

## SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 19 January 2017

### **Member:**

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

P = present at the meeting

### **In Attendance:**

Mrs J Alexander, Mrs J Judge (Clerk), Cllr C Horrill (part), Cllr P Bailey (part)

The chair revised order of agenda items to enable participants to fulfil other commitments

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Annesley, Cllr J Little, Cllr N Reid

### **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**

There were no members of the public present.

### **4. Co-option of a new councillor**

Jo Alexander, who had attended December's meeting, and outlined her background and wishes to become a councillor was co-opted to the Council. Proposed by Cllr Wooles, seconded by Cllr Chadwick

All welcomed Jo and the clerk was instructed to ensure all appropriate paperwork was completed and training provided.

### **7. City Councillor's Reports**

City Councillor Horrill was congratulated on her election as Leader of the City Council with effect from 11 January

Cllr Horrill reported that

- The new City Council Cabinet was made up as follows
  - Cllr Caroline Horrill – Leader with Portfolio for Housing Services
  - Cllr Victoria Weston – Deputy Leader with Portfolio for Built Environment
  - Cllr Guy Ashton – Portfolio for Professional Services
  - Cllr Stephen Godfrey – Portfolio for Finance
  - Cllr Rob Humby – Portfolio for Business Partnership
  - Cllr Stephen Miller – Portfolio for Estates
  - Cllr Jan Warwick – Portfolio for Environment
  - Cllr Lisa Griffiths – Portfolio for Health & Wellbeing
- A new leader of the City Council had been appointed, Laura Taylor, who had taken up her post on 9 January. Mrs Taylor had joined from Basingstoke City Council
- Cllr Horrill highlighted that the leader and cabinet hoped to progress things differently with more openness
- Facing financial constraints with less money from central government WCC needed to look at more entrepreneurial ways of raising money. For example, within housing examining shared ownership schemes. Projects needed to be recognised as future revenue streams (e.g. new Leisure Centre). It was vital, however, to continue to pay attention to core front line services and contracts for bin collection and grass cutting were being re-negotiated. Budget setting would take place in February.
- The purchase of the Garrison Ground at Bar End from Tesco by Winchester City Council was now complete. By purchasing the land the Council could now consider it as an option for the location of the city's new community sports and leisure centre.
- Car Parking Charges – charges were to be made on a ring basis with central car parks more expensive than those on the outskirts of the City. This, it was hoped, would encourage "Park & Ride" with the benefits of fewer cars in the centre city.

The new Council Strategy in summary form was to be published and effective dialogue and listening was key. Cllr Horrill left the meeting.

**5. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 15 December**

**To approve and sign the minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 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.

**6. To deal with any matters arising from meeting held on 17 November 2016 which are not on the agenda**

All matters were covered by agenda items.

**9 To consider a report from the Anaerobic Digester Working Group**

The Chair reported to all councillors that she had received an email relating to Stockbridge Parish Council's continued concerns about the impact on traffic of the Anaerobic Digester at Sparsholt College which had received planning permission from Winchester City Council in October. Stockbridge Parish Council, part of the Test Valley Borough, had escalated their concerns to Hampshire County level.

The Chair suggested that Sparsholt Parish Council and neighbouring parish councils should, at the earliest opportunity, arrange to meet with the new Chief Executive and new Leader at Winchester City Council, to highlight the views and concerns of the residents they represented. This was agreed.

Cllr Osmond left the meeting.

**8 Portfolio Reports**

**Highways**

No specific to report.

**Footpaths**

No report.

The clerk had contacted Ian Hay, the former councillor with portfolio responsibility for footpaths and it was agreed that the same priority footpaths would be selected for HCC's 2017 programme.

The Annual Contract with Peter Yeates for footpath maintenance had been prepared and with no material change was approved

Former councillor, Ian Hay, had kindly repaired steps leading the footpath opposite the church. The Chair and all councillors wished that formal thanks be recorded in the minutes.

**Playground**

Cllr Reid's report attached

**Sparsholt Memorial Hall**

No allocated portfolio holder

**Sparsholt School**

Cllr Cobbold's had visited the Head Teacher and reported that applications for the next academic year were due to close shortly. It was anticipated that applications would not be as high as previous years as it was generally known that the school was oversubscribed.

The Head Teacher was working a four-day week which was going well and leaders of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 had been appointed.

The school was undergoing a period of refurbishment and it was hoped that flooding issues had been resolved. Despite tremendous support for the Aviva Community Fund Bid to raise funds for the new playground the School had been unsuccessful in its bid. Thus, alternative sources of funding were being sought.

The School continued to participate in the local pyramid scheme whereby training and ideas were shared across a small cluster.

**Sparsholt Shop**

Cllr Reid's report attached

**Communication**

With the newsletter due to be completed Cllr Woole suggested insertion of details of BT Call Protect, a service aimed at preventing unwanted and nuisance calls.

**Security & Transport**

No report

**Police Liaison**

No report

**10. Finance**

**Current Financial Statement (Annex C)**

Circulated ahead of the meeting Payments PV49 to PV60 were approved for payment.

**Budget Update (Annex D)**

Circulated ahead of the meeting the latest budget position was noted.

The clerk drew councillors' attention to the fact that HMRC would no longer be receiving payments by cheque and thus alternative methods of payment would need to be considered going forward.

## **11. Planning**

### **To note current planning status**

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Status
14/11	16/03058/HOU	Corner Cottage Woodman Lane	Demolish existing garage block and the poor rear residential extensions and erect an extension to the rear of the property to improve facilities for disabled purposes, with sanitary facilities at first floor and a new single garage block	SPC had requested that this application go to committee if not approved
	16/01465/FUL	Watley Farm Locks Lane	Conversion of an existing portal framed barn to residential use, with the provision of associated residential curtilage for the proposed dwelling.	An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Winchester City Council to refuse planning permission.

### **5. County Councillor Report**

Cllr Phil Bailey joined the meeting and was pleased to hear that despite recent weather flooding at the Plough appeared to have finally been resolved.

Resurfacing work would be taking place on the Stockbridge Road with exact locations and timings to be confirmed.

County Councillor grant applications were open until 28 February.