

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 16 October 2014

Present:

Mrs S Wood (Chairman)
Mr S Wooles (Vice Chairman)
Mrs K Cobbold
Mr J Little
Mr A Osmond
Mr N Reid

1. In Attendance

Mrs J Whittle (Clerk) and one member of the public.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2014 which had previously been circulated were agreed and duly signed as a true record with one amendment Item 11 to read "The Clerk reported that the relevant notice had been posted...".

4. Apologies

Mr I Hay and Mr R Summerfield

5. Public Session

Mr Gammon attended to explain his plans for Dark Walk Cottage. It was agreed that SW should visit the site.

Action SW

6. Matters arising from previous meetings which are not dealt with elsewhere on the current agenda or on the November agenda.

None

7. Vacancy on the Parish Council

SWd reported that Mrs Annersley is still interested in being co-opted to the Parish Council but was not able to attend the meeting. She will attend the November meeting.

8. Councillor Portfolios

The following portfolios were agreed:

Highways	Stewart Wooles
Footpaths and Ham Green	Ian Hay
Memorial Hall	Richard Summerfield
Sparsholt School	Katy Cobbold
Playground	Nigel Reid
Police/Neighbourhood Watch	Andrew Osmond
Sparsholt Shop	Nigel Reid
Transport	Andrew Osmond
Communication	John Little
Planning	All

9. Resilience Planning

SW reported that he had attended a meeting on resilience planning. Agreed that SW would set up a group to begin this work as soon as possible.

Action SW

10. Planning

(a) Current applications and recent decisions by WCC: Annex A which had previously been circulated. was noted.

14/01616/FUL Sparsholt College Wind Turbine

The Clerk reported that she had now circulated the Environmental Impact Assessment for application 14/01616/FUL Wind Turbine at Sparsholt College. She was requested to seek an extension of the closing date because of the problems associated with accessing this information.

Agreed that the group that looked at the original application (SWd/SW/JL/AO) would meet again to look at the EIA.

Action Clerk/SWd/JL/AO

14/1833/FUL Ashwood Cottage

Agreed to support as there is no alteration to the roof line and the proposals are not disproportionate to the plot.

Action Clerk

14/01934/FUL Wood Cottage

Agreed to support as no objections from local residents and no change to the roof line.

Action Clerk

14/02134 Dark Walk Cottage

Agreed to support subject to SW site visit as proposals are not disproportionate to the site or to the existing building, the proposed materials are sympathetic to existing, no change in roof line and as the access to the site is good there is unlikely to be much disruption to other residents.

Clerk was asked to respond to WCC and with a copy to Mr Gammon.

Action Clerk

(b) Enforcement Cases: Annex B had previously been circulated.

The Clerk was asked to respond to N March at WCC that the Parish Council does not believe that Buttercup Fields is a viable business in that the owner is currently trying to sell the alpacas. Clerk to ask CH to follow up on the notice to be served in this case.

Action Clerk

11. Flooding at The Plough

SW reported that rubbish from the garden of Corner Cottage has been pushed over the hedge and is contributing to the draining problems at the balancing pond which compounds the flooding by The Plough. The Clerk was asked to contact Christopher Langford, agent for the Martineau Trust about this.

Action Clerk

12. Local Plan

Nothing to report

13. VDS

Progressing.

14. Housing Needs Assessment

SWd reported that CH had advised the WCC were willing to support Sparsholt Parish Council in carrying out a Housing Needs Assessment. NR pointed out that, depending on the findings of the HNA, it could be helpful to someone seeking permission to build outside the village envelope on an exception site. SW felt that it would be sensible to complete the HNA at least a year before the end of the five year lifetime of the current local plan SWd felt that the village needs to be thinking about how Sparsholt should look in 10 years time. Agreed that the first step would be to find out how many applications there are on WCC housing register specifically for Sparsholt and possibly use the next Annual Meeting to discuss the possible ways forward with the village.

Action SWd

15. Resignation of the Clerk

The Clerk is proposing to retire on 31 March 2015 but is willing to leave sooner if a suitable replacement is found before this date. Agreed that the Finance Group should start the recruitment process and report back to the Parish Council.

Action SWd/SW/JL

16. Date of Next Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10. The next meeting of Sparsholt Parish Council is to be on Thursday 20 November 2014 at 7.30 in the Mosaic Room of the Memorial Hall, Sparsholt.

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