

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 25 August 2016

Member:

Cllr Sue Wood (Chairman)	P
Cllr Stewart Wooles (Vice Chairman)	P
Cllr S Annesley	
Cllr Katy Cobbold	
Cllr John Little	
Cllr Andrew Osmond	P
Cllr Richard Summerfield	P
Cllr Nigel Reid	P
Cllr Pete Chadwick	

P = present at the meeting

In Attendance:

Mrs J Judge (Clerk)
Two members of the public (Item 1)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Annesley, Cllr John Little, Cllr Katy Cobbold

Public Session

Two members of the public joined the meeting and explained their proposals relating to planning applications 16/01581/FUL & 16/01582/LIS (Scheme 1), 16/01600/FUL & 16/01601/LIS (Scheme 2) Corner Cottage and 16/01465/FUL Watley Farm. Ref Item 6. Members of the public left the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors present declared no interests

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 21 July 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June were agreed, and duly signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from meeting held on 16 June which are not on the agenda

All actions had been completed

5. To consider a report from the Anaerobic Digester Working Group

Comments deadline date for resubmitted application (16/01679/FUL)

The case officer had agreed that the comments date for Sparsholt Parish Council be extended to 30 August. However, the date for members of the public to comment had remained as 18 August. The Chair had written a letter of complaint to WCC as attached and had received a reply, also attached, from Simon Finch, Assistant Director Environment, which was read to the meeting. Councillors did not feel that the reply was satisfactory and failed to recognise that the original application was not refused on the "highway reason" alone but on key major policies too. It was agreed that the Chair would continue correspondence on this matter.

Public meeting

A meeting had been held at Sparsholt Village Hall on 13 August with over 60 attendees including other parishes and the press. The purpose of this was to explain the changes in the resubmitted application and listen to views expressed.

Transport Consultant

Transport planning consultant, Railton TPC Ltd, had prepared a report giving a professional overview of the transport and highways impact of the resubmitted application.

It was recommended that Sparsholt Parish Council object to the resubmitted planning application 16/01679/FUL (ref Item 6). Detailed investigation had been carried out including professional transport advice and residents' views sought in reaching this conclusion. The Parish Council agreed to accept the recommendation and to object to this planning application.

6. Planning

Current planning applications were discussed and conclusions reached as below

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	SPC Recommendation
18/07	16/01679/FUL	Sparsholt College	Biomass-based anaerobic digestion plant including: 3 No. digesters (2. No 'primary', 1 No. 'secondary'); 2 No. digestate storage tanks; biomethane upgrading plant; biogas boiler; standby flare stack; weighbridge & marshalling yard; agricultural feedstock storage (silage clamps); biomass pre-treatment hall; 2 No. buffer tanks (liquid substrate & silage effluent storage); digestate separation station; office, electrical and control building; ground works including bunding and reprofiling using excavated materials; surface water storage lagoon; hard surfacing; means of enclosure; landscaping; upgrading and extension of an existing internal road (Garstons Track) with alterations to an existing access to Westley Lane; and an education building (Class D1) for the 'Hampshire Centre for the Demonstration of Environmental Technologies (RESUBMISSION)	It was unanimously agreed to object to this application. The letter attached to these minutes giving reasons was agreed and would be hand delivered by the clerk on Tuesday 30 August.
11/07	16/01581/FUL & 16/01582/LIS - Scheme 1 -	Corner Cottage	Demolish existing garage block, poor residential extensions and erect a subservient extension to improve facilities for disability purposes with sanitary facilities at first floor and a new garage block.	Having previously supported refused applications 16/00065/FUL & 16/00066/LIS for this property the Parish Council agreed at its meeting of 25 August to continue to support the new and revised proposals.
12/07	16/01600/FUL & 16/01601/LIS - Scheme 2		Demolish existing garage block and poor residential extensions and erect a subservient extension to improve facilities for disability purposes with sanitary facilities at first floor and a new garage block. The extension to be thatched to match the existing with a simple clay tile link.	
29/06	16/01465/FUL	Watley Farm Locks Lane	Conversion of an existing portal framed barn to residential use, with the provision of an associated residential curtilage for the proposed dwelling	Sparsholt Parish Council agreed to support this application.

Decisions were awaited for the following applications

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	P C Comments
16/05	16/01081/FUL	20 Woodman Close	2 storey and single storey rear extension with decked area	SPC discussed this application at their meeting on 21 July and agreed to support

				the building of a 2 storey with single storey rear extension
05/05	16/00990/FUL 16/00991/LIS	Crabwood Farmhouse	Conversion of redundant agricultural building (curtilage listed- Crabwood Farmhouse: Grade II) into a dwelling house (Class C3)	At its meeting on 16th June Sparsholt Parish councillors agreed to support this application but it was paramount that the area marked in red on the site location plan remained garden only and more importantly that the area marked in blue adjacent to the proposed conversion on the north side of Lanham Lane was designated paddock and that this should be a condition of planning approval. It was understood that the two areas would be separated by post and rail fencing and would remain the property of the existing owner on any sale of Crabwood Farmhouse (on the south side of Lanham Lane).

The following decisions were noted

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Decision
03/06	16/01243/FUL	Beech House	Changing roof of conservatory from glass to red clay tiles	Application permitted
01/06	16/01220/FUL	The Maples	INSTALLATION OF 2 NO. AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS	Application permitted
06/05	16/01001/FUL	Shedding Oaks Cattery	Removal of condition no 3 of planning permission 75/01139/OLD (W1486/1) agricultural occupancy	Application permitted*

*notification received after posting of agenda

7. Approval and Acceptance of Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Annual Return to 31 March 2016

The annual return including the external auditor certificate and report were approved and accepted. Notice of conclusion of audit had been placed on the main village notice board and both this and the annual return were available on the parish council website. Councillors thanked the clerk for the successful completion of the annual audit.

8. Memorial Hall – investigation of grant funding for renewable energy – Cllr Summerfield

Cllr Summerfield, Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee, highlighted to councillors for information that he was investigating grant funding for the possible installation of solar panels at the Hall.