

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Silverton Parish Council
held Monday 1st FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Parish Cllrs A Melville (Chairman), F Derbyshire, S Cross, V Maylan, V Miller, G Perkins, J Wright (also in capacity of District Councillor) K Faulhaber & S Roach

District Cllr B Deed and County Cllr Margaret Squires

Minute 113290 **To note any Declarations of Interest**

None

Minute 113291 **To note any apologies**

Cllr E Trebble

Minute 113292 **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

No members of the public attended the Zoom meeting

Minute 113293 **Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January 2021**

The Chairman proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January 2021 be accepted as a true record. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal – a vote was taken with all members present in favour

Minute 113294 **Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on the 18th January 2021**

The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on the 18th January 2021 be accepted as a true record. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all members present in favour

Minute 113295 **Review of Action Plan**

The new format Action Plan prepared by the Chairman was discussed. It was generally felt that the Action Plan needed to be clear in the descriptions of the actions in order Parishioners can understand it. It was agreed any Constructor based items would be overseen by the Clerk but going forward a Task/Finish Group would be likely when a Councillor may take the lead and check such items.

Bus Shelter - Cllr Cross had spoken with the Roofing Company who believes there is one tile causing a problem and the cost to rectify would be in the region of £60.00. The Chairman proposed this item be remitted to the Clerk. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all members present in favour.

Park Road Cllr Cross informed the meeting other areas were being addressed in the District but the condition of Park Road remains a danger. The Chairman commented that he understood funds had been set aside and a scheme approved for the works to be carried out but no timescale was known as yet. County Cllr Squires confirmed that Devon County Council had inspected the drainage at the site which was the initial stage of the scheme. The works are not likely to be carried out during this financial year but it is a scheme for the following financial year (2021/2022). She stressed schemes are prioritised centrally and she is aware there is a huge backlog.

The Chairman queried who the Parish Council could contact to emphasise the dangerous state of the road and to request a reconsideration of the prioritisation. County Cllr Squires suggest Meg Booth who is head of County Highways and she will provide the Clerk with the relevant email address. Cllr Perkins pointed out this scheme was not on the Consolidated List for the forthcoming financial year but County Cllr Squires confirmed the scheme is on a different list.

After discussion Cllr Maylan proposed that Cllr Cross draft a letter to County Highways pointing out the dangerous state of Park Road and asking for a review as to when the works are to be carried out. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all members present in favour.

Footpath between High Street/Silverdale - Cllr Wright confirmed he had sent an initial email with regard to the footpath but would chase this up as he had not received a reply.

Asset Transfer of grass areas – the Chairman informed the meeting that he had written to Steve Densham at MDDC offering a Zoom meeting but to date had not received a response and had sent a chasing email today.

Minute 113296 Discussion with District Cllrs J Wright and B Deed and County Cllr M Squires

County Cllr Squires confirmed notices had been put up in relation to double yellow lines in Butterleigh Road.

Meetings at DCC were going ahead and she had attended the Budget Meeting and Children's Scrutiny and she also sits on the Corporate Parenting Group. DCC would be increasing their share of the Council Tax in all probability to the maximum of 4.99%.

District Cllr Wright confirmed setting the Budget was also a big issue at MDDC. Cllr Maylan asked District Cllr Wright if planning permission would be required for the Silverton Community Larder at the Community Hall and he stated he did not believe so. Cllr Miller also queried whether insurance was in place for the Community Larder

District Cllr B Deed pointed out that Phil Norrey would be the senior person to contact at County Highways. If no progress is made regarding Park Road he

suggested maybe contacting Tiverton Gazette to see if they wished to do an article..

District Cllr Deed stressed that MDDC have a legal duty to balance their budget and this year it is likely funds will have to be taken from the reserve funds to achieve this.

Minute 113297 **Planning**

Cllr J Wright took no part in the following planning discussions as he is a District Councillor for the Ward and wishes to remain independent of the Parish Council so as to be able to represent parishioners if asked

(a) Applications:

21/00034/CAT – intention to fell 1 Palm tree within the Conservation Area – 4 Exeter Road, Silverton

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Perkins seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 8 in favour and one abstention.

21/00017/CAT – intention to remove 1 Eucalyptus tree within the Conservation Area – High Bullen, 30 High Street, Silverton

Cllr Perkins proposed the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 8 in favour and one abstention

(b) Approvals / Refusals

TREE PRESERVATION APPROVAL – Remove overhanging branches of 1 Oak tree protected by TPO 79/00001/TPO

(c) Any other Planning matters

None

Minute 113298 **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq 002467 Mrs S Woodland – Clerk's monthly wage + backpay of agreement NALC pay increase for financial years 2019/20 and 2020/2021 - £1,321.33

Chq 002468 Mr D Marsden – Contractor's monthly invoice - £300.00

Chq 002469 Mrs E Trebble – Neighbourhood Plan monthly Zoom meeting - £14.39

Chq 002470 Mr D Marsden – paint for "No dog" signs in Recreation field - £56.00

The Chairman proposed the above payments be made. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all members present in favour

(b) Other financial matters

- (i) To note Locality Budget payment of £500.00 towards cost of new roundabout in Children's Play area

Noted and thanks were given to County Cllr Squires for her support

Minute 113299 **Neighbourhood Plan update**

Agreed to defer to March meeting

District Cllr Deed stated that the Silverton Plan is acknowledged in one of MDDC's plans

Minute 113300 **Community Book Swap**

The Chairman stated he had asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda in order to review the current position. The Clerk confirmed she had not received any emails or letters either in support or opposing the idea of using the telephone box although comments had been placed on the Silverton Community Facebook page. It was noted that not everyone who commented on the Facebook page were residents in the Parish and therefore this could give a false impression of parishioners' views. The Clerk will upload a further item onto the Facebook page asking people to comment by letter or email.

Minute 113301 **Correspondence**

An email had been received from Amanda Radmore regarding potential fund raising for new goal posts in the Football Field. The Chairman reminded the to meeting that the Parish Council had made a decision that these were not be replaced and if Councillors wished to revisit this decision within 6 months of the initial decision there was a process which would need to be followed.

After general discussion Cllr Cross proposed the Clerk be asked to respond to Mrs Radmore encouraging fund raising and asking her to revert to the Parish Council in due course. The Clerk to also stress the Parish Council budget is very tight for the forthcoming year and it is not that the Parish Council does not want to provide the facility it is purely down to finances.

Public Spaces Order

Cllr Wright reminded Councillors the Order provided for the ban of dogs in Children's Play Areas and the Parish Council had asked if the Silverton Children's Play Area could be included within the Order. This does not appear to have been included and the Clerk had sent an email to MDDC seeking clarification.

Minute 113302 **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

It was agreed the Clerk to send a reminder email prior to the Agenda being issued in order that Councillors can request items to be placed on the Agenda.

Cllr Derbyshire stated that Footpath 2 (Roach Lane to Butterleigh Road) was currently being used by horse riders and as this is a very narrow, windy, footpath this is a danger to walkers. The horses are also churning up the footpath. She has asked DCC if signage could be erected pointing this footpath was not a bridleway.

Cllr Maylan asked if Mr Luxton would require the formal consent of the Parish Council for access over the Recreation Field for the works he was to carry out at her property. The Chairman and Clerk to consider.

Cllr Maylan pointed out that there had recently been a lot of litter left on the Recreation Field. The Clerk will upload a message to Silverton Community Facebook Page. Cllr Wright stated he felt the Parish Council needs to give positive messages to the Parish that Silverton is a nice place to live in and it would like to keep it that way rather than being negative.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.