

**Minutes of a Meeting of Silverton Parish Council**  
**held Monday 4th October 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Silverton Community**  
**Hall**

**Present:** Parish Cllrs F Derbyshire, V Maylan, V Miller, K Faulhaber, J Wright, S Cross, E Trebble & S Roach

District Cllr B Deed

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chair Cllr S Cross chaired the meeting

**Minute 113395**      **To note any Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Cross declared a financial interest in planning applications 21/01794/HOUSE and 21/01787/LBC

Cllr Roach declared a personal interest in planning application 21/01611/LBC

**Minute 113386**      **To note any apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Melville and County Cllr M Squires

**Minute 113387**      **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

Mr Wise commented he was pleased to see work has started on repairing the road. He pointed out that in Hayne Lane there had been dog waste bags left in the road and these had been highlighted by a circle in chalk. It was agreed to consider the issue of dog fouling at the November meeting.

**Minute 113398**      **Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Cllr Trebble stated that the word “may” should be added to the second line of the second paragraph on page 1722 so it reads “ ... *which some people **may** object to*”

In Minute 113393(b) – the word “the” should be deleted from the last line.

Cllr Derbyshire proposed subject to the above amendments the Minutes be signed as a correct record. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 3 abstentions

**Minute 113399**      **Review of Action Plan**

It was agreed reference to Cllr Perkins should be deleted as he was no longer a Councillor

Goal posts – Cllr Wright stated he was trying to find mutually convenient timings for the contractor to erect the goal posts but this was proving difficult. If an alternative contractor could be found the Parish Council should request the

work to be carried out but if not our current Contractor will instal the goal posts as soon as he is able.

Bins: Cllr Wright stated out that as a recycling bin was not now going to be located at Ellerhayes there was a spare bin to locate. He had noted from the September Minutes that the Car Park had been put forward as a possibility but as MDDC do not currently collect from the Car Park area the bin cannot be located there. There is the possibility of locating the bin between play park and children's play area if our Contractor will empty it. Cllr Wright will revert to MDDC for permission to put a general bin in the car park.

After discussion Cllr Roach proposed that one bin be placed outside the Skate Park, one in the Children's Play Area and one in the Square. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

#### **Minute 113400      Discussion with District Cllr J Wright & District Cllr B Deed**

Cllr J Wright confirmed there was a lot going on at the District Council currently and in particularly issues relating to the economy , sustainable economics to make better environmental decisions and better decisions for the community. With regard to Silverdale, he had contacted the Planning Officer overseeing the application and the Planning Officer has dealt with a lot of the issues raised. Cllr Wright indicated that he may call the application in but would update Cllrs if he decided to do so.

Car Chargers – Cllr Wright stated he was disappointed this was not progressing but he is chasing.

Buses - Cllr Wright indicated he had recently been waiting to catch a bus from the village but this didn't turn up and he ended up driving. He said he would be making investigations into the reliability of the bus service in Silverton.

#### **Cllr B Deed**

Cllr Deed informed the meeting that in his view due to the size of the planning application at Silverdale he feels this will be heard by the Planning Committee. He pointed out if anyone in his Ward asks for an application to be called in he always asks for a planning consideration before doing so.

Dogs –Cllr Deed stated MDDC had information available to read on its website. If someone knows who is causing an offence and this is reported then MDDC should follow this up. If parishioners are bagging up waste and not putting it in a bin then that's the problem with people, they just leave it and will not put bags in the dog bin.

Cllr Deed pointed out HGV drivers are currently in short supply although MDDC are doing better than a lot of local authorities. If a round does not have a driver then others carried out a half round at the end of their shifts. Drivers are unable to do more than that due to their permitted hours.

With regard to consultee comments not showing on the planning portal he stated MDDC are aware of the problem and are getting on top of it and is a work in progress.

## **Minute 113401**      **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:**

21/01794/HOUSE – formation of new window opening and erection of a two storey rear extension – 12 Exeter Road, Silverton & 21/01787/LBC – consent for internal alterations; installation of a velux window; formation of new window opening and erection of a two storey rear extension – 12 Exeter Road

Cllr Cross declared a pecuniary interest and left the room prior to discussions taking place in relation to the above applications

Cllr Derbyshire chaired the meeting during Cllr Cross' absence

After discussion Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council support both applications. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 2 in favour, 0 against and 4 abstentions and therefore the motion was carried

21/01611/LBC – consent for external alterations including installation of motion sensors on front, side rear elevations and on rear office outbuilding, renew thatch on rear and ridge with water reed – 34 Fore Street, Silverton

Cllr Roach declared a personal interest in the above application.

An email had been received from a parishioner raising various objections to the application and this had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

After discussion Cllr Faulhaber proposed that the Parish Council do not support the above application as it felt the cameras posed an invasion of privacy, in particular for neighbours, and did not feel these were necessary. It was noted that not all information was available to the Parish Council as it was aware an email had been sent to MDDC by a neighbour which was not available to view on the Planning Portal. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour. Cllr Roach abstained. .

Cllr Maylan informed the Council that she had noted an application dated 27<sup>th</sup> September relating to the demolition of the buildings at Silverton Mill. The Clerk confirmed she had not received notification of this application which was in East Devon District Council area.

