

SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in

Silsoe Village Hall on Wednesday 14th June 2017.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. I Kelly, L Mann, H Flack, A Webb, R Vass, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Alison Graham.

Apologies: Cllr J MrGrory, Cllr P Kevan

58/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

59/17 MINUTES:

Minutes of 10th May 2017 were agreed and signed as correct record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

- Cllr Kelly has been in contact with Anglian Water over the drainage issue and is awaiting a further response. He has also spoken to Peter Burke to state there is a serious problem with the drainage and also the junior pitches are not suitable to use due to debris.
- Cllr Jarrard is awaiting a quote for the repair works to the Cage.
- Roger Shrimplin will act on behalf of the Parish Council at the tribunal for the Gladman application. The Parish Council have also registered to speak and plan to raise separate issues.

60/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None. The Clerk has spoken to the Monitoring Officer at CBC and some of the required paperwork had been completed but not been submitted for two Councillors. This has now been completed again and the Clerk will submit it.

61/17 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:

- A resident has been in contact concerning the speed of vehicles travelling in Ampthill Rd, Cllr Graham reminded the Council that this may be something to look at if the Rural Match Funding is still available this year.
- There is a problem with nettles and the hedges in The Grove, **Resolved:** Cllr Jarrard will speak to Cllr Foolkes concerning this.
- The problem on the new estate with regards to white lines and yellow zig zags is still on-going. There have been at least two near misses and it needs rectifying. CBC has not adopted the roads yet so it is the responsibility of Bloor. **Resolved:** Cllr Graham will speak to the schools dept and Cllr Kelly will speak to Peter Burke at Bloor.
- A6. An enforcement application was submitted for the removal of the two caravans and the hard standing. The caravans have been removed but replaced with a large truck. The Hazardous waste team have been instructed to assess the waste on the site.

- The Court case to decide ownership of the site is scheduled for the end of June 2017.
- Patricia Coco will contact the Council for a meeting at the end of June after she has the input of the other parties.
- West End Rd, a retrospective application will be requested. Some abuse was aimed at a Councillor following a previous meeting. Any further abuse will be reported to the Police and Anti-social Behaviour team.
- The Local Plan will go before the Executive Committee on 20th June 2017 and will then go to Public Consultation from 4th July-29th August 2017. The key principle appears to be in creating new villages rather than extending existing ones.
- The Call for Sites haven't yet been shortlisted but more information will be issued around 4th July 2017.

62/17 POSSIBILITY OF AN ADDITIONAL BENCH:

The possibility of an additional bench within the village near the old Post Office was discussed at the previous meeting. All Councillors were in favour of exploring this idea. **Resolved:** Cllr Jarrard will explore the idea further and speak to the residents living in the Old Post Office.

63/17 STREET WITH NO NAME:

As discussed in previous meetings there is a lack of a sign and name for the Road between Mander Farm Rd and Barton Rd. CBC contacted the Parish Council to see if they would like to propose a name for this particular stretch of road?

Resolved: It was agreed by all Councillors that the name they would like to propose would be Cranfield Rd due to the history of the site. Clerk will report this back to CBC.

64/17 SILSOE COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB:

The club has had children attending training sessions, unfortunately due to the wide range of ages it has not been possible to form a full team. Children have moved from the club to other teams who are playing within the league and therefore there has been a drop in numbers. One coach has resigned due to injury and the other coach is moving to an alternative club. With all of this in mind the decision has been made to close the football club with a view to perhaps re-starting it in a few years when there may be more children available.

Cllr Vass questioned whether the Parish Council would like to receive its donation back or whether they felt it appropriate that it be donated to the Silsoe Community Society or other charity? It was agreed by all Councillors that the PC would take back the money and ring-fence it for youth activities.

65/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

A training session took place last week to support the volunteers working on the Neighbourhood plan and it was reported back that the training was useful and the committee are on target with the plan so far.

30% of residents within the village have responded to the questionnaire and an exhibition will take place on 29th July 2017 in the Village Hall. The exhibition will run jointly with the Green Sand

Trust who are working on the Infrastructure Plan. Evidence is currently being gathered for the plan. Other local communities will be approached as the Committee look at walking and cycling routes.

An application for funding has been submitted to Groundworks today to cover some of the costs incurred.

66/17 FINANCE:

Cllr Kevan gave an update of the finances.

