

SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in

Silsoe Village Hall on Wednesday 21st February 2018.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. L Mann, J McGrory, I Kelly, P Kevan, H Flack, R Vass, A Webb, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Alison Graham.

14/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident requested more information with regards to traffic calming within the Village. The PC have no further update from CBC, the traffic calming measures should be implemented in coming months. A traffic census strip will be discussed later in the meeting.

15/18 MINUTES:

Minutes of 10th January 2018 were agreed and signed as correct record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

- The drains by the bottle bank have been cleared but unfortunately the debris was left by the drains and they are now re-blocked. The Clerk has reported this.
- A blockage and issue with sewage is being investigated.

16/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None.

17/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:

- A report on the Gladman appeal has been reported in the newsletter, now we await a decision.
- CBC have looked at the responses from the Budget Consultation and proposing a 1.75% increase and 3% Social care. Fire and Police increases will also be added to this. By 2021 the Government grant to all Local Authorities will cease, Local Authorities will have 100% of business rates for the area, due to Brexit this however may not be statute by 2021.
- The A6, Gravenhurst appeal continues, any evidence should be forwarded to Will Holloway at CBC.
- Homeless Reduction statute is coming into effect from 1/4/18. Anyone over the age of 18 may declare themselves homeless after two nights and will be entitled to housing. They can declare that being homeless will physically or mentally distress them and therefore need housing. The homeless can approach any Local Authority, not just their previous place of residence.

- Cllr Graham and the enforcement team are pursuing the with the mobile homes on Silsoe Rd.

18/18 EMAIL ADDRESS:

The silsoepc email address has not been working and a resident had trouble contacting the PC. Cllr Flack will set up two new email addresses, one for the Clerk and one for the Neighbourhood Plan.

19/18 LITTER BINS:

Cllr Kelly and the Clerk met with Lauren Sheppherd from CBC recently to discuss the grass cutting within the Village, the Millennium Green and football pitches will not be included within CBC grass responsibilities, but we are hopeful to receive an increase in contributions for the remaining grass. A subsequent meeting has been arranged for 9th March 2018 to discuss litter bins within the Village, Cllr Kelly and the Clerk would welcome any preferences from the Councillors. The following were suggested:

- South bus stop.
- Bin outside Church needs re-siting.
- Dog bin at the end of West End Rd/West End Lane.
- Horticulture centre.
- Layby where the mobile café used to be situated.

A quote was requested from Grangers to cut the Millennium Green and football pitch, the quote has come in at £150 per cut for 16 cuts a year, compared to Richard O'Dell who invoiced £1800 last year. The PC will be able to claim back vat on these cuts. Clerk will email David Granger proposing 10 cuts at £150 plus two extra cuts, one for 8th July 2018 and one extra when required. The Broadleaf lime weed also needs treating.

3rd/4th March 2018 is keep Britain tidy weekend, volunteers are required to assist with litter picking. The CBC application has also been completed.

20/18 ORCHARDS:

The ACV application for the Orchards was briefly paused due to an issue with the attached map. The Clerk has submitted a new map, which is of the required standard and the application has been reopened. The verdict should be available within 8 weeks, by 12th April 2018.

21/18 CBC DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTIONS:

After 14years with the current contractor CBC is looking to change contracts and therefore change the service. There is currently a public consultation with several options being discussed, all residents are urged to put forward their view.

22/18 DATA PROTECTION:

Cllr Webb will attend the course.

23/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The exhibition took place in January 2018 and there were lots of positive comments. The PC agreed the Village design statement to be included in the plan, all Cllrs in agreement.

24/18 FINANCE:

Cllr Kevan gave an update of the finances.

Bank balances: Current acc £77,446.11 and Deposit £130,478.54

Payments this month:

Clerk fees £465.34

Silsoe Village Hall £80

Rospa £474.00

Maudesport £1590.79

I Kelly expenses £98.43

Bedford borough Payroll charges will now be a monthly payment of £12.50 rather than an annual payment.

All Cllrs agreed to £746 +vat for a traffic census strip.

In preparation for the laying of the cricket pitch the area needs to be prepared. This will incur a cost of £3750.00 which may be recoverable from Bloor Homes. All Cllrs agreed to the expenditure. The hedges around the football pitch areas also need cutting at a cost of approximately £500, all Cllrs agreed to this expenditure.

25/18 PLANNING:

CB/18/00210/FULL COUNTY GARAGE, no objections.

CB/18/00221/FULL TAYMER NURSING HOME, a subsequent meeting will be arranged to discuss this application and to allow Councillors to look at the large quantity of information included in the application.

CB/18/00442/LB 20 HIGH ST, no objections.

CB/TCA/18/00038 no objections.

CB/TCA/18/00024 no objections.

CB/TRE/18/00019 no objections.

26/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Resident advice leaflets.

Brain Tumour Research leaflets.

Cllr Vass left the meeting due to another personal commitment.

27/18 AOB:

- Cllrs Jarrard, Graham and Flack attended the recent Gladman appeal and spoke alongside Roger Shrimplin to represent the PC. All Cllrs thanked them for their efforts.
- The School have requested a Councillor to take on the role as a Governor, representing the PC. Cllr Smith agreed to the role.
- Still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.
- Cllr Jarrard is communicating with Wrest Park over the concerts planned later this year, mainly concerning traffic management. The Antiques Roadshow will also be attending on 19th July and there will be a Garden show in June 2018.
- Cllr Smith suggested that the derelict signs around the Village be removed. All Cllrs agreed providing they are not official or owned by CBC.
- Play areas- ROSPA inspection will be due shortly, all Cllrs agreed to the football pitches being inspected as well. A recent compliment was received for the North play area and how children had enjoyed themselves.
- Annual Parish Meeting is 10th May 2018.
- New football pitches will have no fencing around them when adopted, it was suggested that the PC apply for a bylaw to avoid dogs going on the pitches. The Clerk advised that this is not possible, but signs can be erected imposing a rule that dogs must be on a lead when in that area. Also, no unauthorised wheeled vehicles.
- Mr Muskett has looked at the bollard lighting on the Barton Rd/Mander Farm roundabout. It has corroded and needs rewiring. Cllr Kelly will approach Bloor.
- Some of the man hole covers are dangerous, Cllr Kelly will contact Bloor.
- There have been several burglaries in the Village, be vigilant.
- Disaster Planning to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Cllr Flack unable to make the next two meetings due to work commitments.

13/18 NEXT MEETING

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