

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council

held Monday 2nd December 2019

Present: Parish Cllrs A Melville (Chairman), F Derbyshire (Vice-Chairman), L Trebble, D Lacey, V Maylan, K Faulhaber, S Steer

District Cllrs Josh Wright and Bob Deed

Minute 113115 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Roach

Minute 113116 **Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes**

No members of the public attended the meeting

Minute 113117 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2019**

Page 1601 – 113110 - insert “he” in paragraph one.

Subject to the above amendment the Chairman proposed the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 113118 **Review of Action Plan**

Bus shelter – Clerk to contact Kevin Luxton for an update

Football Club - Clerk and Chairman to meet with the Football Club in the New Year

Jubilee Gardens – It was agreed the Contractor should decide when conditions are suitable for the works to be carried out

Lime Trees – Cllr Faulhaber informed the meeting he had seen people working on the trees recently although the Clerk confirmed an invoice had not as yet been received.

Wildflower areas – the Sub-Committee had still not met and it was agreed costings were required to be considered at the Budget meeting

Minute 113119 **Discussion with District Councillors J Wright & B Deed**

District Cllr Wright informed the meeting that a lot of parishioners had emailed him regarding tree planting. The question of the environment would be a discussion item on a forthcoming Agenda as would land availability and the budget. The Chairman thanked District Cllr Wright for calling in the application relating to Silverdale and for representing varying views of parishioners. A good community response had been received

District Cllr Deed indicated there is likely to be changes at the District Council with a report awaited from Exeter University which had been led by DCC but with all 8 District Councils having shared the cost. Met with Climate Extinction. The Local Plan had been in gestation for 5 years and once this had been adopted any speculative planning applications will be thrown out. An Extraordinary Meeting was scheduled this week to consider amendments to the Plan after which it will go back to Committee when hopefully it will be approved. District Cllr Deed stated there are people who want to change the

Government system, which is currently Cabinet based, to revert to a Committee system and this will probably be discussed in January.

Cllr Lacey stated he had recently raised the point regarding electric charging points for community use. District Cllr Deed confirmed the Parish Council can investigate this and said there are some charging points in District Council Sports Centres. Grants are available but applications need to be County led. He pointed out the District Council can only follow Planning Guidelines and cannot insist at this point in time that any new properties have electric charging points.

A discussion arose regarding cars illegally parking in residential areas and District Cllr Deed pointed out parking problems in the main are a DCC issue. Cll Steer stated he felt the Parish Council should have a plan for the future but it was pointed out the Police alone have the authority to issue parking tickets.

Minute 113120 **Planning**

(a) **Applications**

19/01880/HOUSE –Erection of 2 storey extension (**Revised Scheme** – 28
Ellerhayes, Hele

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

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

REFUSAL – Outline for the erection of up to 20 dwellings and associated access
– land at Silverdale

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT – reduce height of chimney on east slope of roof
– 36 Fore Street, Silverton

TREE REGULATIONS APPROVAL – crown thin and crown reduction by no more
than 2m one Acer tree, crown thin and crown reduction by 2-4 meters one Cherry
Tree within Conservation Area – 1 Fore Street, Silverton

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE – installation of rear dormer window at 6
Livinghayes Road, Silverton

(c) **Any other planning matters**

(i) **Non-Material Amendment** – add velux conservation roof window – 34 Ellerhayes,
Hele

Minute 113121 **Finances**

Chq No	Payee	Amount	Income	Amount
002536	Mrs S Woodland	Clerk's wages (£582.06)		
002537	Mr D L Marsden	£300.00 (contractor's monthly invoice)		
002538		CHEQUE CANCELLED		

002539	Miss O Kennard	Replacement printer for Neighbourhood Plan - amount outstanding - £16.67		
002540	NPower	Electricity re Night Landing Site (£99.91)		

The Chairman proposed the above accounts be paid. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

(i) Update re refurbishment of Parish Clock

The Chairman confirmed this was an on-going project.

(ii) Report by Chairman re disability access to Little Rec

The Chairman had met with Yvonne Pope of Living Options and she had provided two options for the provision of disability access to the Little Rec. The main difference between the options was that rather than lowering the step to pavement level Option 2 involved increasing the height of the pavement.