Bank balances: Current acc £52,171.43 Dep £130,455.67

Payments this month:

EON £16.68

GRANGERS £422.24

CTP CONSTRUCTION £250

SILSOE VILLAGE HALL £162.50

CAMPTON PC £37.50 (PART SHARE IN ADMINISTRATION BOOK)

DATA SOLUTIONS £80 (T MEDLEY)

MAGPAS DONATION £50

The Clerk has met with the Internal Auditor who has approved the Audit and written a report, the documents are now ready to be submitted to BDO.

The fees for the previous Clerk are still outstanding and the Parish Council would like to reimburse the family. It is estimated that the costs should be in the region of £8750.00, all Councillors agreed to the amount being up to £10,000.

67/17 PLANNING:

CB/TCA/17/00192 WORKS TO TREES AT WREST PARK

Cllr Foolkes will assess these trees.

CB/17/02158/FULL 12 CHURCH ROAD, REGULARIZATION FOR INSTALLATION OF EXTERNAL ESCAPE STAIR ACCESS TO FIRST FLOOR.

No Objection.

CB/17/02510/LB 48 HIGH ST, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS

No objection.

CB/17/02063/FULL 28 THE BEECHES, FRONT PORCH AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

There is no design and access statement included in the planning documents. The dwelling is located at the narrowest point on the road in the lower section of the development. The Council would like to request a detailed statement describing how goods and materials are to be delivered and stored during the building works without inconveniencing the other residents or restricting access in the event of an emergency.

CB/17/01819/FULL 38A NEWBURY LANE, CREATION OF BALCONY ON FLAT ROOF EXTENSION.

No Objection

CB/TCA/17/00192 TREE WORKS WITHIN WREST PARK

No Objection.

The Old School site has been sold but as yet there has been no planning application.

68/17 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Grant appeal from Magpas Air Ambulance, donation of £50 given.
- Seafarers request to fly a merchant flag.
- The Village Hall committee will raise the rates of hall hire to £20 from June 2017.
- War memorial invitation, 4th July 2017.

69/17 AOB:

- Street Watch, Cllr Vass has contacted Juliet Wright. There is a group around College Chase that are running. We need 7 volunteers to make it work and be effective within the village. Cllr Vass will put an article in the Parish Pump and attend the Neighbourhood Plan exhibition.
- The grass cutting in Obelisk Way needs addressing, it is still the responsibility of the Management committee, and Cllr Vass will report it.
- ASB was reported in Alder vine, young people with knives. The people were either visitors or have moved on.
- The telecommunications mast has been relocated behind trees so as not to obscure the view as much.
- Elm Drive are holding a street party this weekend in memory of the MP who lost her life, her husband requested it to improve communication in communities in her memory.
- Hedges along the path at the back of the school need assessing and there are two dead trees in the play area and a shrub in the play area is growing through the fence., Cllr Jarrard will speak to Cllr Foolkes.
- Play areas are continually checked and in good condition. We have the Rospa reports now.
- The bottle bank has improved and there has been less fly tipping.
- Grass verges on Ampthill rd need attention, Clerk will report this to Grangers.
- Fish and Chip van is situated back on the Rd as it didn't work as well in the Car park, some complaints have been received concerning parked cars and congestion.
- Miller Road has now been adopted.
- Brass plaque on the bench is being fitted later this week.

- A ROSPA inspection is due to take place on the Community Land and football pitches.
- A meeting has take place with Grangers, quotes have been requested and also a specification of grass cutting.
- The Clerk received an email regarding overhanging shrubs in Holly Walk, Cllr Kelly has investigated and apparently the resident does not live in Silsoe. The Clerk will speak to CBC.
- Cllr Kelly and the Clerk met with Howard Griffin from CBC to discuss the three new play areas and agreed some modifications. We have been contacted by a representative from the manufacturers but our contract is directly with Bloor so plan to meet them.
- Mander Farm pedestrian crossing has poor visibility for both pedestrians and drivers. Cllr Kelly will contact CBC.
- In Park Avenue there is an area of hard standing for wheelchairs and someone has placed a flower pot on it, it was decided to wait and see if any complaints come in as the flowers do look nice in that position.
- Concerns were raised over how to protect the trees in the retail area that is to be developed. Signs to protect them?
- Cllr Jarrard and Cllr Kelly attended the Official School opening and were very impressed and felt the village should be proud of their school.

70/17 NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.