

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 21 September 2017

Member:

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

P = present at the meeting

In Attendance:

Mrs J Judge (Clerk)
Cllr C Horrill (part)
Cllr J Warwick (part)

- 17/18 - 033 **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllr Jo Alexander
- 17/18 – 034 To receive **Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and Other Significant Interests (OSI's)** from members concerning specific items on the agenda.
No declarations were received Cllr Cobbold noted that she lived next door to Chapel Cottage Planning Application
- 17/18 – 035 **Minutes of Meeting of 20 July**
To approve and sign the minutes
The minutes were approved.
To deal with any matters arising not the agenda
None arising
- 17/18 – 036 **Public participation**
The owner of The Woodman outlined planning application 17/02057/HOU, the conversion of a single storey workshop to a kitchen and family room. Two councillors had visited the property prior to the meeting.
Members of the public left the meeting
- 17/18 - 037 **Matters arising from meeting held on 15 June 2017 which are not on the agenda**
There were not matters arising which were not on the agenda
- 17/18 – 038 **County and City Councillor's Reports**
County Councillor Jan Warwick spoke to her report as attached. Cllr Warwick left the meeting.
City Councillor Horrill highlighted
Projects
- Bus Station - The bus station had been re-opened following improvement works made to passenger areas including walkways, shelters and real-time passenger information. The bus station had reversed its direction of travel with buses driving through the station from The Broadway to Friarsgate.
 - A meeting outlining the progress on the Central Winchester Regeneration project would take place on 25 September including an update on the Supplementary Development Plan. Formal consultation would begin in December with the period for comment extended beyond the statutory minimum to take into account the festive period
 - Station Approach – Architects had been appointed for the project to redevelop the area between the Cattlemarket and the railway station. The inclusion of Grade A office space was a key aspect in encouraging businesses and jobs
 - Central Winchester Regeneration – Plans for a replacement surgery for St Clements situated on Upper Brook Street Car Park had been approved by the Council's Cabinet.
 - Bar End Leisure Facility – being developed in conjunction with Winchester University the mix of facilities etc was to be discussed with city councillors the following week with the business case to be delivered in November.
A consultation would begin in November about the future of the River Park site which was restricted by consent with no low-cost housing permissible. Any sort of permissible housing would only be considered as an enabler for other projects on the site.

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

- Universal Credit, to be introduced in April 2018 is a new benefit for people living on a low income, or who are out of work. Universal Credit replaces other benefits with a simpler, single monthly payment. Cllr Horrill highlighted that this will only be able to be claimed on line (which may not be suitable for all) and that there could be an eight-week period where claimants had no money as the system was introduced. A top up credit card was to be trialled with the Works and Pensions Board.
- Winchester City Council had been awarded £900,000 from central government to help local businesses struggling with higher business rates bill with smaller businesses being prioritised.
- Historically new housing numbers had been calculated at local level. This was now being changed to a top down approach with Central Government saying that 20% more housing was needed than currently planned. This would need to be considered when looking at the Local Plan in 2018.

Cllr Horrill left the meeting

17/18 – 039

Parish Plan – next actions

The final version of the plan had been circulated with the agenda. Councillors would consider this further ahead of October's meeting when its approval would be an agenda item. It was anticipated that the Plan would be presented to the public later in the Autumn.

17/18 - 040

Portfolio Reports

Highways – as attached

Footpaths – no problems had been reported. Clerk asked to identify owners of land adjacent to footpaths within the parish

Playground – still waiting for fencing repairs by Winchester City Council

Sparsholt Memorial Hall – as attached

Sparsholt School - Cllr Cobbold reported that the Head Teacher role has had to be re advertised and in the meantime Lynn Laver, Deputy Head would continue to manage the school with support from staff, governors and the County.

All parents and carers had been reminded about considerate parking at the beginning of the new school term.

A new Foundation Governor, Sally Wesley, had been appointed.

Sparsholt Shop – the shop remained short of volunteers

Communication – nothing specific to report

Security & Transport – see attached

Police Liaison – no report

17/18 – 041

To receive a report from the Anaerobic Digester Working Group

Cllr Wood had written to local MP, Steve Brine, requesting an update on the ongoing delays to finalising changes to the Renewable Heat Incentive. A reply had been received saying that this would be referred to the relevant Minister.

17/18 – 042

Finance

Current Financial Statement

Payments PV21 to PV28 were reviewed and approved.

Budget update

This was reviewed as attached.

Approval and acceptance of Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Annual Return to 31 March 2017

The notice of conclusion of audit and annual return to 31 March 2017 were approved and accepted.

Review quotes and approve for bench repair at Woodman Close

The clerk had received two quotes for bench repair (ref budget update). Councillors suggested further possible suppliers for the clerk to contact.

17/18 – 043

Planning

Current Applications

Date Valid	Number	Address	Description	Closing date for comments
08/08/2017	17/02057/HOU	The Woodman Woodman Lane	The conversion of a single storey workshop to a kitchen and family room	4 October 2017
<i>Councillors agreed to support this application</i>				
04/08/2017	17/02053/LDP	Woodrows Church Lane	Proposed use of garage for ancillary accommodation	28 September 2017

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<i>The clerk was asked to contact the legal department asking what the current use of the garage was and to highlight that the normal restrictions for ancillary accommodation should be applied</i>				
15/08/2017	17/01921/FUL	Mobile Home at Bushmoor Farm Westley Lane	Extension of existing permission for mobile home	21 September 2017
<i>The Parish Council supported this application as outlined in the letter send to the planning office on 29 July.</i>				

Awaiting decision

Date Valid	Number	Address	Description	Current Status
29/08/2017	17/02218/TPO	Mayfield House Home Lane	Horse Chestnut (T7) -Fell because of overall poor condition, reduced amenity value and consequential risk posed to the public using the public footpath and access drive directly beneath it due to the premature fracture of dead branches caused by the extensive progression of Bleeding Canker disease. Replant with one Hornbeam in the same area.	Pending Decision
<i>Details of this application had previously been circulated and no objection had been raised.</i>				
05/07/2017	17/01761/LDC	Greenacre Caravan Park Stockbridge Road	Caravan site	Pending Consideration
06/06/2017	17/01493/FUL	Crabwood Vale Farm Sarum Road Winchester	Application for a new planning permission to replace the extant permission for a replacement 5 no. bedroom dwelling and associated landscaping (08/01259/FUL extended by 11/00731/FUL and 14/00730/FUL) in order to extend the time limit for implementation	Current

Recently Decided

Date Valid	Number	Address	Description	Status
25/05/2017	17/01402/HOU	Hunters Lodge Locks Lane	2 single storey timber buildings to replace existing outbuildings	Application permitted
25/03/2017	17/00830/HOU	Chapel Cottage Woodman Lane	Erection of two storey extension to front north-east corner of building to create additional living space, together with internal alterations. Change/redesign of roof to existing rear single storey structure.	Application permitted

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