After discussion Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council move forward with implementing the recommendations in Option 1. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

The Chairman stated the next steps would be to forward a copy of Option 1 to the Richards' Trust for approval, take advice from the Conservation Officer as to whether or not Planning Consent would be required and liaise with the Section 106 Officer as to funding. It was agreed the Clerk and Chairman be given authority to progress the project.

(iii) Consider provision of Parish Lengthsman for the Parish

Cllr Faulhaber wondered if someone could be employed to, amongst other things, empty the sumps and clear the weeds along the leat in line with duties of a Parish Lengthsman. It was noted the Parish Council's Contractor should be clearing the leat under the terms of his Contract. District Councillor Deed suggested the Parish Council might consider contacting DALC as many parishes either have, or have access to, a Parish Lengthsman and it should be able to advise on the possible cost of providing a Lengthsman for the Parish.

Minute 113122 **Consider providing CPR Training event**

After discussion Cllr Maylan proposed the Parish Council organise a CPR Training event to coincide with the March Mini-Market. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 113123 **Consider request by parishioner for Parish Council's support in requesting double yellow lines outside 2 Silverdale, Silverton**

Cllr Trebble pointed out that cars park on double yellow lines and on footpaths in the village and no enforcement action is taken. She stated vans parked on the corner of Silverdale are a particular problem. The Chairman proposed the Parish Council contact Devon County Council and the Police to ask for enforcement action to be taken and ask for a report back to see how many tickets are issued. This would enable the Parish Council to see if enforcement action resolves the problem. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Minute 113124 **Report by Cllr Steer on responsibility of landowners towards maintenance of roads**

Cllr Steer had carried out a site visit and said he believed there is a safety issue. He had carried out basic research and found there were interesting facts on the DCC website as to who is liable, who enforces the liability and where to take the issue further. Cllr Steer said he had contacted Devon Hedge Group and was waiting a response which he would then feed back to the Parish Council.

The Chairman proposed the meeting be opened to the District Councillors at this stage and Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous. District Cllr Deed pointed out there is a dual responsibility between the County Council and farmers and whoever carried out work in this area must be adequately trained. Tractors are now much larger and have to get closer to the hedges when travelling along these roads. The Chairman stated that he had thought he might consider a vote of no confidence in DCC. After discussion the Chairman proposed the Parish Council write to Ian Sorensen (DCC) and County Cllr Squires outlining a request for the repair and reinstatement of this section of road together with enforcement in line with their responsibilities and confirm under consideration at the meeting was whether the Parish Council would have a vote of no confidence in the Highways Department – this to be held in abeyance until a response was received from DCC. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Steer for the work he had undertaken.

Minute 113125 **Consider adoption of MDDC Code of Conduct 2019**

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council adopts the MDDC Code of Conduct 2019. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

With regard to paragraph 7.1 the Chairman proposed a limit of £25.00. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

The Chairman pointed out to the meeting Paragraph 4 relating to predetermination and in particular points 4.3 and 4.4. The Chairman explained this is why councillors should not be copied into emails which are sent to the Clerk on any issues by individual Councillors unless it is disclosed at the relevant meeting as this could be seen as being predetermined.

Minute 113126 **Update re Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Trebble informed the meeting that the Neighbourhood Plan carried out a parking survey at the November Mini Market which resulted in only 41 responses despite the survey also being available on line.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan, which was originally drafted in 2015, had been updated and forwarded to MDDC for comments and hopefully approval.

Cllr Trebble stated she had been asked by the members of the Sub-Committee to ask if the Parish Council would reconsider the policies which were originally considered at an Extraordinary Meeting on the 12th March 2015. The Clerk will circulate the relevant information to Councillors.

Minute 113127 **Set date for Budget Meeting**

It was agreed the Budget Meeting would be held on Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Minute 1131128 **Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman**

The Chairman reminded Councillors the switch on of the Christmas Tree lights on the Little Rec would take place on Sunday 8th December at 5.30 p.m.

Cllr Trebble stated a Parishioner had made a comment that the PC should have supported the Christmas Tree Festival.

Cllr Maylan informed the meeting that Thorverton had received a number of free trees from Woodland Trust which had been planted on the Millennium Green. The possibility of additional trees being planted in Silverton to be an Agenda item for general discussion

Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

<https://parish.middevon.gov.uk/silverton>