

SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in

Silsoe Village Hall on Wednesday 14th March 2018.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. L Mann, J McGrory, I Kelly, R Vass, A Webb, I Smith

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Alison Graham, Cllr Kevan and Cllr Flack.

29/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Concerns were raised over the standard of the footpaths on the Bloor development and as to whether improvements were to be made. The pC pointed out that at the moment they have not adopted the land and therefore the contract still remains between Bloor homes and the residents. The residents were advised to contact Bloor for further information. The resident expressed that the footpaths should perhaps take priority over the cricket pitch, however the PC outlined that the cricket pitch would be completed as part of the development and was a separate issue to that of the footpaths.

30/18 MINUTES:

Minutes of 21st February 2018 were agreed and signed as correct record of the meeting.

31/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None.

32/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:

- The appeal by Mr Ashtar Khan against CBC enforcement notices on the A6 is this week, all the current information has been forwarded to the appropriate officers.
- The judge has not yet delivered his verdict on who owns this site, but it is due.
- The Gill application for change of use on the College Chase site comes before the DMC at the end of March 2018. Cllr Graham will defend the position as best she can.
- A resident complained the recent snow had caused some trees along the A6 to become dislodged, leaning over the cycle path south of Silsoe, so that cyclists were using the roadway, after dark, which is dangerous. Craig Siddle has cleared the whole stretch after an urgent request was submitted.
- A check has been made with Planning and there are still 2 bungalows on the old school site despite the ad, saying large houses.
- An email has been sent to Patricia Comer for an update on the needs scoping exercise re a possible spoke in Silsoe.
- A ward walk has been requested with highways to identify key areas for attention.

33/18 TREES AND HEDGES:

The hedge on the walk by the old school site is overgrown and is becoming an issue. **Resolved:** Cllr Jarrard will contact the developer who now owns the site.

The hedges near The Grove and Sycamore require attention, briars are reaching through the hedges. This is on the boundary with Aragon housing. **Resolved:** Cllr Jarrard will contact Aragon housing.

34/18 THE CAGE REPAIRS:

A resident has expressed concerns over the current condition of the cage. A contractor has visited, taken photographs and we are awaiting a quote. We could look at remedial work as an interim, Cllr Jarrard will chase up the quote.

35/18 DISASTER PLANNING:

Cllr Jarrard appealed for a representative to take this on as a project. Cllr Jarrard will comprise a list and we will discuss it further at the next meeting. It was suggested that maybe this is something the Neighbourhood Plan committee could coordinate once the plan is complete?

36/18 LITTER BINS:

The Clerk and Cllr Kelly met with Waste services and discussed the grass cutting contract and waste bins and dog bins throughout the village. The Clerk has requested that all Councillors email their suggestions to the Clerk prior to her contacting waste services. It was suggested that a larger bin be positioned outside The George and the old school and the bin needs attention in Holly walk. The clerk has already arranged for the bin outside the church to be repositioned and one to be installed by the new bus stop.

The clerk had examples of signs aimed at dog walkers, it was suggested that these be positioned on Walnut walk, the Millennium green. All Cllrs were requested to send their ideas to the clerk.

The possibility of a second bottle bank at the other end of the village was discussed and waste services were happy to explore this, however this was rebutted at the meeting.

37/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Plan is almost ready, it has been circulated to all Councillors and comments are requested. It is the aim of the committee to submit the plan by 1/4/18. Cllr Kelly commented that there is no mention of disabilities in the Design statement.

There is an area of land to the rear of the Sycamores, which is an area for possible development of bungalows.

Discussions have taken place with Jesse Honey concerning the Neighbourhood Plan. An area of land to the east of the village has been mentioned for development, the neighbourhood plan committee have rebutted this.

38/18 FINANCE:

Cllr Kevan provided an update of the finances.

Bank balances: Current acc £63,736.20 and Deposit £130,543.60

Payments this month:

Clerk fees £465.34

Silsoe Village hall £40

Anglian water £54.82 and £11.70

R Shrimplin £6180.48

BATPC £10

J Robinson £129.45

Greensand Trust £1566.00

Red X ltd £336.00

A Muskett £143.22

Eon £34.15

CBC £746.60

Spavins £1860.00

M Jarrard £16.50

The clerk has now opened the new Nationwide bank account, the mandate will be signed after this meeting.

39/18 PLANNING:

CB/18/00657/FULL 14 ASH TREE COVERT, single storey rear extension. No Objection, although Cllrs were concerned with the combination of brick and render being used.

CB/TCA/18/00072 no objections.

40/18 AGREE AND SIGN RISK ASSESSMENT:

All Cllrs agreed and signed the risk assessment, to be reviewed annually.

41/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Hags flyer
- Glasdon flyer
- Eon, change of energy prices
- CBC Consultation
- Boxap catalogue
- Elon city information

42/18 AOB:

- Cllr Smith has put himself forward as a PC representative as a school governor, he is due to attend a meeting tomorrow evening, another candidate has expressed an interest in the position.
- An update on the [play areas was requested, Cllr Kelly will contact Sarah Hughes at CBC.
- The school are yet to still decide on the areas for the football pitch.
- Cllr Kelly has contacted Steve Deare, 25 trees running along from Plantation Place on the Barton Rd which require attention. The drain from the immediate side flowing onto the field has been reported.
- A meeting is to be arranged with Wrest Park to discuss the concerts.

43/18 NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.