

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 17th March 2016

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 Richard Summerfield	P
Cllr Nigel Reid	P

P = present at the meeting

In Attendance:

Cllr C Horrill
PC Kerry Croutear (part)
Mrs J Judge (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Little and Cllr Sue Annesley.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Session

With no members of the public present there was no public session.

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 18 February 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 February were agreed, and duly signed as a true record.

5. Matters arising from meeting held on 21 January 2016 which are not on the agenda

Item 12: The clerk had submitted comments relating to planning applications

6. Vacancy on council – discussion with Mr Peter Chadwick

Mr Chadwick attended and spoke of his background and skills. Having moved with his young family to Woodman Close in December 2013 he was keen to participate in the community.

Mr Chadwick left the room and it was agreed unanimously to co-opt him as a Sparsholt Parish Councillor.

Mr Chadwick was invited back to the meeting and informed of the vote and the clerk requested to provide Mr Chadwick with the necessary paperwork and information. **Clerk**

7. County and City Councillor Reports

City Councillor Caroline Horrill's report attached to these minutes included updates relating to

- Council Tax
- Devolution
- Barton Farm

(County Councillor Phil Bailey's apologies were received following the meeting with his comments attached to these minutes)

8. Portfolio Reports

Highways – Cllr Wooles had provided a report (Annex E)

Footpaths – portfolio vacant

Playground – A County Councillor grant had been received for £863 in respect of replacement of playground ropes. Cllr Reid reported that clarification of the quote from Playsafe Playground was still being sought.

Sparsholt Memorial Hall – Cllr Summerfield had provided a report (Annex E). Councillors discussed the ongoing issue of the piano. Attempts to donate free to a good home (subject to removal) or donate to a musical/educational institute had not succeeded. Cllr Horrill suggested that one of the entrepreneurial homeless charities in Winchester may be willing to take the piano and utilise to raise funds.

Action: Cllr Horrill

Sparsholt School – Cllr Cobbold had provided a report (Annex E)

Sparsholt Shop – Cllr Reid nothing specific to report

Communication – no report

Security & Transport – Cllr Osmond nothing specific to report

Police Liaison

PC Croutear highlighted the website <https://www.police.uk/> where local crime statistics could be obtained. She urged parishioners to report crimes and concerns (non-emergency) to the 101 number highlighting the importance of local knowledge and awareness in identifying activities that may be suspicious. It was agreed both the website and 101 number would be included in the parish newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

9. Annual Parish Clean Up

This would take place on 19th March. “Clean for the Queen” litter picking equipment had been collected in preparation.

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

The working group recommended that Sparsholt Parish Council object to planning application **16/00116/FUL**. Detailed investigation had been carried out including expert advice from both planning and transport experts in reaching this conclusion. A public meeting had been held to inform attendees and to listen to views expressed both in support and objection to the application.

Ref Item 12

11. Developing a Parish Plan – update from Cllr Annesley

On behalf of Cllr Annesley the clerk reported that the second part of the Parish Plan questionnaire covering all aspects of life in the village was due to be distributed along with both the Parish Newsletter and Church magazine towards the end of March.

12. Planning

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- **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 – application permitted
- **15/02922/FUL** 1 Lambourne Close One and half storey extension to front and side, recladding to existing conservatory and associated alterations – application permitted
- **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 – application permitted
- **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) – application refused

Decisions were awaited for:

- **15/01678/FUL** Balldown Business Centre – Extension of existing external storage areas and distribution roads.
- **16/00133/FUL** Sparsholt College Westley Lane Sparsholt Single storey glazed extension to existing 'Bytes' Dining Room.

Current Applications

- **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'.

It was unanimously agreed to object to this application. The letter attached to these minutes giving reasons was agreed and would be hand delivered by the Chair on Friday 18 March.

Action: Chair

- **16/00170/FUL** Downs Cottage Woodman Lane First floor front extension and two-storey side and rear extension

SPC had supported previous application 15/02585/FUL and thus supported this revised application which was smaller than the previous refused application.

Action: Clerk

- **16/00295/FUL** Woodlands Hamgreen Lane Swimming pool (ancillary to Woodlands Barn)
The Chair had visited the site and described the proposal to councillors. It was agreed to support but with conditions

- The swimming pool be appropriately fenced to ensure the safety of children and animals
- The intensity and direction of any associated external lighting be installed so as not disturb others

Action: Clerk

- **16/00336/LDC** Shedding Oaks Cattery Ham Green Existing Use of the dwelling house
The Chair had visited the site and described the resident's application. It was agreed to support the application to remove the agricultural clause associated with the property. It was understood that the land has not been farmed for some 30 years.

Action: Clerk

- **16/00451/FUL** Balldown Farm House Northwood Park Replace existing car port with new oak framed garage

As a replacement building this application was supported.

Action: Clerk

It was noted that WCC was trialling a new paperless parish consultation system whereby plans would be available on line only.

13. Finance

- **Current Financial Statement**

Annex C had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Payments PV62 to PV74 were approved.

- **Budget Update**

Annex D had been circulated in advance of the meeting and incorporated payments and amounts set aside in respect of funding advice and expenses associated with planning application 16/00116/FUL: Sparsholt College Westley Lane Sparsholt Biomass-based anaerobic digestion plant and education building as previously approved.

- The Clerk reported that her understanding of the **new arrangements for the accountability and audit of local public bodies in England** was that from the financial year 2017-18

- Internal Audit
SPC continues to appoint an internal auditor
- External Audit
SPC opts into the SAAA (Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointment Limited) arrangement by nothing
SPC qualifies for an exemption from external audit (turnover of £25,000 or less) unless event of special circumstance or if an elector raises a question that requires audit

It was agreed that SPC would do nothing thereby opting into the SAAA arrangements. The clerk was asked to check qualification and experience criteria for internal audit.

Action: Clerk

14. Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 20 April

Speakers had been invited and some replies were still awaited.

Action: Clerk

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

Phil Bailey

**County Councillor Report to Sparsholt Parish Council 17 March 2016
Waste Recycling Consultation**

On Wed 16th March the public Consultation begins on to seek views on how savings can be made in the cost of Running Hampshire Waste Recycling Centres.

www.hants.gov.uk/hwrc2016 <<http://www.hants.gov.uk/hwrc2016>>

Consultation end midday Wed 25th May.

I am concerned that the consultation will be used to justify various cuts. I am concerned that any reduction in opening hours – which we have already had – will have a detrimental impact upon a) Recycling b) Fly-tipping – which we seem to have had a big rise in recently.

Library Services Consultation

This consultation has now closed and over 9,500 people and organisation responded.

Decisions based on the response will be made in the April and expect cuts in various services.

It is expected that the Mobile Library Service will be closed.