

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 15 March 2018

Member:

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

P = present at the meeting

No members of public

In Attendance:

Mrs J Judge (Clerk)
Cllr Caroline Horrill, City Councillor (part of meeting)
Cllr Jan Warwick, County Councillor (part of meeting)

- 17/18 - 087 **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllr Jo Alexander, Cllr Pete Chadwick, Cllr Nigel Reid and Cllr Katy Cobbold
- 17/18 – 088 To receive **Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and Other Significant Interests (OSI's)** from members concerning specific items on the agenda.
Cllr Wooles declared an interest in planning application 18/00370/HOU The Woodman as he was a close neighbour. In addition, Cllr Annesley declared an interest.
Cllr Wood declared an interest in planning application 18/00368/TPO The Maples as this was her property.
- 17/18 – 089 **Minutes of Meeting of 18 February 2018**
To approve and sign the minutes
The minutes were approved and signed.
To deal with any matters arising not the agenda
None arising.
- 17/18 – 090 **Public participation**
There was no session with no members of the public attending.
- 17/18 – 091 **Matters arising from meeting held on 18 January 2018 which are not on the agenda**
There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.
- 17/18 – 092 **County and City Councillor's Reports**
County Councillor Warwick had circulated a report in advance of the meeting as attached.
- City Councillor Horrill highlighted
- Winchester City Council had decided to increase Council Tax by 2.9%, below the national average. The option was available to increase by more, but councillors supported the Cabinet's plans to bring in money from regeneration and development projects across the District.
 - Four key areas were prioritised by WCC - Housing, Building a Strong Economy, Health and Well Being and Improving Air Quality and the Environment. It was noted that local elections were due to take place in May with a third of councillors standing down and the City Council entering a period of purdah.
 - The new Partnered Home Purchase scheme had been launched to help support local people to own their own home. This scheme allowed the recipient to choose a home from the open market, with the Council buying it outright. In turn the recipient would lease between a 50-70% share from WCC and pay monthly rent on the share not owned.

Despite the bad weather Biffa had done a fantastic collection job. The waste contract was due for renewal in October 2019. Kerbside glass collection was to be introduced once a month.

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Responses from The Winchester Movement Strategy Consultation, a joint initiative from Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council, had been collected and next steps were to analyse this data and use to inform actions.

17/18 – 093

Portfolio Reports

Highways

Cllr Wooles report attached. It was noted that a “Flood” sign had now been placed at the Woodman Lane site of flooding.

Footpaths

A report from a member of the public indicated that the footpath leading from Woodman Lane to Home Lane was obscured by overhanging vegetation. The Chair would contact the relevant landowner.

Playground

Cllr Reid’s report attached

Sparsholt School

Cllr Cobbold’s report attached.

Sparsholt Memorial Hall

Cllr Annesley had been unable to attend the Hall’s latest meeting.

Sparsholt Shop

Cllr Reid’s report attached.

Communication

Nothing specific to report.

Security & Transport

Nothing specific to report.

17/18 – 094

To receive an update from the Anaerobic Digester Working Group

Cllr Wood continued to correspond with local MP Steve Brine to try and establish the reason for the continued delay by the Government in clarifying the Renewable Heat Incentive.

Ecotricity, planned to build a biomass-based anaerobic digestion facility at Fiddington, Tewksbury. The application had been refused twice and Ecotricity had submitted an appeal. The appeal had now been withdrawn with the delays in the RHI cited with the proposed changes making the project unviable.

17/18 – 095

Finance

Current Financial Statement

Payments PV52 to PV56 were approved.

Budget Update

There were no significant variances to report – the purchase of the laminator was noted, and a slight overspend to upkeep of parish property attributed to bench repair

Reserves Policy

A finance meeting was planned before the year end where this would be discussed.

17/08 – 096

Affordable Housing

Cllrs Wood, Wooles and Little had attended a meeting with the Leader of the Council and the other parish councils from Winchester District to discuss the provision of affordable housing in every parish.

The Parish Council agreed that affordable/social housing in the village should be investigated further and would ask Winchester City council to take appropriate steps to consult with residents.

17/18 – 097

Planning

Date Valid	Number	Address	Description	Closing date for comments
15/02/2018	18/00320/HOU	The Post House Woodman Lane	Renovation of existing barn to create additional, ancillary living accommodation and occasional use as a bed and breakfast	14 March (PC extension to comment asap after meeting 15 March)
<p><i>It was noted that this application was for “ancillary” living accommodation and “occasional” use as bed and breakfast and that both should be observed. The concerns expressed by both The Village Hall and the Shop relating to parking and safety of users of the footpath, shop, school and hall during construction were echoed by Parish Councillors. Whilst the PC supported the application the comment to be submitted to WCC would highlight enforcement of “ancillary” and “occasional” together with car parking and safety concerns.</i></p>				

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12/02/2018	18/00370/HOU	The Woodman Woodman Lane	The reinstatement of a former vehicle entrance and driveway	21 March
<p><i>WCC planning website showed that the Highways Engineer had reported "This proposal does not contain any significant highway issues and is unlikely to impact on highway safety". Councillors were of the view that the site should be revisited and examined in context.</i></p> <p><i>The "former vehicle entrance and driveway" was used when the dwelling was a public house for deliveries and since that time further housing had been built in the immediate vicinity. The proposed vehicle entrance and driveway could cause danger to both pedestrians using the footpath and to road users entering and exiting Woodman Close onto Woodman Lane. Users exiting The Woodman via the proposed new route would have no clear vision of any pedestrians or vehicles putting both themselves and others at risk.</i></p> <p><i>Until further Highways investigation was completed the Parish Council was unable to support the application.</i></p>				
12/02/2018	18/00368/TPO	The Maples Locks Lane	Trees overhanging footpath/paddock that runs between Locks Lane and Home Lane, Sparsholt. Trees rooted in, Mayfield house, Phoenix house etc. G1 - Multiple Horse Chestnut, Sycamore, Yew etc. Crown lift over paddock to 3.5m agl to provide clearance for horses	
<p><i>No comment to be made – viewed as tree management.</i></p>				

Awaiting decision

29/01/2018	18/00240/TPO	Phoenix House Church Lane	Please refer to TPO map for location of the following trees: 30 - 153420 INDIV 00626- 2003 - TPO 25 - 153419 INDIV 00626 - 2003 -TPO 27 - 153416 INDIV 00626- 2003 - TPO the above trees need pruning to allow 3 metre clearance for grazing horses in the paddock below at request of neighbour.	Current
05/07/2017	17/01761/LDC	Greenacre Caravan Park Stockbridge Road	Caravan site	Current

17/18 – 098

Local Elections – update and discussion

Forms had been distributed to councillors for completion to stand as parish councillor

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