

SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in

Silsoe Village Hall on Wednesday 9th November 2016.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. I Kelly, P Kevan, L Mann, E Owen, J Foolkes, R Vass, J McGrory and A Webb.

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Alison Graham, Cllr Flack.

259/16 PLANNING:

Cllr Jarrard reported back to Councillors on a recent meeting with Donna Lavender concerning the PPAD on 2 units on Silsoe Road. Concerns were raised over whether the original buildings were used for agricultural purposes? Cllr Jarrard will follow this up with the planning officer; an affidavit has been signed by the applicant.

Mr Swain will be writing a letter to CBC concerning the ownership of the plot of land surrounding the school.

Application CB/TCA/16/00422 will be investigated by Cllr Foolkes.

260/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Residents raised the ongoing issue of the improvements to the walk to school. Cllr Owen clarified the situation with reference to a recent meeting with Nick Shaw at CBC. There have been issues with the contractors but the works will be carried out as soon as possible.

261/16 MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2016 were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

262/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None.

263/16 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor A Graham was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

- Cllr Graham will be writing to the inspector to endorse the planning officer's rejection over 2 Ampthill Rd.
- Nothing has changed with regards to the A6 deadlock, the county court case will take place next year, and CBC is unable to do anything until then. Mike Duffet, the enforcement officer recently gained access and confirmed that the orders have not been complied with.
- Cllr Graham has requested the name of the officer which will be appointed to the Parish from Kathryn Holloway, Beds Police PCC. She will keep us updated.
- Complaints are still being received about the hole in the fence between Miller and Bloor.

- CBC open day in Barton le Clay was well attended; the information will form an integral part of the new local plan.

264/16 BENCH AND NOTICEBOARD:

The Notice board has arrived and is being stored at the Sports centre. The developer's contractors are going to fit the legs; once this is completed the Cllrs will attach the notice board.

The bench has been ordered and a quote for removal/fitting has been received.

Cllr Kelly is arranging a plaque for both.

265/16 HANGING BASKET:

A request to hang a hanging basket outside the Barbers has been submitted to the Parish Council. Questions were raised as to the exact position and height.

RESOLVED: Cllr Vass will visit the Barbers for more accurate information.

266/16 LOCK UP:

The lock up is in need of repair and maintenance. The Lock up is grade 2 listed and therefore appropriate qualified contractors have to carry out the repairs.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Foolkes is investigating the repairs; Cllr Kelly has contacts he will forward to Cllr Foolkes.

267/16 PLAYGROUNDS:

The Playgrounds continue to be inspected weekly; a piece of equipment is sectioned off until repaired. CPM playgrounds will be carrying out repairs in due course.

Cllr Kelly has been in contact with Lisa White at CBC with regards to the new play areas on the new developments, Bloor have confirmed that the plans have been submitted to CBC.

RESOLVED: Cllr Kelly will pursue these plans further.

268/16 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

A group of young people have been causing problems within the village, several residents have reported them on social media, people are urged to make this more formal and have evidence to support it. Aragon housing have been contacted and Cllr Jarrard will get in contact with Paragon Housing.

Operation Benneck will take place on November 18th.

269/Neighbourhood Plan:

A meeting has been arranged at the Community Sports centre for 15th November 7-8pm with an aim of finding other residents who are interested in helping with the plan, so far there are approximately 3 volunteers.

The aims of the meeting are to:

- Find out who is interested in helping.
- Provide information.
- Produce a timeline.
- Siobhan has agreed to provide a map.

270/16 FINANCE UPDATE:

Payments to be made:

Grangers £524.66

R. Shrimplin £829.32

Village Hall £14.50

BDO £768.00

J Robinson £641.94

Plant fencing contractors £19,215.48

Clerk £858.00

Remembrance Day wreath £50

Citizens Advice Bureau £100

271/16 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Air Ambulance, The village hall committee turned down the request for a clothes bank due to appropriate space being available. The Parish Council agreed that there is not appropriate space.
RESOLVED: Clerk to notify Air Ambulance.
- CBC sent details of the urban grass cutting scheme, the Parish Council wish continue.
RESOLVED: Clerk to confirm this with CBC.
- Anglian Water notified the Council of forthcoming changes to the water industry and the account.
- Citizens Advice Bureau requested a grant to continue their services, all Councillors agreed to £100 donation. RESOLVED: Clerk will arrange the donation.
- School admissions information and poster. The poster will be displayed on the notice board; Cllr Jarrard will hold the information pack.

272/16 AOB:

- There a small space in this month's Parish Pump should any Councillor wish to include any information.
- An abandoned caravan in a lay by has been reported by Cllr Vass.
- A steering group for the new sports centre will be up and running in the New Year.

- The Planning meeting prior to the monthly meeting over ran, it was suggested that in future it starts promptly at 7pm and if it is anticipated to take longer than 30 mins it be rearranged.
- Concerns were raised over only one member of staff being on duty at the sport centre on Saturday lunchtime. The Parish Council will observe this over the coming months.
- Bus shelter- Cllr Foolkes is following up on any planning requirements.
- Cllr Mann thanked Cllr Kevan for his help with the playground.
- Cllr Mann will email Cllr Foolkes with regards to the trees and hedges that require urgent attention.
- Silsoe House- will be objecting to the appeal.
- A fresh application for 70 houses is due to be submitted by Gladman developers. Cllr Jarrard and Cllr Kelly had met with Donna Lavender, planning officer at CBC last week, who discussed the potential application which up until this point had remained confidential. Other Councillors had heard rumours but had not officially been informed and perhaps felt they should have been aware.
- A Bedford based company have purchased the commercial site on the Bloor development.
- The original plan was to have a 6foot fence around the school; it is now not going to be erected.
- Cllr Kelly will speak to Nick Shaw concerning the 20mph speed limit in the Miller development prior to it being adopted.
- The football pitches have been seeded and it is now being considered to have signs for no dogs to be permitted near the pitches.
- The area beyond the sports centre is hopefully to be adopted by the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Council have a survey carried out prior to adoption. All Cllrs agreed.
- Cllr Kelly and the Clerk are in discussions with Groundworks over a project to develop the woodland area near the sports centre. Another meeting will take place in November.

273 /16 NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.