

SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in

Silsoe Village Hall on Wednesday 11th April 2018.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. L Mann, J McGrory, I Kelly, A Webb, I Smith, P Kevan, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Alison Graham.

Apologies: Cllr Vass and Cllr Flack.

44/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Representatives for the Millennium Green Trust attended the meeting to discuss assistance with funding to keep their reserves. It was agreed to review the expenditure of the trust alongside the funding that had been obtained twice yearly and to discuss any possible contributions from the PC. The Pc have recently added the grass cutting to the schedule and we are awaiting a quote from David Granger for the treating of the broad leaf weed, the Trust will cover 80% of the cost of this. The Clerk will also contact Grangers for a quote to treat the paths for weeds. The Pc currently also cuts the Hedges around the green with a 40% contribution from the trust. Cllr Kelly will look at the Insurance cover and assess whether it can be added to the PC insurance to save money.

None.

45/18 MINUTES:

Minutes of 14th March 2018 were requiring some changes and will be signed at the next meeting.

46/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None.

47/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:

- No result on the Gladman appeal yet.
- Potholes will not be repaired in the near future, the jetpatcher will make some improvements.
- Ward Hedges Rd: Cllr Graham has spoken to the Enforcement Officer Vicky Perry. The static caravan will remain on site for two more weeks whilst lambing is completed. The untidiness of the site was deemed not expedient to pursue. The officer will visit the site in two weeks and review this. Waste services air pollution are investigating the bonfires.
- A6 Gravenhurst turn: The hearing has been postponed until 23rd May 2018 for the appellant to gather evidence to support his case. The Pc reiterated their concerns and lack of progress to Cllr Graham who will relay this to CBC. The Police have declined any involvement claiming there is insufficient evidence.
- The DMC have agreed to the College Chase development, there was no valid planning reason not allow the development.

- Cllr Graham is trying to arrange a meeting for the PC with Patricia Coker to discuss the possible spoke. Both Highlands and Barton surgeries are no longer accepting new patients. Cllrs should advise any new residents to visit one of these surgeries who will then be able to offer an alternative.
- Cllr Webb requested a template from CBC for the use of disaster planning, Cllr Graham will investigate this.

48/18 LITTER BINS:

The Clerk will investigate the collection times and days for the bins within Silsoe and is also looking at the possibility of replacing some bins with larger bins and adding additional bins.

49/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Neighbourhood Plan is now out for consultation until 13th May 2018, Cllr McGrory requested that all Councillors read it and comment and encourage residents to do the same. After consultation it will go to the CBC inspectors before a referendum taking place.

A meeting has taken place today with English Heritage and the businesses based there, the ongoing issues appear to be:

- The lack of pathway.
- Volume of traffic and subsequent delays at peak times.
- More integration from both sides of the village.
- Post Office hours quite limited.
- The Chip van causing obstruction at busy times.
- Mobile phone signal.
- More copies of the newsletter required to keep businesses updated.

The Greensand Trust Consultation is now open, please go on and vote or comment.

The trees by the school have been cut back but debris left on the path is making it increasingly slippery, Cllr Jarrard will arrange for it to be cleared.

50/18 DISASTER PLANNING:

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee and the Rotary Club are both willing to help and it was suggested the PC work alongside the school. Cllr Graham will investigate the template.

51/18 DATA PROTECTION:

Cllr Webb attended the recent course arranged by BATPC and the Clerk has been looking at the options available to the PC. Local Council Public Advisory Service offer DPO services for approximately £125 per Council, several local PC's have now instructed them as the DPO. They also offer training sessions to help with the requirements of the new legislation, whilst monitoring the work being carried out by the Clerk. These sessions are £250 and can be shared amongst Clerks for a group session. All Cllrs agreed, the Clerk will instruct LCPAS.

52/18 FINANCE:

Cllr Kevan provided an update of the finances.

Bank balances: Current acc £109,593.91 and Deposit £130,543.60

Payments this month:

Clerk fees £465.34

Silsoe Village hall £40

BATPC fees £604

Grangers £864

Eon £113.39

Eon £2364.49

Clerk expenses £361.66

Transfer of £49,002.00 to the sports centre.

The clerk has now opened the new Nationwide bank account, the mandate has been signed and will be sent to them.

A vat claim of £3625.68 has now been received.

The Clerk has almost finished her CILCA qualification, this portfolio will need to be submitted at a cost of £250 and membership taken out with SLCC at a cost of £12 joining fee and £128 annual fee. Both costs will be shared with Campton and Chicksands Parish Council, all Cllrs agreed.

53/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- CPRE magazine
- CPRE AGM information
- Wickstead flyer

54/18 AOB:

- Andy Muskett has sent a recent email outlining the importance of changing upgrading the lights, he was due to send out a report regarding Silsoe lighting, the Clerk will chase this.
- An update request has been sent to Nick Shaw with regards to the High St improvements and the possible timescale involved.
- Cllr Jarrard will contact English Heritage to discuss the concerts.
- The hedges alongside the allotment have been cut but not very well, Cllr Jarrard will follow this up.
- The clerk has reported the uprooted dog bin and CBC will arrange for it to be refitted.
- The school are delaying acceptance of the new football pitches, fencing and boundaries. The GPS co-ordinates indicate the boundary and the PC are now able to adopt their area and will proceed.

- Silsoe Community Recreational Trust will hold their AGM at the same time as the PC on 10th May 2018.
- There have been no comments regarding the increase in precept.
- A fence is required to demark the area of the Village Orchard, it was suggested that gates be fitted for access and this should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

55/18 NEXT MEETING: Thursday 10th May 2018.

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