

## **Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council**

**held Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

**Present:** Parish Cllrs F Derbyshire (Vice-Chairman), K Faulhaber, L Trebble, V Maylan & S Steer

District Cllr B Deed & District Cllr J Wright

6 Members of the public

### **Minute 113155**      **Apologies**

Apologies were received from the Chairman A Melville, Cllr S Roach & County Cllr Margaret Squires.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Derbyshire, chaired the meeting.

### **Minute 113156**      **Consider applications from Mr G Perkins and Ms S Cross to be co-opted onto the Parish Council**

CV's received from Mr Giles Perkins and Ms Sarah Cross had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Derbyshire proposed both Mr Perkins and Ms Cross be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Councillor Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Both Mr Perkins and Ms Cross signed the Declaration of Acceptance Forms in the presence of the Clerk.

### **Minute 113157**      **Meeting open to members of the public – 15 minutes**

Mr Albert Campbell informed the meeting there were concerns regarding the Appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate relating to the proposed development at Silverdale. He stated paperwork had been sent to District Cllr Wright which indicated that the field would not be used for development unless for Affordable Housing. There was also a query regarding the gate. District Cllr Wright explained that the Appeal had been announced after Planning Consent was refused by MDDC and there will now be a review of the paperwork with the Planning Inspector carrying out a site inspection. There will not be an opportunity for members of the public to address the Planning Inspector when he visits. All of the comments already made regarding the application will be sent to the Planning Inspector for his consideration. District Cllr Wright confirmed he was going to re-enforce the comments he had previously made. The deadline for comments was the 25<sup>th</sup> March

District Cllr Deed suggested as many people as possible email the Planning Inspector in order to re-enforce their views. In terms of planning he had understood that under the existing Local Plan, and the draft Local Plan, if you build outside the settlement limit then you can only build Affordable Housing. He suggested residents considered the Minutes of the Planning Committee and go through all the paperwork. District Cllr Deed queries if a Needs Survey had been carried out for Silverton recently? If the Appeal is

allowed then there will a lot of regulations as to what can happen and when and this will need to be monitored.

The Manager of the Silverton Ladies Football Team stated that he had been asked to attend the meeting and set out the current position. He confirmed the Ladies Football Team was leaving the village to play at Bradninch as the facilities are not good enough in the village and they cannot afford to play in Silverton. He pointed out there was no Club House and no shower facilities on site. Bradninch had carried out a lot of fund raising to provide the facilities and they were also able to use the Cricket Club facilities at Bradninch. Cllr Steer felt that the Football Field should be available at all times for the Team to return to the village should they wish or for another Club to be able to play on it. He felt the village should fund raise to improve the facilities.

**Minute 113158**      **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

“paining” to be replaced with “painting” in the first sentence of the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph of Minute 113143. Subject to this amendment Cllr Trebble proposed the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions

**Minute 113159**      **To approve Minutes and Anticipated Expenditure Sheet re Budget Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Cllr Maylan proposed the Minutes and Anticipated Expenditure Sheet be accepted as true records. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and 3 abstentions

**Minute 113160**      **Review of Action Plan**

Item 2 – Bus Shelter - Clerk to chase for a quotation Cllr Perkins indicated he had replaced the guttering as this was adjoining his property.

Item 9 - Wildflower Areas – it was agreed a report would be prepared for the April meeting

Item 10 – Parish Lengthsman – Clerk to chase DALC for a response

Item 11 - Park Rd/Red Cross – Clerk to ask County Cllr Squires for an update and the Clerk to write to Meg Booth, Head of Highways asking when the works are to be commenced.

Item 12 – Speedway Garage – no response from MDDC, Clerk to chase

Item 13 - Sites for trees – Clerk to try and access DCC website

Item 15 - Recreation Field trees – Hi Line had confirmed the cost of an inspection would be the same as for the inspection carried out on the Lime Trees on the Bury - £180.00

**Minute 113161**      **Discussion with District Councillors J Wright, B Deed & County Cllr M Squires**

District Cllr Wright confirmed the District Council had voted the budget through. This can be viewed on the MDDC Website – “visit Middevon” & “taste of Mid Devon” and he will provide the relevant details on the Silverton Community Facebook site

District Cllr Deed reiterated that the budget had been voted through. The Council Tax for a Band "D" property was rising by 2.4% or £5.00. From the Council Tax MDDC receives 10% of the funds with DCC receiving the majority. Other organisations having a share of the Council Tax included the Parish Council precept, Police and Fire Brigade.

