

SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in
Silsoe Village Hall on Wednesday 14th November 2018.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. L Mann, P Kevan, H Flack, I Kelly, Bache CBC Cllr Alison Graham.

Apologies: Cllr McGrory.

105/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Residents attended the meeting to discuss the planning application due to be submitted to CBC for a 40ft EE mast. The Parish Council will be submitting their views prior to the 19/11/18 deadline. The PC are aware that the Village requires coverage, particularly for the employment centre in Wrest Park. However, they are concerned with the mast being situated within the village itself. The Pc will also consider the statement from the Neighbourhood Plan with regards to telecommunication.

A resident was concerned about planning application CB/18/03824/FULL for 15 Church Rd, she was particularly concerned with the impact on the Cage. The PC will take this on board when considering the application. The PC advised the resident to submit her own concerns to CBC. The Pc is currently seeking professional advice on repairs to the Cage.

A resident attended to discuss a planning application, CB/18/03648/FULL he has submitted for a greenhouse in the garden of 36 Ampthill Rd.

The issue of the street lighting within the village was also raised, the PC will be considering embellishments and the painting of the street lights black.

106/18 MINUTES:

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

Matters arising:

Two bus shelter quotes have been requested, updates at the next meeting.

A letter was posted to the Gills, no reply yet.

The horses are not sticking to the bridleways but there have been no further complaints.

107/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Cllr Harrison in reference to planning application at 15 Church Rd.

Cllr Mann in reference to planning application at 38 Newbury Lane.

108/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- There has been no change to the current system of School transport.

- A6 Bund issue, work is being carried out on this and it is the last of the enforcement notices.
- Cllr Graham has been following up on the Health and Wellbeing spoke. A scoping exercise is currently being carried out to identify the needs of villages within the area, the nearest Hub would be Biggleswade.
- The Horticultural Centre is being looked at as part of a move to reorganise day-care provision in CBC, the Centre may become a hub for day-care users.

109/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

There is a back log currently at CBC, so a little delay to the timescales. Tom has recommended applying for further funding and commencing the Health Plan review, this will deal with any issues prior to it being submitted to the Inspector. The service will cost approximately £900-£1400, a grant has been applied for.

The Local Plan has been returned to CBC on three points of question, this is to be expected as the Inspector is likely to have questions at this stage. There are 12 neighbouring authorities and it was thought that all authorities had signed off on the CBC Local Plan, but it appears that Luton did not.

The Neighbourhood Plan can be submitted and approved even though the Local Plan is still ongoing.

110/18 PLAY AREAS, TREES AND HEDGES:

There is no further update on the new play areas for the Bloor site.

The clerk will chase the contractor for a start date for the repairs to the Play area.

The Clerk will also chase Grangers for a start date for the tree works within the village, he had anticipated carrying out the work during October 2018.

It has been agreed that the works to the trees and bushes on the old school site will be carried out by the developer.

Concerns have been raised by a resident over the bushes by where Holly Walk joins the new development, it is for the maintenance contractor to deal with, the resident has been advised.

111/18 STREET LIGHTING:

19 lights are being replaced, 13 of which are in a conservation area. The Principal Highways officer at CBC was unaware of the works being carried out. Andy Clarke will return from leave on Monday, so a meeting will be set up with him.

The Pc will discuss the option of having the lanterns changed into period lanterns, also the option of keeping the galvanised bottom but having them painted black and embellishments fitted. The Pc will need to eventually look at changing all of the lights, so it is uniform.

The Pc will need to look at a long-term lighting plan.

112/18 SALT BAG SCHME:

It was decided due to the difficulties with storing the salt and the fact that it is hazardous waste to remove at the end of the winter that the PC would not request salt. The Clerk will arrange for the yellow salt bins to be refilled.

113/18 PLANNING:

The following planning applications were considered:

CB/18/03847/FULL 38 Newbury lane, new bungalow to the rear of the dwelling. Objection to be submitted.

CB/18/03676/TD Telecommunications Development, installation of monopole. Objection to be submitted.

CB/18/03824/FULL 15 Church Rd, single storey side/rear extension. Views to be submitted.

CB/18/04050/FULL 7 Elm Drive, Sigle storey front extension, no objections.

CB/18/04061/FULL 5 Fir Tree Rd, single storey front extension, no objections.

CB/18/03821/FULL 76 Newbury Lane, dormer window, no objection.

CB/18/02933/FULL 36 Ampthill Rd, greenhouse, no objection.

CB/18/02933/FULL 76 Ampthill Rd, dropped kerb, no objection.

114/18 FINANCES:

Outgoing payments over the summer period:

Grangers -	£3346.88
M Jarrard	£29.86
Royal British Legion	£50
J Robinson	£269.54
Eon	£27.20
Village Hall	£60 and £60 for September
Salary Clerk	£504.53
L Dhanani (replace L Bain last month)	£250

Balances:

Current Account £69,625.87

Business Account £65,625.37

Nationwide £80,000

A budget meeting will be scheduled. A meeting is to be arranged with David Granger to discuss grass cutting prior to the budget being agreed.

The Parish magazine will not require their £500 budget donation for this year but would appreciate £250 being put aside in the budget for next year.

All Cllrs agreed to £2800 for repairs to play equipment.

The Clerk requires signatories to complete banking paperwork.

115/18 CONSULTATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- Hags flyer
- Girlguiding information
- Thank you from Badger Hill Scouts
- Francesca Johnstone request for help with vulnerable people, request denied.

116/18 – AOB

- A Cllr suggested we consider more Remembrance statues for the Village, it was agreed that we had completed this fundraising for this year.
- There have been lots of complaints on Facebook concerning fireworks.
- There have been a number of incidents of crime in the Village. A sub-group has been set up within Silsoe Network, a Community Crimewatch. Advice has been sought from PC Dagle and information is on the website.
- Cllr Harrison has inspected trees and all applications have been fine.
- An advertisement has been put in the Silsoe magazine requesting that all dog owners to keep their dogs on leads near the football pitches.
- The School have requested information on the Bloor handover as they are having issues with their football pitch.
- The Willow tree was trimmed in the Village by Bloor as suggested.
- Works have been carried out at the junction of Obelisk Way, there was an issue with a water main, the holes will be repaired shortly.
- Dog Wardens are now patrolling the new football pitch area, requesting dogs on leads near the pitches.
- Some decorating works are taking place at the sports centre, PC will pay the costs and recover the expense from the Muga rent.
- The condensation issue at the sports centre has not been resolved. Cllr Kelly is looking into this.
- A meeting with Bloor is due to take place at the end of November 2018.
- John Robinson has arranged for two new residents to take on the allotment administration, we still urgently require someone to collect the rents.

- Dropbox trial has begun, could all Cllrs please look at it and provide the Clerk with some feedback.

117/18 NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 12th December 2018.