

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 18 February 2016

Member:

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

P = present at the meeting

In Attendance:

Mrs J Judge (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Little.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Session

A member of the public attended to outline a proposed new build in the village. The applicant would be seeking pre-planning advice from WCC before progressing further.

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 21 January 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 December were agreed, and duly signed as a true record.

5. Matters arising from meeting held on 19 November 2015 which are not on the agenda

Item 5: The clerk had written to the Planning Inspectorate supporting planning application 15/00713/FUL Alterations to "North Loggia" and the provision of disabled toilet facility (AFFECTS THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING) Lainston House Hotel.

Item 9: The casual vacancy for a councillor notice had been displayed on the main notice board and website.

Item 10: Mr Beanland had attended the January meeting and showed councillors the centenary albums.

Item 11: The Area Countryside Access Manager had been notified of the paths that the Parish Council had identified as priority for cutting in 2016. The footpath maintenance contract for Peter Yeates had been completed and returned. Footpath 7 adjacent to Barn Cottage, Dean, had been reinstated and the landowner thanked for completing the work.

6. Vacancy for a co-opted Councillor

No expressions of interest had been received to date.

7. To consider a report from the Anaerobic Digester Working Group

Following the submission of a planning application to construct an Anaerobic Digester at Sparsholt College, the AD Working Group considered that it required expert guidance and support to address the technical issues of the planning application. Accordingly, the AD Working Group requested the full Parish Council to consider funding for this work.

- **Approval is sought for permission to pay transport consultant's fee and costs up to a limit of £2675 plus VAT**

The AD group recommended to the full council that transport consultant, David Wiseman of Stuart Michael Associates was appointed to review the Traffic Statement included in the AD Planning

Application, and work with the AD group to prepare a report on the wider traffic implications of planning application 16/00116/FUL. Maximum costs had been calculated as follows:

- To review speed survey data and prepare two access drawings and provide a short report to submit to the case officer at Winchester City Council a budget of £1,895+VAT
- To attend and speak at the Planning Committee a fixed fee of £450+VAT
- Speed survey cost £330+VAT

After extensive research Mr Wiseman was identified and recommended by a village resident and parish councillor. Because of the limited time available to prepare and submit a response to the AD planning application time constraints further quotes were not obtained.

It was unanimously agreed Stuart Michael Associates be appointed with a maximum limit of expenditure of £2675 plus VAT.

- **Approval of expenditure to assist with other fees and costs associated with processing of the PC response to the planning application to the limit of £5000 plus VAT.**

After extensive discussions the AD group concluded that it would be necessary to have expert advice from Planning and PR consultants in order that the complex planning issues were fully understood and the community engaged. Accordingly, they sought the full council's approval to set aside a maximum amount of £5000 to support the PC's response to the planning application.

It was unanimously agreed to approve expenditure to the maximum of £5000 plus VAT to assist in the PC's response to application 16/00116/FUL.

It was noted that neighbouring parish councils may be prepared to contribute to such costs.

8. Developing a Parish Plan – update from Cllr Annesley

95 out of 290 Housing Needs Surveys had been returned. The next survey would be distributed with the Parish News during the latter part of March. Cllr Annesley was continuing to pursue possible funding from WCC.

9. Planning

The following decisions were noted:

- **15/02734/TPC** Corner Cottage Woodman Lane Fell 1 no. Apple suffering from canker, fell 1 no. Norway Maple at risk of falling, trees to be replaced – that no objection be raised.

Decisions were awaited for:

- **15/01678/FUL** Balldown Business Centre – Extension of existing external storage areas and distribution roads.
- **15/02312/FUL** Land At Junction of Woodlands Lane and Church Farm Lane - Improvements to existing access from Woodman Lane to Church Farm Lane, including alterations to visibility splays
- **15/02922/FUL** 1 Lambourne Close One and half storey extension to front and side, recladding to existing conservatory and associated alterations.
- **15/02876/LDP** Meadowview Hillside Road (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS) Internal alterations to convert 3 no. studio flats to 2 no. 1-bedroom flats on the ground floor of an existing two storey building.

New Applications

- **16/00065/FUL & 16/00066/LIS** Corner Cottage Woodman Lane Sparsholt Demolish existing poor extensions and erect two storey subservient extension to improve facilities for disability purposes and new garage block. (AFFECTS THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING)

Cllrs Wood and Little had visited the property and recommended that councillors support the application. This was agreed with the clerk to submit the following comment

This application proposes to demolish the two unattractive 20th century lean-to extensions on the rear of the cottage and Sparsholt Parish Council consider that the proposed alterations will only enhance and improve the cottage and surrounding area.

The Heritage Impact Assessment clearly sets out why listed building consent should be granted.

The proposals are in line with the village conservation and design statement and accordingly the Parish Council support this application."

Action: Clerk

- **16/00116/FUL** Sparsholt College Westley Lane Sparsholt Biomass-based anaerobic digestion plant including: 3 No. digesters (2 No 'primary', 1 No. 'secondary'); 2 No. digestate storage tanks; biomethane upgrading plant; biogas boiler; standby flare stack; weighbridge & marshalling yard;

agricultural feedstock storage (silage clamps); biomass pre-treatment hall; 2 No. buffer tanks (liquid substrate & silage effluent storage); digestate separation station; office, electrical and control building; ground works including bunding and reprofiling using excavated materials; surface water storage lagoon; hard surfacing; means of enclosure; landscaping; alterations to an existing access to Westley Lane; and an education building (Use Class D1) for the 'Hampshire Centre for the Demonstration of Renewable Technologies'.

The potential impacts of the proposed digester on the parish of Sparsholt were being considered.

Time for parish comments had been extended until 18 March following the next full council meeting on 17 March. A meeting had been arranged at the Village Hall on 5 March to enable parishioners to inspect plans and discuss views with members of the Parish Council.

- **16/00133/FUL** Sparsholt College Westley Lane Sparsholt Single storey glazed extension to existing 'Bytes' Dining Room.

It was agreed to support this application.

Action: Clerk

- **16/00269/TPC** Hunters Lodge Locks Lane T 1- remove at ground level 1 no. suppressed yew, T 2 - remove at ground level 1 no. conifer in rear garden, T 3 -remove at ground level 2 no sycamores, T 4 - remove at ground level 1 no. heavily leaning stem of ash, G 1-pollard at 1.5m 3 stems of laurel on roadside, T 5 - pollard at 6 m (back to union) 1 no. field maple, T 6 -remove at ground level 2 stems of sycamore near oil tank

This proposed tree work was noted.

10. Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 20 April – discuss and agree format

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would follow a similar format to the previous year with speakers from village organisations invited to talk for three minutes about one outstanding event from the previous year and two events planned for the forthcoming year.

Action: Clerk

11. Update new arrangements for the accountability and audit of local public bodies in England

Further information had been received from internal auditor, John Murray, relating to opting in or out of new audit arrangements. Further clarification was required and the clerk would contact John Murry.

Action: Clerk

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