

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Wednesday 18 March 2015

Approximately forty members of the public attended a meeting commencing at 7pm which was held at the request of Chris Rees, Director Planning, Savills acting on behalf of Alfred Homes to outline new proposals for Church Farm.

It is important to note that as yet, any plans for Church Farm are purely at a discussion stage and no plans have yet been submitted as a planning application.

The meeting commenced at 8pm

Present:

Mrs S Wood (Chairman)
Mrs K Cobbold
Mr I Hay
Mr J Little
Mr A Osmond
Mr N Reid
Mr R Summerfield
Mr S Wooles

In Attendance

Mrs J Whittle (Clerk), Mrs J Judge (Clerk designate)
County Councillor Phil Bailey and District Councillor Caroline Horrill
One member of the public

1. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2015 which had previously been circulated were agreed and duly signed as a true record.

3. Apologies

Mrs S Annesley

4. Public Session

Mrs C Chadwick attended to explain plans for a two storey extension to replace existing garage and sun room with addition of a bay to the rear at her home 5 Woodman Close. It was agreed that SW and RS would visit the site.

Action SW, RS

5. Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

Playground goal mouth – ref Item 6 and 12

No decisions had been reached about the telephone box with maintenance the key issue

6. Reports from District Councillor Phil Bailey

Councillor Bailey's report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Councillor Bailey confirmed that the £1,000 grant referred to in his report was for the provision of play related equipment.

7. Report from District Councillor Caroline Horrill

The Boundary Commission had proposed that Winchester City Council should reduce its number of councillors from 57 to 45. It was proposed that both Sparsholt and Crawley be part of the Wonston and Micheldever ward. Cllr Horrill suggested that parish councillors viewed the draft boundary recommendations on line and explained that there would be a period to make comments if desired.

TIAA Henderson Real Estate were to appeal the latest decision re the Silver Hill Development.

Parishioners would have received their council tax bills for 2015/2016 with no increase in Hampshire County Council/Winchester City Council tax.

Cllr Horrill was a member the Barton Farm Forum and invited Sparsholt Parish Council to feed into this as appropriate.

8. Finance

a) Current Financial Situation (Annex C)

The financial statement as at 18 January 2015 (Annex C) had previously been circulated. Approval was given for the payments PV62 to PV72.

b) Budget update (Annex D)

The updated budget for 2014/2015 which had previously been circulated was noted.

The clerk confirmed that the Defibrillator account had been debited with the figure exclusive of VAT.

9. Planning

a) Current Applications and recent decisions by WCC (Annex A)

Sparsholt College Wind Turbine 14/01616/FUL

The Chair noted refusal of this application and thanked those that had represented parish views

Woodlands 14/01213/LDC

Cllr Horrill reported that the decision on continued use of land as private/residential garden was currently with lawyers

Watley Granary 15/00149/FUL

Refusal was noted

5 Woodman Close 15/00382/FU

Refer Item 4 Public Session

b) Enforcement Cases

Buttercup Fields 12/00092/WKS

Councillor Horrill reported that the enforcement case was "out of time" and thus no further action was possible. She apologised on behalf of the Council and had asked for a formal letter to be sent to the Parish Council to articulate this.

10. Annual Parish Meeting

JL had produced a very comprehensive review of the recent traffic survey which he would present at the AGM. The report would be sent to all councillors. **Action JL**

SWd reported that she continued to chase appropriate Council personnel re the promised School Traffic Management Plan. **Action SWd**

"Neighbourhood planning" was discussed and it was concluded that inputting into the planning process itself was a priority and thus this would not be pursued. SWd would explain this in her Parish Council's annual report. **Action SWd**

The Clerk reported that a number of those invited to speak at the AGM would be away and would therefore be providing written reports. It was suggested that in some cases it may be possible to ask an alternative speaker to represent the village organisation invited. **Action Clerk**

11. Sparsholt School

Annex E had previously been circulated

12. Sparsholt Playground

Annex E had previously been circulated.

NR agreed to contact Wendy Deane re the goal mouth. **Action NR**

13. The WellHouse/Sparsholt Shop

Annex E had previously been circulated

14. Highways

Annex E had previously been circulated

Councillor Horrill highlighted that kerbing put in place leading to Sparsholt College meant that two buses were unable to pass. In addition the bank outside Meadowbank was corroding as a result of cars mounting the kerbing that had been put in place to slow traffic.

15. Footpaths/Ham Green

Annex E had previously been circulated

16. Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall Annual Report 2015 had previously been circulated.

RS reported that the Hall was to buy a new PA system. This would be funded by the Memorial Hall with the PA system to be removed from the Parish Council's asset register.

Action Clerk

It was noted that the caretaker had resigned with a replacement now being sought.

17. Police Report

Annex F had previously been circulated

18. AOB

RS reminded all of the Village Clear up on 28 March

SWd reminded Cllr Horrill of proposed footpath meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 16 April 2015 followed by a planning meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10.

Signed..... Date.....