

## SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 15 December 2016

### Member:

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

P = present at the meeting

### In Attendance:

Mrs J Judge (Clerk)

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K Cobbold, Cllr P Chadwick and Cllr S Wooles

#### 2. To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and Other Significant Interests (OSI's) from members concerning specific items on the agenda.

Councillors present declared no interests.

#### 3. Public Participation

Joanne Alexander, a resident of Woodman Close, joined the meeting to find out more about being a councillor. Jo, a solicitor with two young children, was keen to participate in the community with Sparsholt anticipated to be her long-term family home. With expertise in property Jo hoped she could bring both her professional experience and enthusiasm to the Council.

The clerk explained that subject to the Returning Officer receiving no requests for a by election to fill the casual vacancy for a councillor created by Richard Summerfield's retirement that Sparsholt Parish Council would be able to fill the vacancy created by Richard Summerfield's departure by co-option.

The deadline for requests was 16 December and the addition of a new councillor would be an agenda item for the meeting on 19 January 2017.

**Action: Clerk**

#### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 17 November

##### To approve and sign the minutes

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

##### To deal with any matters arising not on the agenda

All matters were covered by agenda items.

#### 5. To deal with any matters arising from meeting held on 20 October 2016 which are not on the agenda

The work to replace ropes at the playground had been completed.

#### 6. Developing a Parish Plan – update from Cllr Annesley

The plan was progressing well and anticipated to be completed in the early months of the new year.

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

It was reported that parishioners had decided not to progress with a judicial review.

It was highlighted that the government's response to the Renewable Heat Incentive consultation was that grass feedstock, where not a waste or residue, should be subject to payment restrictions. With this document just published it was unclear what impact this might have on feedstocks for the Digester.

#### 6. Finance

##### To approve a recommended 5% increase in precept for 2017/18

The clerk had received notification that for the financial year 2017/18 Sparsholt Parish Council would receive Council Tax Support of £868.00. It was unanimously approved that the clerk should submit precept documentation for a total amount of £17249.90 (rounded to £17250)

**Action: Clerk**

##### Sale of Piano

The grand piano had finally been sold for £100 (£113 before expenses). This was listed on the Parish Council's asset register.

The clerk had received an email from the treasurer of the Memorial Hall explaining that whilst the piano had been in the Hall's care expenditure of £949.02 had been incurred and requesting that proceeds be allocated to the Hall.

Councillors agreed by a small majority (three for, two against) that the proceeds should be paid to the Memorial Hall.

**Action: Clerk**

**7. Planning**

**To note recent decisions from Winchester City Council**

The following decision were noted.

<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
13/09	16/02327/FUL	Annexe At Garston House Westley Lane	Removal of Condition 3 of Application 09/02203/FUL: Renting of accommodation as long-term let	Application refused
	16/02767/SCREEN	Land at Church Farm	Request for a Screening Opinion to determine the requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to accompany a planning application for a proposed solar farm on Land at Church Farm	No EIA required  <b><i>NOTE APPLICANTS ANESCO HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER PROGRESSING WITH THE CHURCH FARM SOLAR PARK PROJECT. THIS IS DUE TO GRID LIMITATIONS IN THE AREA.</i></b>