

## **SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in

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

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. L Mann, P Kevan, J McGrory, I Kelly, Bache CBC Cllr Alison Graham.

Apologies: Cllr Flack

### **89/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Residents attended the meeting to discuss the planning application due to be submitted to CBC for a 40ft EE mast. The application will be for a 40ft mast with cabinets at the base to provide 4G, this may then be changed to 5G, which will require an increase in height and additional cabinets. Ofcom standards state that it is good practice to share a mast where possible and permission has already been granted for a 25ft mast within the village, residents questioned why this could not be used? The PC have the following concerns:

- The application would put the mast in the 'wrong' place, it would be better placed higher up, where it would give better performance.
- The application does not talk of coverage/performance.
- Not aesthetically pleasing within the village/health and safety concerns.
- The company spoke of removing the current mast, which would leave the village with no coverage.

The additional boxes at the base do not require planning permission. The planning officer is Matt Cranitch, Cllr Kelly will look into this.

Permission for the 24 ft mast was granted in August 2017 (application CB/17/03059/TD)

### **90/18 MINUTES:**

Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were agreed and signed as correct record of the meeting.

### **91/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

None.

### **92/18 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR:**

Mr Robert Harrison has been observing meetings and has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. This was proposed by Cllr Jarrard and seconded by Cllr Bache. All Councillors in favour. Mr Harrison completed the relevant paperwork and joined the meeting. The Clerk will contact the monitoring officer at CBC.

### **93/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:**

- The A6, Gravenhurst Rd appeal has been rescinded. Cllr Graham has met with the official owner and he is intending to tidy the site and rent it out for agricultural purposes, the site has been trashed by the previous occupier. One of the Enforcement notices was concerning the bunds, Cllr Graham will look into whether the removal of these bunds is still being enforced? The bund has also filled in a highway drain, which Cllr Graham will report.
- The Clerk has been exchanging emails over the Silsoe Road enforcement case, there appears to be a difference in the dates criteria between the planning department and the Enforcement team. Cllr Kevan and the Clerk will follow this up.
- Cllr Graham confirmed that once CBC has granted permission for a planning application, they cannot enforce the timescale. Developers have a five-year window from the date permission is granted to start work and then can continue as long as is necessary. It is expected that an application for the development pocket within the M1/A6 link will be submitted in 2019 with a view to building in 2021.
- Cllr Kevan questioned if the special provision for school transport for special needs has been withdrawn? Cllr Graham confirmed that it can be withdrawn as it is not legislated but she will look into the situation.

94/18 EE MAST:

Planning application CB/18/03676/TD, CLOSING DATE 23/11/18

The Parish Council will object on reasonable grounds as discussed under 89/18. Cllr Graham will support the PC and apply to have it called into the Development Management Committee.

95/18: BUS SHELTERS:

Residents have requested replacement Perspex for the bus shelters. In the past it has been replaced several times and then damaged so the PC had made a conscious decision to not replace it. Cllr Kelly will obtain a quote for the replacement and the PC will then discuss it further.

96/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Plan has been submitted to Tom Price at CBC, there is a slight delay on the predicted dates discussed at the last PC meeting, but it is still moving forward.

97/18 VAN MORRISON CONCERT:

Cllr Kelly and Cllr Jarrard attended a meeting with English Heritage to discuss the above event. The PC have been assured that there will be no major events like this for the foreseeable future and they apologised for the inconvenience it had caused. They are looking to hold a food fayre, open air cinema and the launch of the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. There will be a number of weddings next summer. There is still no traffic plan in place.

Councillors queried the lateness and volume of music being played, weddings do hold a licence to midnight, but Cllr Jarrard will discuss the volume of the music at their next meeting.

98/18 SPORTS CENTRE SIGNS:

The Clerk has been exploring the possibility of Public Spaces Protection Orders. CBC are currently looking to change the dog orders, this will be up for consultation in February 2019, the PC will have the opportunity to put forward its request. The other option is that once the PC take ownership of the land they may put signs up stating where dogs are permitted, these signs will be purely advisory and not enforceable. The Clerk has arranged for Dog wardens to patrol the area.

99/18 PLANNING:

The following planning applications were considered:

CB/TRE/18/00328

CB/TCA/18/00354

CB/TCA/18/00331

CB/TCA/18/00381

CB/18/02933/FULL 78 Ampthill Rd

100/18 FINANCES:

Outgoing payments over the summer period:

Grangers -	£716.32, £2343.36, £4680
M Jarrard	£139.68
Clerk expenses	£421.40
Eon	£1.87
A Muskett	£143.22
Salary Clerk	£504.53
CPM playgrounds	£312
L Bains	£250

Balances:

Current Account £72,920.03

Business Account £65,625.37

Nationwide £80,000

£8000 has been transferred to the grass cutting budget, proposed by Cllr Kevan and seconded by Cllr Jarrard.

The Clerk will be meeting with the Internal Auditor in the coming weeks.

The grass cutting is currently for 52,233 m2 if all the new grass is adopted the new area will be 121,693m2, this will need to be taken into consideration for the budget.

A budget meeting will be scheduled.

#### 101/18 CONSULTATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- Kompan flyer
- Broxap Sunshine Gym Catalogue
- Scam mail information
- Magpas- thank you for donation

#### 102/18 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

It was agreed the APM will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

#### 103/18 – AOB

#### BLOOR UPDATE:

1. Works have been completed to the pathways and a number of remedial items have been listed including issues with a drain.
  2. Bloor will be producing a landscaping report, which will go to the planning officer.
  3. The cricket pitch has been installed and access to water is now available.
  4. Repairs to pathways and ponds is listed on the adoption works record to be completed.
  5. Play areas are still under discussion, Hags have submitted plans to Lisa White at CBC, the planning officer is yet to agree.
  6. Gate is to be installed.
  7. Works to the 70 trees on Barton Rd is to be included in the adoption works.
  8. There is a leak in the Community building, the PC agreed that they would like to see a report outlining the defect prior to work being carried out to fix it. Cllr Kelly and the Clerk will write to Bloor.
  9. Bloor plan to be off site by end of January 2019, residents should report any defects prior to this.
  10. A financial settlement has not yet been agreed.
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- Silsoe Community Society requested a donation for the Christmas lights, all Councillors agreed to £500.
  - Cllr Bache raised concerns over horses not sticking to the bridal ways, he will speak to Cllr Graham.
  - Cllr Jarrard will write a letter to the Gills requesting information on The George.
  - Residents have complained about the timings of works to the new shop area which currently seems to be 0700-1900. Cllr Jarrard will advise them to speak to the Environmental officer.
  - There should have been a public entrance to The Orchard, prior to works starting in the area, Cllr Kelly will follow this up.

- A resident in Newbury Lane has complained about the number of heavy lorries being parked, he will be advised to contact DVLA or planning enforcement.
- Crime stats show lots of fear and provocation of violence in the last six months. We require a Councillor to attend Police meetings.
- All Councillors agreed to the Contacts list being distributed.
- Roles and responsibilities will be on the next Agenda, the Clerk requested that all Councillors look in advance to see what tasks they would be willing to take on.
- The Clerk has been chasing CBC for the traffic assessment which was ordered and paid for in April.
- All Councillors agreed to the Clerk signing up and paying for Dropbox.
- Cllr Jarrard warned the Councillors that the Clerk will be going back into hospital next week.

104/18 NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.