

# SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 20 November 2014

## **Present:**

Mrs S Wood (Chairman)  
Mrs K Cobbold  
Mr R Summerfield  
Mr S Wooles

## **1. In Attendance**

Mrs J Whittle (Clerk), District Councillor Caroline Horrill and four members of the public.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Wood declared an interest in the planning item for Maples. She stated she would leave the room for that agenda item and take no part in the discussion.

## **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2014 which had previously been circulated were agreed and duly signed as a true record.

## **4. Apologies**

Mr I Hay, Mr J Little, Mr A Osmond, Mr N Reid, PCSO Kerry Croutear Hampshire Police

## **5. Public Session**

Mrs Lander addressed the meeting about the possibility of the village purchasing a community defibrillator. She explained the advantages of early defibrillation and advised that £1800 has already been raised within the village at the Safari Supper and this could be donated to the Parish Council for this purpose. In addition the school would probably donate £200. This would be sufficient to purchase the defibrillator and maintain it for its 10 year lifetime. It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase the defibrillator and that the best location would be the Memorial Hall porch. RS agreed to speak with Memorial Hall Committee about this. The defibrillator would need to be checked weekly. Mrs Lander agreed to draw up a rota for the weekly check on the defibrillator and to arrange training from Hampshire South Central Ambulance Service. The Clerk was asked to provide Mrs Lander with the Parish Council account details so that the donation may be made. The Clerk was also asked to place an item in the newsletter about this.

### **Action RS/Clerk**

SWd read out a letter from Terry Dunn about the pot holes. She emphasised that SW has been working hard with HCC and will continue to chase them. Cllr Horrill is also working on this. The Clerk emphasised the importance of logging potholes on HCC website.

## **6. Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

## **7. District Councillor Caroline Horrill informed the meeting that:**

The Boundary Commission has decided that WCC should have fewer councillors. The number will reduce from 57 to 45 and proposals for redrawn boundaries will be put out for consultation. Therefore all current district councillors will stand down in May 2016 and new district councillors elected.

Part 2 of the District Plan is agreed and is now out for consultation. CH urged that Sparsholt VDS be lodged with WCC as soon as possible as it is not on the list she received from WCC. SWd agreed to check with NR

### **Action SWd**

The appeal against the Silver Hill decision has been upheld and Winchester Deserves Better is now able to seek judicial review of the decision.

Options for replacement of River Park will be published shortly.

Still no response received from HCC Highways. HC will write to County Councillor Bailey senior managers at HCC.

Flooding at the Plough is still unresolved.

CH has asked the planning officer dealing with the wind turbine application to analyse the comments received by area. CH will also ask to speak at planning committee and will lobby the full committee.

CH has requested the committee make a site visit at which a balloon is put up to show the proposed

height. CH warned that the application may be brought forward from January committee meeting to December committee meeting if the Silver Hill decision is withdrawn because of the judicial review. CH will advise the clerk of the new enforcement officer dealing with Buttercup Farm. WCC have written to the agents about the proposed Church Farm development. The S106 agreement has never been signed so the planning decision has never been finalised. The Clerk was asked to forward the e-mail about footpath 5 to CH who might be able to clarify the issue of available funds. **Action Clerk**

8. **County Councillor Phil Bailey**. No report.

9. **Police** No report.

10. **Finance**

(a) Accounts 2013-14.

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor Mr Murray has raised the issues in the report from BDO with a senior manager at BDO. She had confirmed that the issue of petty cash should not have been raised as Sparsholt Parish Council does not operate a petty cash system. With regard to the insurance level it has been explained that the items in question were replacements. The Parish Council had already agreed to check the insurance level once the new asset register is completed. **Action Clerk**

(b) Financial Situation as at 18 September 2014

Annex C had previously been circulated. Receipts of £7260.61 were noted and approval given for payments PV35-PV50.

(c) Budget 2014-15

Annex D had previous been circulated. Agreed and approved.

(d) Report of Finance Group (Annex E)

Agreed that the precept for 2015-16 should be £15225. An increase of 5%. The Clerk was asked to bid on WCC for this amount and place an item in the newsletter. **Action Clerk**

(e) Asset Register. Ongoing. Deferred to December meeting. **Action Clerk**

11. **Vacancy on the Parish Council.**

SWd reported that the possible candidate from Northwood Park is unable to attend until February meeting.

*At this point Mrs Wood handed over the chairmanship of the meeting to Mr Wooles and left the room.*

12. **Planning**

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

Lainston House Hotel 14/02500/FUL No comment

The Maples 14/02524/FUL

Mr Wood attended and spoke of his proposals at The Maples. After he left the meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the application on the following grounds:

The proposed house is proportional to the land.

The design is appropriate

The height is in proportion.

There have been no objections from neighbours

Road access has been altered. **Action Clerk**

(b) Clerk read out an e-mail from Mr & Mrs Gammon thanking the Parish Council for supporting their application at Dark Walk Cottage.

*Mrs Wood returned to the Mosaic Room and resumed the Chair.*

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

(d) VDS is currently being printed (Annex E).

**13. Playground**

The Clerk circulated the most recent weekly inspection report.

**14. Website**

SWd agreed to ask JL to ask HCC to take down the old website. **Action SWd**

**15. The Well House** (Annex E)

**16. Highways**

**17. Parking at Village Events**

The meeting discussed the letter of complaint from Mr Edwards. It was agreed that RS would bring this matter to the attention of the Memorial Hall Committee to ask them to encourage hirers to ensure that the village roads are not obstructed. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the letter to the W.I. to ask for their assistance also. **Action Clerk**

**18. Footpaths and Ham Green** (Annex E). It was unanimously agreed that the resurfacing of Ham Green was a great success. Many thanks to IH for organising this.

**19. Sparsholt School.** (Annex E)

**20. Memorial Hall** (Annex E). SWd agreed to ask NR to contact local piano sellers and if necessary use e-bay. **Action SWd**

**21. Notice Boards** (Annex E)

**22. Date of Next Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45. The next meeting of Sparsholt Parish Council is to be on Thursday 18 December 2014 at 7.30 in the Mosaic Room of the Memorial Hall, Sparsholt.

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