

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 20 October 2016

Member:

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

P = present at the meeting

In Attendance:

Mrs J Judge (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Nigel Reid

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors present declared no interests.

3. Public Session

A member of the public joined the meeting to express his bitter disappointment at the decision of Winchester City Council's Planning Committee to permit the application for an anaerobic digester and education building at Sparsholt College (16/01679/FUL). He had attended the meeting where the decision was made and felt that it was an affront to the democratic process and loaded against objectors. In his view a number of city councillors had simply pushed green propaganda. Whilst the final speakers (an Ecotricity/College team of four) had a three-minute slot this effectively became half an hour as the planning committee members asked questions of the team but others were unable to challenge any statements made. With more than twenty villagers attending the meeting he believed that he represented a widespread and deep feeling of discontent with the process and asked what the parish council's proposed actions were.

The Chair explained that she hoped that further discussions would take place with the other parish councils, who were equally disappointed that the planning application had been permitted, as to what actions could be taken. The member of the public was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting but declined.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 15 September 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September were agreed, and duly signed as a true record.

Cllr Wooles reported that the flooding at the Plough had finally been resolved with the pipe that was blocked replaced by a larger one. All thanked Cllr Wooles for his persistent efforts in ensuring that this work had been completed.

A date for replacement rope work at the playground was still awaited.

5. Matters arising from meeting held on 25 August which are not on the agenda

All actions had been completed

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

Everyone was disappointed with WCC's decision to permit the application following its resubmission after refusal in April. The formal decision notice had not yet been published and this would be examined with care to ensure that actions were in place to monitor compliance with conditions. This was something that could be discussed with the other parish councils who had also objected to the application.

Councillors were advised that the possibility of a judicial review is being assessed.

6. Planning

Current Applications

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Status
05/10	16/02593/TPC	The Forge Woodman Lane	T1 - Horse Chestnut: Reduce lower lever arms to clear house and building by 2-3 Meters and tip reduce to balance crown. G1 - Sycamore and Ash	Registered

			saplings to be removed at ground level T2 - Ash - Remove at ground level	
<i>Action: Clerk to establish if any TPOs applicable. If none support proposed tree work</i>				
12/07	16/01600/FUL & 16/01601/LIS - Scheme 2	Corner Cottage	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.	Planning committee of 13 October recommended site visit (Scheme 2)

Recent decisions by WCC

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Decision
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)	Application permitted
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	Application refused
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.	Planning committee of 13 October application refused
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 bundling 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)	Application permitted