

SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in

Silsoe Village Hall on Wednesday 12th October 2016.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. I Kelly, P Kevan, L Mann, E Owen, J Foolkes, R Vass, H Flack and A Webb and Central Bedfordshire Councillor Alison Graham.

Apologies: Cllr McGrory

243/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Planning applications CB/16/04121/OUT, CB/16/04284/FULL, CB/16/04149/FULL AND CB/16/04438/LB Were discussed.

Many residents raised concerns over the development of the old school site, especially the appearance and height of the proposed properties. Cllr Jarrard is due to meet with N Smith, the planning Officer on 13th October and he will request an extension to the deadline so the Parish Council has more time to consider it.

Silsoe Community Society suggested whether it would be possible to develop the site for medical purposes. As a society they will look into this further.

244/16 MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2016 were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

245/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None.

246/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Siobhan Vincent from CBC attended the meeting; she gave a brief talk and distributed information to each Councillor on the Neighbourhood plan. Grants of up to £9000 are available to support the Parish Council in creating the plan; the money is available in increments of £1000. Parishes with a plan are entitled to claim a higher percentage of CIL money. Silsoe already has a Parish Plan and a Green Infrastructure Plan which will assist.

Resolved: All Councillors in favour of Silsoe having a Neighbourhood Plan, Cllrs Flack, Webb and possibly Vass will form a sub-committee. The Clerk will register the Parish area.

247/16 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor A Graham attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on the following matters:

- A Transport Strategy Meeting took place on 11th October 2016. Certain transport e.g. Dial-a-ride and Link-a-ride will be put out to tender rather receiving grants. After April the services being offered will be clear and the aim will be to fill the gaps with flittabus, dial-a-ride etc.
- Day care centres are too big, old and expensive and the travels time increasingly long. The new idea put forward is to create smaller hubs in rural areas in appropriate buildings with cooking and disabled toilets. The aim will be to a professional assigned to each hub who will be supported by volunteers.
- Local Plan- meeting on 26th October 2.30-7.30. Cllr Flack will attend.
- A named Police Officer is being assigned to each area.
- CBC will not be providing parking outside schools due to Health and safety.

248/16 INSURANCE:

Cllr Kelly and the Clerk met with a representative from Came and Company the Policy was agreed and the yearly cost is £4910.66 or reduced to £4665.13 for a three year policy. It was agreed to enter into the three year policy. As the sports Centre develops we will need to look at adding potential loss of income to the policy.

249/16 SILSOE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE:

The air conditioning has been fitted and the new fencing is being installed. Arrangements have been made with the developers for the road and walkway to the football pitches and preparations are being made to lay the grass.

There are currently 400 members, a nurse is running a baby clinic and there are children's activities for under 5's.

Visitors from CBC have been invited to the Sports centre on 13th October 2016, Cllr Jarrard, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Owen and the Clerk will also attend.

250/16 SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN AND GLADMAN:

Councillors met with Nick Shaw on 11th October 2016 and agreed the School travel plan; it will be implemented in the New Year, hopefully completed by Easter.

The High Street scheme was also agreed and will now be subject to Statutory Consultation and will be completed in the next financial year. There will also be discussions concerning the speed limit on the new developments.

All Councillors were very pleased that the Gladman proposal did not have planning permission granted. Councillor Jarrard thanked Councillor Flack for all of her hard work and dedication.

Feedback from CBC does not seem to be received by the Parish Council. Councillors will keep looking at the website for updates.

251/16 LITTERBINS:

The bins have now been emptied and will be emptied on a regular basis.

252/16 NOTICEBOARD AND BENCH:

The notice board should be delivered in approximately 3 wks, CBC has agreed to its installation, Bloor will fit it. Cllr Kelly is looking into the new bench.

253/16 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

There have been lots of comments and complaints through social media concerning a group of young people in the Village and some abusive posts concerning neighbours. Cllr Flack has been in contact with the ASB Unit and they have managed to offer support to one incident.

Resolved: Councillor will speak to the Community Police and team of Specials.

254/16 FINANCE UPDATE:

Payments to be made:

Guardian Environmental £5563.94

Grangers £278.32

A Muskett £143.22

Grangers £211.12

Maudesport £260.99

J Robinson £94.82

Silsoe Soccer Club £200

Eon £2124.91

I Kelly £11.96

Came and Company £4665.13

Eon £192.71

The S106 application has been submitted to CBC.

BDO have completed the Audit and sent through a report.

£5000 from the lighting budget has now been moved to the Playground budget to enable repairs to be made.

£4000 will be received from the School for the Sports centre.

Silsoe News reported that they will not require any further financial support in this financial year.

257/16 Playgrounds:

The Playgrounds continue to be inspected by Cllr Mann on a regular basis. The Northern Play area ROSPA inspections revealed a significant number of repairs and improvements that need to be

made. Cllr Mann has received a quote from CPM Playgrounds to carry out the work. Total cost of the repairs amounted to £7,311.00. All Councillors in agreement.

Resolved: Cllr Mann will arrange for the repairs to be carried out.

256/16 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Jenna Campbell email concerning dog fouling.

CBC and Local Plan leaflets.

Posters and an invitation to the Local Plan Meeting on 26th October.

257/16 AOB:

- Permission has been sought from the Parish Council to hold a Pancake Race on Sunday 26th February, money raised to go to Silsoe Community Society. All Councillors agreed.
- Silsoe Soccer Club has started training on Sundays and seems to be very well supported.
- A Development Order has been issued for a house within the Village for modification.
- Councillor Owen asked if CBC is still co-ordinating with the Parish Council over the choice of street names. Cllr Jarrard will follow this up with CBC.
- Cllr Foolkes has been obtaining quotes for the tree and hedge work that needs to be carried out, he will update further at the next meeting.
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258 /16 NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.