### **(b) Approvals / Refusals**

**APPROVAL-** Change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden – The Corn Barn, 3 Livinghayes Court, Livinghayes Road, Silverton

**APPROVAL** – Change of use of land for erection of one unit of holiday accommodation – Pound Farm, Butterleigh

**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT** for replacement front and rear exterior doors – 10 Exeter Road, Silverton

**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT** for internal and external alteration/repairs, strengthen and reroof existing outbuilding with slate and solar panels, new roof, reopen blocked up doorway between dwelling and outbuilding and replace outbuilding door with catflap – 44 Fore Street, Silverton

**OUTLINE APPROVAL** for erection of a dwelling, including access, appearance, layout, scale and associated work – North of St Mary's View, Wyndham Road, Silverton

(c) Any other Planning matters

None

## **Minute 113402**      **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq No: 002573	Mrs S Woodland – Clerk's wages (£631.99)
Chq No: 002574	Mr D Marsden – Contractor's monthly invoice (£300.00)
Chq No: 002575	HMRC - Clerk's NI + Income Tax - £495.64 – second quarter
Chq no: 002576	PKF Littlejohn – external auditor's fee - £240.00
Chq No: 002577	Mr B Croome – Neighbourhood Plan expenses – £247.24
Chq No: 002578	Miss O Kennard – Neighbourhood Plan expenses - £134.19
Chq No: 002579	Mrs M Culhane – Advice to Neighbourhood Plan Committee - £515.00

Cllr Roach proposed the above invoices be passed for payment. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(b) Other financial matters

(i) Repairs to Old Fire Station

The Clerk had established that the Parish Council were the owners of the Old Fire Station and this had been conveyed to it in 1915.

Cllr Cross confirmed she had looked into possible grants that may be available and had established it may be possible to obtain a grant as the Old Fire Station was a historic building in a Conservation Area. However, if a grant was available this would not cover any money already expended and it would be necessary to apply for a grant before any further maintenance works were carried out. Cllr Cross stressed it

was the Parish Council's duty to preserve the building.

Cllr Wright proposed, as temporary works had been carried out to make good the roof, the Parish Council should apply for a grant to see if it was successful. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

Cllr Cross confirmed she would investigate the requirements for a grant and report back to the November meeting.

(ii) To note successful annual audit

Noted

(iii) To note second instalment of Annual Precept (£17,000) and Western Power Wayleave (£38.71). VAT refund also submitted

Noted

(iv) Request from Bradninch Town Council to organise a joint beacon to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Roach proposed the Parish Council accept the invitation to a joint beacon with Bradninch Town Council subject to costs and further details. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

(v) Consider tenders from Contractor to (a) weed the Square area (b) weed step in Children's Play Area (c) pollard trees near swings (d) remove 4 wooden posts in Children's Play Area and (e) tarmacking path near sump

It was noted that the area of path which needed tarmacking at the entrance to the Recreation Field from Coach Road was approximately 1 square metre. The current condition of the path is preventing use by wheelchairs/pushchairs/buggies etc. It was agreed to ask DCC if this area could be resurfaced whilst the contractors were in the village resurfacing other areas.

(a) Weeding – the Contractor had quoted £480 per year to weed the area from the Spa shop to the Roundabout and the Cenotaph to the Old Fire Station.

Weeding the steps at the Children's Play Area would be a maximum of 2 hours at £12 per hour.

Trees near swings – the Contractor estimated 4 hours at £15 hour to pollard the trees.

Removal of posts – this would take circa 10 hrs at £15 per hour.

Cllr Cross proposed the above figures be accepted. Cllr Roach seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

It was noted that the trees at the bottom of the Recreation Field along Coach Road may need to be pollarded and it was agreed the Clerk would obtain a quote from Hi-Line.

The Lime Trees on the Bury also need the suckers taken away from bottom and it was agreed to include these in the requested quote from Hi-Line

- (vi) Request from Book Swap to extend grass matting to the end of the Book Swap structure

A quote from Andy Isaccs was awaited and it was agreed to defer this item until the November meeting.

#### **Minute 113403**      **Report from Recreation Field Task/Finish Group**

Cllr Mylan reported the Group had met and made a list of things which need doing, some of which were on-going. A Community Clean Up Day had been arranged for October 16<sup>th</sup> with a view to strimming around the play equipment, weeding the steps, cutting back brambles and tidying up the paths. Cllr Cross and Mrs Louise Sleep had met with a view to organising a Charity Organisation which would be eligible to apply for various grants and to also get costings. The Group was considering asking local businesses if they would contribute and in particular the developer of Silverdale. The Parish Council would need to consider on-going maintenance of all play equipment both existing and any new which was to be purchased.

Cllr Cross confirmed she would carry out a Risk Assessment for the Community Clean Up Day prior to this taking place.

#### **Minute 113404**      **Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllr Trebble confirmed all Comment Forms must be returned by 16<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Minute 113405**      **Correspondence**

- (a) Request by Silverton RBL to create a gate from Little Rec to War Memorial in order to lay wreaths

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council agree to the above request. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

- (b) Request from Silverton RBL to sell poppies on the Little Rec on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council agree to the above request. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

- (c) Highway closure – School Rd and Park Rd – DCC resurfacing works

Noted

- (d) MDDC Gambling Act Consultation – 15<sup>th</sup> September to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Noted

#### **Minute 113406**      **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

Cllr Roach informed the Council that he had recently visited the Church to view the Plaque in memory of his late wife Jenny and he thanked the Council for providing the Plaque.

Meeting closed at 21.26