

SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in

Silsoe Village Hall on Thursday 10th May 2018.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. L Mann, P Kevan, J McGrory, I Kelly, R Vass, A Webb, I Smith, Cllr Flack, CBC Cllr. Alison Graham

Apologies: Clerk - Mrs T Medley - apologies due to family circumstances

44/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

45/18 MINUTES:

Minutes of 11st April 2018 were agreed and signed as correct record of the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said it was a requirement that the posts of Chairman and Deputy Chairman be elected at the Meeting after the AGM.

Cllr Kelly proposed that Cllr Jarrard there being no other nominations the proposal was put to the vote and Cllr Jarrad was elected to the post of Chairman of the Parish Council.

Cllr Vass proposed Cllr McGory as Vice Chairman. Cllr McGory declined the nomination

Cllr Kevan proposed Cllr Kelly there being no further nominations the proposal was put to the vote and Cllr Kelly was duly elected Deputy Chairman of Silsoe Parish Council.

COUNCILLORS DUTIES

Concerns were aired regarding the current distribution of workload within the Council, the need to improve the distribution within the Council and opportunities Councillors to gain experience in other areas of work. After some discussion it was agreed that at the next Parish Council Meeting there would be a discussion about how this could be organised and agreement on the way forward.

45/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None.

46/18 DATA PROTECTION GPRC

Cllr Webb said that although there were proposals to vary the responsibilities for Local Councils this Council she felt that SPC should go ahead as agreed with the proposed training and audit proposals. Agreed.

47/18 AUDIT

Cllr Kevan presented the completed documents, and which were now ready to be considered and approved by the Council. After a short description Cllr Kelly proposed that the document be signed and approved. The proposal was put to the meeting and meeting approved by acclamation. The Chairman duly signed and dated the document.

49/18 FINANCIALS

Cllr Kevan presented invoices received in the last period

Grangers - 10 invoices	£ 3,474.54
Society of Council Clerks membership	£ 73.50
Local Council Public Advisory Service	£125.00
Grangers	£689.94

The invoices were found to be in order and payments were approved by the meeting.

Cheques were prepared and ready for Chairman's Signature

It was confirmed that the Nationwide bank account was now operational. The transfer of £80,000 from the main account to the new account could now be completed.

50/18 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

There were three (3) planning applications before the meeting these were

CB/18/01274/OUT - Approved

CB/18/01226/FULL - Approved

CB/18/01457/FULL - Approved

The meeting reviewed the applications and there were no objections.

51/18 CONSULTATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dial-A-Ride

Request for a donation. Agreed to find out what services available to Silsoe Residents and make recommendation at next meeting

2. Bloor Homes – Service Contract

Iain Smith stated that Residents are confused about responsibilities for services on the Bloor estate. Recent problems with lack of grass cutting had highlighted confusion.

IJK stated that Bloor Homes have not handed-over any other Amenity Areas. (Community Woodland, Village Park, Village Green, Football Pitches or the Community Orchard) Roads, Pavements, Street lighting.

HF suggested that a Frequently Asked Question's page be created giving responsibility and telephone contacts displayed via Web site and Facebook. Agreed HF to look at possible questions.

3. Speed Limits

Residents' concerns about speed of traffic on development.

It was pointed out that until the roads were adopted by CBC speed issues should be addressed to Bloor Homes.

52/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

HF reported going to plan with a good response on the latest consultation. Implored everyone present to make a return.

Campton Parish Council Visit was helpful in several areas good exchange of ideas.

53/18 DISASTER PLANNING

AW stated that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would be pleased to take on responsibility for creating Silsoe Village Disaster Plan. Approved.

54/18 - TREES

LM reported that he wished to: -

Remove the small akj tree in the West End Lane play area. Too large for the play area and becoming an issue. Approved

Remove small dead tree in Pine Walk – too consider replacement – Approved.

Report of a large Leylandii hedgerow in the Grove / Sycamore Close. Previously discussed the trees are the responsibility of the Resident. Concern that if the Council steps and pays for the hedge to be removed may create a precedent. Possible for Council to consider doing the work based on financial hardship. Requested that RV contact the Resident to find out his/her situation and report back to Council with recommendation.

55/18 BLOOR HOMES HANDOVER

Football Pitches – In the hands of the Solicitors Bloor Homes & SPC - Adoption of Football pitches areas will be subject to remedial works on grass. School Football Pitch - Area has been marked out with the approval of the CBC Asset Officer awaiting adoption by CBC Education School have yet to agree fencing details and access ways

Play Areas – SPC trying to get Bloor Hokes to commit to installing equipment. Equipment has been agreed between SDC and CBC but no approval between CBC and Bloor Homes.

Community Woodland – Negotiating with Bloor Homes - Remedial works including pathways and funding to be applied to this area.

Village Park - Bloor Homes have agreed to install a cricket square complete (5 +1) with water supply. Awaiting approval. SPC / SCRT have held meeting with SCC and discussed possible conditions of use.

SPC has implemented grass preparation ready for installation works.

Community Orchard – Details with Solicitors handling adoption - Bloor Homes own the land and the S106 contribution to be handed over. SPC Solicitor trying to agree erection of fence and gateway design which are condition of S106 also marking out the perimeter prior to construction.

SCSC - Roof Building Defect – Watson & Cox have inspected the roof and a report is awaited.

56/18 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2205hrs