

**Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council**  
**held Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Silverton Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Ruth Harrison, Emily Chanter, Gavin Donovan, Simon Hedges (Chair), Olivia Kennard, V Maylan and Lewis Ward.

**Minute 114327**      **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Chris Everleigh, Josh Wright, Allen McManus & District Cllr Rhys Roberts and County Cllr Steve Keable

**Minute 114328**      **To note any declarations of interest:**

- (a) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature

None.

- (b) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items)

None.

**Minute 114330**      **To consider any applications for co-option onto the Parish Council**

None received.

**Minute 114331**      **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

None

**Minute 114332**      **Planning**

- (a) Applications

25/00976/CAT – Notification of intention to remove 4 Conifer Trees; reduce the canopy of 1 Pittosporum; reduce a Viburnum Shrub and reduce the canopy of 1 Willow tree within the Conservation Area – 21 King Street, Silverton

RESOLVED the Parish Council supports the above application. Proposed by Cllr Hedges and agreed by a show of hands.

25/00978/CAT – Notification of intention to fell 1 Acer tree within the Conservation Area – 4 Parsonage Lane, Silverton

RESOLVED the Parish Council supports the above application. Proposed by Cllr Lewis Ward and unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

25/00214/HOUSE – Erection of single storey extension to replace existing conservatory and erection of first floor side extension – 21 King Street, Silverton

RESOLVED the Parish Council does not support the above application on the following grounds referring to the original objections made:

- Item a - Overdevelopment in the conservation area has not been ameliorated and is still opposed.
- Item b - in relation to the cob wall, there is insufficient evidence provided to show that this issue has been rectified.
- Items c and d - with regard to the loss of light and proximity to No 20, some attempt has been made to resolve the loss of light and proximity but this is insufficient

Proposed by the Chair and unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

25/01052/HOUSE – Erection of single storey extension – 15 Ellerhayes, Hele

RESOLVED the Parish Council supports the above application. Proposed by Cllr Emily Chanter and unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

25/01021/FULL – Erection of a dwelling following the demolition of an agricultural building utilising the Class Q fallback position (24/01823/PNCOU) – Land and buildings at NGR 295974 102090 South of Babylon Lane, Silverton

RESOLVED the Parish Council supports the above application. A vote by a show of hands with 6 in favour and one abstention.

### **I have been able to submit the Parish Council's comment on line this evening**

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

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT – installation of an EV charging point – South Cottage, School Road, Silverton (25/00520/LBC)

FULL APPROVAL – Variation of conditions 2 of planning permission 25/00383/FULL (erection of self-build dwelling and garage following demolition of existing barn) to allow for substitution of plans in respect of amendments to the positioning of the dwelling, design and positioning of the garage with associated changes to the site layout and condition 5 relating to revised wording of the Arboriculture Impact Assessment (25/00751/FULL)

NO OBJECTION to reduction of the height of 1 Birch tree by 2m and removal of 2 Poplar trees within the Conservation Area – 8 Fore Street, Silverton (25/00688/CAT)

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

None

### **Minute 114333**

### **Finances**

#### **(a) Monthly invoices**

- Mrs S Woodland – Clerk's wages (£803.08) + expenses (Sim card £0.99 + Top Up £10.00) = £814.07
- Mr D Marsden – Handyman's monthly invoice = £650.00
- Mr D Marsden – Construction of seats in Little Rec - £300.00
- Evolution Skate Parks Ltd – removal and replacement of galvanised steel toe plates in Skate Park + purchase of one additional toe plate - £781.68
- Smith of Derby – three year contract re servicing of Parish Clock - £980.40
- S Hedges – replacement printer ink - £95.59
- MDCC – Play area 6 monthly safety inspections - £1,324.80
- Parsons Landscapes Limited – July grounds maintenance - £944.81

- Eon Next – electricity supply to Air Ambulance landing site - £54.23
- PKF – External Audit fee - £378.00

RESOLVED the above invoices be paid. Proposed by the Chair and agreed by a show of hands

(b) Other Financial Matters

- (i) It was noted the Handyman had provided a quotation of £25 to repair the bin. RESOLVED the quotation be accepted. Proposed by the Chair and unanimously agreed by a show of hands.
- (ii) It was noted the Handyman had provided a quotation of £25 for replacement flagstone under bench in the Recreation field. RESOLVED the quotation be accepted. Proposed by the Chair and unanimously agreed by a show of hands.
- (iii) Update re purchase of additional Dog Bin for the Square – to note email from MDDC confirming permission would not be given for a dog bin to be located at the requested site in Newcourt Road due to health and safety reasons and also as there are already 2 dog bins within 160 metres of the proposed location

Noted

(iv) Update re troughs/hanging baskets in the Square area and ideas proposed

An email had been received from Chris Snowdon in which she asked if there was a budget to purchase troughs/hanging baskets. It was agreed the provision of a budget would depend on the various options and what might be proposed. i.e. size. The idea of using wood from the oak sounded promising.

Mrs Snowdon also raised the possibility that families in the village may like to adopt and look after a trough. Regarding the idea of parishioners adopting a trough, this would involve a co-ordinator, and for the adopters to agree to code of maintenance.

It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk could discuss/clarify this direct with Chris Snowdon.

(iii) Update re in-house training by Devon Association of Local Councils.

After discussion the Chair proposed that the Clerk be asked to clarify the latest email from Elise Callaghan at MDDC as to (a) are webinars free or is there a cost? and (b) what is included in the 'Good Councillor Training'. A vote was taken by a show of hands with all Councillors present in agreement.

- (iv) To note Clerk's Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2025/2026 resulting in an increase from £17.29 to £17.85 per hour from 01.04.2025

Noted

(v) To note financial audit carried out by Cllr Maylan for period 1.4.2025 to 30.06.2025

Noted

(vi) Update re Lime Regeneration Programme

Discussed and decided that Cllrs Ruth Harrison and Olivia Kennard to liaise with Klaus Faulhaber, if he is amenable to this, re best way forward with existing trees and types of possible replacement. Then come back to SPC with specific proposals.

(vii) Repairs required to fencing in the Recreation Field adjacent to Coach Road

It was noted the Handyman has been asked to quote on repair.

It was agreed that the Clerk ask MDDC to reinstate the fencing above the tennis hut which was taken down to access the fallen Broad Oak.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.