

## SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in

Silsoe Village Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. L Mann, J McGrory, I Kelly, P Kevan, H Flack, R Vass.

Apologies: Cllr I Smith, Cllr A Webb and Central Bedfordshire Councillor Alison Graham.

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### 1/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident attended to raise concerns over Privacy in West End Road, Silsoe. The developer originally erected no parking signs to deter people from parking on the narrow grass verge next to the resident's house. These signs have since been stolen but people are now parking there and privacy on the ground floor of their home has become an issue. The grass is also getting very mud and looking messy. **Resolved:** Cllr Jarrard will speak to Central Bedfordshire Council concerning this as this land has now been adopted by them. He was also made aware of the surgery run by Cllr Alison Graham who may also be able to help.

### 2/18 MINUTES:

Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were agreed and signed as correct record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

- Cllr Jarrard will meet with Roger Shrimplin on Tuesday morning prior to the Gladman hearing.
- Cllr Jarrard is still trying to meet with David Taylor of English Heritage.
- The parish Council are awaiting confirmation of the meeting to discuss the spoke.

### 3/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None.

### 4/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:

- Cllr Graham is in contact with the CBC officer organising the Gladman appeal and will cooperate with him as to her input.
- The Local Plan does not include any development for Silsoe.
- We need to expect high Council Tax increases this year, possibly 2% for CBC plus 3% extra ringfenced for social services, to CBC and a Police increase of 2%.

### 5/18RURAL MATCH FUNDING:

A meeting is due to take place between Cllr Kelly and the Clerk on 11/1/18 to finalise the Rural Match Funding application to address the speed of vehicles travelling on Ampthill Rd.

The application will incorporate the following points:

1. Increase in size of village.
2. Layout of roads/feeder roads.
3. School travel plan.

#### 6/18 LITTER:

Cllr Mann reported on a large amount of litter around the village and the bins are always full. There is also a blocked drain by the bottle banks. **Resolved** Cllr Jarrard will report this. There is a lack of bins around the sports centre but the land has not yet been adopted. The sports centre is responsible for clearing this litter.

Cllr Mann will prepare a proposal of where new bins need to be allocated for the next meeting for Councillors to consider.

#### 7/18 COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE:

The lease between the Trust and the Parish Council had been prepared and it was agreed by all Councillors, having read the document that it should be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council. **Resolved:** Cllr Jarrard signed both documents, one will be held by the Clerk the other by the Trust.

The ROSPA inspections for the water features have now taken place and the engineer should attend shortly to inspect the football pitch. It was decided that the football pitch at the other end of the village should also have a ROSPA inspection carried out.

Neil Cartwright, the new Asset manager in charge of dealing with outstanding items at the school and D Erwin a CBC planning Officer met with Cllr Kelly yesterday to discuss the positioning of the football pitches and ensuring that the 5m allocated space surrounding the pitch was in place. Cllr Kelly explained the measurements to all Councillors.

There will be access to the Muga will be available from Alder Wynd. There will also be gates between the pitches allowing access for community events. The PC questioned planning permission for the 1.8m fence that will be erected around the pitch.

The planning dept are considering a hump to prevent travellers gaining access.

Quotations are being obtained for the cricket pitch and issues with condensation.

A meeting will take place between the Clerk and Cllr Kelly on 11/1/18 to discuss the play areas.

#### 8/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Cllr Flack has sent through the draft plan and village design statement to all Councillors and would like some feedback.

An exhibition is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Village Hall 6pm-9pm, with the aim of getting the village statement agreed.

A meeting is planned with English Heritage the Committee wish to communicate with the 39 businesses.

The Budget has now been spent.

An ACV has been applied for to cover the orchards on Mander farm Rd, we should receive more information mid-February.

BBC Radio Bedfordshire will be running a programme from the Community Sports Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and they have invited groups within the community to come along and take part.

#### 9/18 FINANCE:

Cllr Kevan gave an update of the finances.

Bank balances: Current acc £77,526.26 and Deposit £130,478.54

Payments this month:

Clerk fees £465.34

Anglian Water £70.37 & 0.66p

Helen Flack (Neighbourhood Plan) £419.83

Eon £10.70

Silsoe Village Hall £120

A Muskett £143.22

CPRE £36

Rospa £990.72

Heritage Power LTD £4800

The Clerk has submitted the Precept application at a 7.7% increase.

£5000 S106 money has been received for the sports centre.

Some of the Allotment rents have now been collected.

It was agreed with the Village Hall Committee that the Parish Council would pay the invoice for £4800 to Heritage Power LTD and once the vat is claimed back it this would be the budgeted amount of £4000 due to the village hall Committee.

Councillor Kevan has found an appropriate bank account for safety of the Parish Council funds with Nationwide. He will discuss the application with the clerk after the meeting.

#### 10/18 PLANNING:

CB/17/05877/FULL

Councillors could not see evidence of change and will therefore prepare an objection.

CB/17/05786/FULL POPLAR CLOSE: no objection.

CB/18/00047/CRBN Community right to bid notice for the orchards.

CB/17/04123/RM

Objection to be made on the grounds of over developing plots 2 and 3, only 3m deep gardens.

#### 11/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

CPRE membership card and newsletter

Update from Wave

BRCC Community transport

CBC Budget Consultation papers

Local Plan consultation flyers and posters

Brain Tumour Research- request leaflets

#### 12/18 AOB:

- Crime reports.
- Horses are not keeping to the bridleways behind the Bloor Development they are using the paths. Cllr Jarrard will speak to Tumbly.
- Retrospective planning permission has been submitted for Church Lane.
- Lauren Sheppard has supplied the Clerk with details of the grass cutting, Cllr Kelly and the Clerk will look at the areas and then meet on site with Lauren to discuss.
- The Hedges by the Allotments require a cut, preferably prior to March 2018.
- The Beacon will be lit on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, in memory of the end of the war. Cllr Jarrard will speak to Rotary about their help and arrange for the church bells to ring. Cllr Flack will speak to Silsoe community Society about refreshments.
- Low level lighting is to be considered by Newbury Lane as it is very dark, Cllr Jarrard will consider this.
- Priority Setting Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Cllr Vass to attend.

#### 13/18 NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

