters and Home Wellbeing which is a project for disadvantaged people. The District Council is working on environmental issues as are other parishes and he felt the Parish Council might consider having a regular agenda item for Silverton to consider how they compare to other parishes.

Cllr Bob Deed – with regard to policing of areas he stated 62 parishes were getting monthly visits from a PCSO but this has now been cut to monthly visits which are to take place at central venues. It is not yet known which central venue Silverton will be attached to.

Minute 113109 Planning

(a) Applications

Cllr Faulhaber declared a Personal Interest as Agent of the applicant in the following application, signed the Declaration of Interest book and left room

19/01740/CAT – notification of intention to crown thin and crown reduction by no more than 2m one Acer tree, crown thin and crown reduction by 2-4 metres one Cherry Tree within Conservation Area – 1 Fore Street, Silverton

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council supports the above application Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal – a vote was taken which was unanimous

Cllr Faulhaber re-joined the meeting at this point

19/01546/HOUSE – erection of single storey extension – The Hay Barn, 4 Livinghayes Road, Silverton

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

(b) Approvals/Refusals (received from MDDC)

REFUSAL – conversion of barn to dwelling and associated works – land and buildings at the Acres, Ravenhayes, Silverton

APPROVAL – erection of an agricultural building for storage – Lane to Land Farm, Silverton

(c) Any other planning matters

(i) Update re Silverdale Planning Application

The Chairman proposed the meeting be opened to members of the public in order that District Cllr Wright could provide an update. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Cllr Wright explained that at the District Council Planning Meeting 9 Councillors voted to reject the application which was contrary to the recommendation of the

Planning Officer. In these circumstances the Chairman calls the application in. The next step is that an implications report will be considered by the Planning Committee which may be discussed at a meeting in November or may be later. At that meeting members of the public may speak during the Public Question Time but not otherwise as there is no slot for objectors, Parish Council, Ward Members etc. as there was at the initial Planning Meeting. If the Committee again refuse the application it is likely the decision will be appealed and referred to the Inspectorate in Bristol which may prove very expensive for the District Council. Members of the public may make submissions in writing or in person to the Appeal. There is no appeal against an Inspectors decision.

District Cllr Wright stressed that only 5 days notice is required to be given of the meeting. He stated that if the village wishes to oppose this application then it would be beneficial for as many residents as possible to attend that meeting. He will publicise the meeting when he knows the date on social media so everyone is aware of the date

Cllr Deed pointed out that the Committee must make decisions on planning issues only. All Committee meetings are recorded and can be listened to via the internet.

The meeting was closed to members of the public at this stage.

Minute 113110

Finances

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Income	Amount
002532	Mrs S Woodland	Clerk's wages (£582.06)		
002533	Mr D L Marsden	£250.00 (contractor's monthly invoice)		
002534	Miss O Kennard	Replacement printer for Neighbourhood Plan £83.32		
002535	Royal British Legion	Wreath for Remembrance Sunday - £20.75		

Cllr Roach proposed the above payments be authorised. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal A vote was taken which was unanimous.

(i) **Consider updated quotation re refurbishment of Jubilee Garden**

Cllr Derbyshire stated that Mr Wise had made the comment to he that did not feel any money should be spent on this project.

After discussion Cllr Roach proposed the Parish Council accept the amended quotation. Cllr Lacey seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 Councillors in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention.

(ii) **To note agreement with MDDC re outstanding grass cutting payment from 2017 – payment reduced by £76.34 to £100**

Considered under Minute 113107 above

(iii) Consider tenders re Parish Contractor

One quotation had been received from the current Contract at £300 per month which equates to £12 per hour

Cllr Roach proposed the Parish Council accept the Quotation. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous. It was noted the Contract was for a 4 year period from December 2019.

(iv) Note receipt of precept

The sum of £9,900.00 had been received from MDDC – this represents the precept due of £10,000.00 less the £100.00 in respect of the outstanding grass cutting payment from 2017

Minute 113111 **Update re Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Trebble expressed the thanks of the Committee for the new printer which was a great asset.

Minute 113112 **Request from parishioner to have storage unit on Little Rec for Baby Bank items**

A discussion arose regarding a request from a Parishioner to have a storage unit on the Little Rec for Baby Bank equipment and items. It was generally felt that this was not an appropriate place to site such a storage unit and the Parish Council did not want to set a precedent. Cllr Lacey proposed the Parish Council do not agree to the unit being placed on the Little Rec. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 7 in favour and 1 abstention.

Minute 113113 **Report by Footpath Office of recent damage to entrance of footpath Roach Lane/Aishe Barton**

Cllr Derbyshire reported that extensive damage had been caused to the fence/gate at the top of the lane at the back of the school. She felt a hedge trimmer might have smashed it. All nails were protruding. Cllr Derbyshire had moved all the wood she could into hedge and had contacted DCC who had sent someone out and she has received an email to say it will repair/replace the fencing. They will not repair/replace the gate as there is no stock in the field

Minute 113114 **Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman**

Cllr Faulhaber stated that he felt the Parish Council should consider employing a Parish Lengthsman to carry out various jobs in the village (such as clearance of the sump, clearance of the leat and removal of weeds). Agenda item for December.

Cllr Maylan gave a resume of the issues raised at the November Mini Market Surgery and suggested a standing agenda item in order that any issues can be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Maylan stated the following issues were raised:

- (i) Gill Barrett had pointed out the Parish Council had not carried out a Village Litter Pick for some time. The Chairman stated the Parish Council had agreed not to carry out any Litter Picks but had agreed to make the equipment available for any groups who wished to do so

(ii) Possible Defibrillator/CPR training. Clerk confirmed this point had also been raised with her and a date was anticipated for the New Year. December agenda item

(iii) Mr Peter Smith had confirmed the light in Church Path had been repaired. Cllr Faulhaber pointed out it was actually lit during the day as well as during the night.

The Clerk confirmed it was not anticipated to use any of the current S106 monies for the provision of gym equipment on Little Rec

Cllr Steer informed the meeting he had lived in the village for 30 years and this year had been the worst year for erosion of the hedges between Park Road and Red Cross. He said the drainage pipe had been badly damaged and Contractors drive far too fast along this road with massive tractors. It was pointed out that our County Councillor had clarified that the area between the edge of the tarmac and the hedges was actually the responsibility of the land owners. Cllr Steer stated he will research responsibility of farmers in respect of the state of the roads and report to the December meeting.

Cllr Roach pointed out the hedge opposite to Mr Snowdon's property is very overgrown and growing into the road.

Meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.

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