The Boundary Commission were in the process of looking at the ward boundaries for MDDC in 2023. The current average of who can vote in a Ward is 1500 and this will increase by 10%. The deadline for comments on the proposed ward boundaries is 1<sup>st</sup> April. It has been suggested that Silverton and Cadbury should be one ward as there are no natural boundaries between them. The decision of the Boundary Commission is binding.

## **Minute 113162**      **Planning**

### (a)      **Applications**

**APPEAL – 18/02019/MOUT – outline for the erection of up to 20 dwelling and associated access – land at Silverdale**

An Appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the refusal of the above application which will be determined on the basis of written representations.

After discussion Cllr Faulhaber proposed that the Parish Council re-submit the comments made previously. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

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

None

### (c)      **Any other planning matters**

None

## **Minute 113163**      **Finances**

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
002555	Mrs S Woodland	Clerk's wages (£582.02)		
002556	Mr D L Marsden	Contractor's monthly invoice - £300.00 + post (£4.99)		

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the above accounts be passed for payment. Cllr Steer seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

### (i)      **Update re refurbishment of Parish Clock**

It was agreed to defer this item to the April meeting

### (ii)      **Consider replacement of Lime Trees which have been felled on the Bury**

Cllr Faulhaber confirmed he would take a look at the area and come back to the Parish Council

will a tree planting scheme

(iii) Consider current Lease granted to Silverton Football Club

It was agreed this item would be taken before considering the grass cutting of the Football Field. After discussion Cllr Derbyshire proposed that Silverton Football Club inform the Parish Council of their intention with regard to renewing the Lease prior to the April meeting. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous

(iv) Consider grass cutting of Football Field

As this was dependent on what action the Football Club was going to take it was agreed to defer this item to the April meeting

(v) To note current credit balance with Npower of £162.34

Noted

**Minute 113164**      **Consider in-house training provided by DALC**

After discussion Cllr Maylan proposed the Parish Council arrange in-house training with DALC to include some basic training on Planning issues. Cllr Perkins seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous

**Minute 113165**      **Consider request by Silverton PCC to join in marking 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day at St Mary's Church**

An email from Mr P Smith had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting in which he asked if the Parish Council would be interested in joining the Silverton Parochial Church Council in marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day in some way at St Mary's Church. It was agreed that the request was vague as to what was envisaged and the Clerk would ask for further details.

**Minute 113166**      **Update re Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Trebble reported that the Pre-Submission of the Neighbourhood Plan is now ready for Public Consultation as is required by The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 14). The Consultation will be held at the Community Hall on Friday 3rd April 6.00 -9.00pm in the Dorothy Grainger Room and on Saturday 4th April 9.00-12.00am in the Hall.

The Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Group will be formally consulting the community on the Plan and asking for comments. Comments can also be made on line at the Parish website: <https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/silverton/neighbourhood-plan/> where copies of the Plan and all other relevant documents can be seen and downloaded

Cllr Perkins informed the meeting that he was not convinced the Consultant's Environmental Statement was up to date. He said there were no mitigations in the Statement for various problems (i.e. car parking) in the village and it was dismissive of other items such as bus fares. Cllr Perkins queried if the Consultant had even visited the village. Cllr Trebble confirmed the Consultant had visited the village and he had been employed by Parish Council. Cllr Perkins felt the Consultant had not been good value for money.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that everyone could make their own submissions via the Public Consultation.

**Minute 113167****Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman**

Exe Valley Brewery intended to hold two events on the Little Rec this year – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Saturday) and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December both from 12 noon to 7pm. The Clerk would remind the event holder that public liability insurance must be in place for both events.

Mrs D Custance-Baker had asked if the Parish Council would agree to the Football Field being used for a Fun Dog Show which would include a bouncy castle and other ideas had been suggested. It was pointed out that there is currently a blanket ban on dogs on the Recreation Field which includes the Football Field. After discussion it was agreed this would be an Agenda item for April.

Cllr Trebble pointed out at the January meeting it was agreed she would provide a revised list of the Plan Objectives and she had sent this to both the Clerk and the Chairman. The Clerk confirming she cannot recall receiving this and Cllr Trebble confirmed she would re-send the email.

Closed 8.45 p.m.

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