

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Sparsholt on Thursday 16 November 2017

Member:

- Cllr Sue Wood (Chairman)
 - Cllr Stewart Wooles (Vice Chairman) P
 - Cllr Jo Alexander P
 - Cllr Sue Annesley
 - Cllr Pete Chadwick
 - Cllr Katy Cobbold P
 - Cllr John Little P
 - Cllr Andrew Osmond
 - Cllr Nigel Reid P
- P = present at the meeting

One member of public (part)

In Attendance:

Mrs J Judge (Clerk)

- 17/18 - 052 **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllr Sue Wood, Cllr Sue Annesley, Cllr Andrew Osmond, Cllr Pete Chadwick.
- 17/18 – 053 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.
- 17/18 – 054 **Minutes of Meeting of 19 October**
To approve and sign the minutes
The minutes were approved.
To deal with any matters arising not the agenda
None arising.
- 17/18 – 055 **Public participation**
The owner of The White House, Church Lane explained plans to demolish two existing single storey rear and side extensions and construction of two storey rear extension and single storey side and front extensions. Ref Item 17/18 062. The member of public left the meeting.
- 17/18 - 056 **Matters arising from meeting held on 21 September 2017 which are not on the agenda**
There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.
- 17/18 – 057 **County and City Councillor Reports**
The City Councillor's report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Both the County and City Councillor were unable to attend the meeting.
- 17/18 – 058 **Neighbourhood Plan – Review of CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Conference attended by Councillors Wood and Wooles and next actions**
It was noted that Neighbourhood Plans were both costly and time consuming taking 18 to 24 months to complete. A team of extremely committed individuals was needed to drive through to completion. Against this background CPRE suggested that there was merit in small parishes with similar ideologies in working together. Councillors questioned if there was effectively "little value for effort" and whether a catalyst was needed to prompt the community to engage in the principle of a Neighbourhood Plan. That catalyst for Sparsholt may come as city boundaries were extended to meet national requirements for new houses or more immediately because of any planning application relating to the area known as "Church Farm". As such it was agreed to continue to monitor Neighbourhood Plans but at this stage not to instigate the provision of one.
- 17/18 – 059 **Portfolio Reports**
Highways
Nothing specific to report. Two outstanding requests for ditch and hedge clearance remained with HCC
Footpaths
The Clerk had met with Ian Hay, a former councillor, to put together a map showing who owned land adjacent to footpaths.
Playground
Nothing specific to report

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Cllr Annesley was unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that there was nothing significant to report.

Sparsholt School

Interviews were due to take place at the beginning of December for a new Head Teacher.

Communication

Cllr Little reported that he had provided a selection of photographs to Winchester City Council for the Visit Winchester Visitor Guide 2018.

Security & Transport

Nothing specific to report

Police Liaison

No report

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To receive an update from the Anaerobic Digester Group

Nothing specific to report

17/18 – 061

Finance

Current Financial Statement (attached)

Payments 29 to 41 were approved

Budget Update (attached)

The clerk reported that the second part of the precept had now been received and that bench repair was due to be completed shortly

Budget Planning for 2018/19 and Review of Finance Group Meeting (report attached)

The Finance Group had met on 6 November and reviewed the 2017/18 financial year to date implications for the 2018/19 year

The following was reported

Income

The lease for the Well House was due to end on 31 December 2017. The finance group had reviewed the amount of rent noting the need to balance between commercial enterprise and intangible benefits to community and recommended that the rent remain at £1000 as charged for the 2017 year. This was agreed by all and Cllr Reid would organise the drawing up of new lease with an amount of £1000 rental for each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020. **Action: Cllr Reid**

Expenditure

Going forward an amount would need to be set aside for the external decoration of the Well House and £1000 reserved for election expenses as recommended by Winchester City Council. Further previous years had shown playground expenditure to be significant, and whilst grants and donations had assisted in payment it was thought prudent to set aside further monies to ensure that the playground, a key community asset, was kept in good repair. The Parish Council had supported the holding of a Village Picnic (2016 Queens Birthday Celebration, 2017 Village Picnic) and whilst it was thought appropriate to continue to set aside £500 this would be for a wider range of Community Events. Parishioners would be invited to request contributions for events via the newsletter/website.

Recommendation

The Finance Group recommended that the precept be increased by 5% (£862.50). This was agreed in principle with a final decision at January’s meeting. It was noted that Council Tax Support was anticipated to reduce meaning that the percentage increase charged to parishioners would be higher.

The finance group had discussed the provision of a reserves policy and the clerk would prepare a draft for discussion and approval at December’s meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Approve purchase of laminator

To protect notices put up on the village noticeboards (agendas, planning applications) the clerk sought approval to purchase a laminator. These were readily available a price of around £30 with laminating sheets an additional cost. Councillors approved purchase. **Action: Clerk**

17/18 – 062

Planning

To consider new applications

Date Valid	Number	Address	Description	Closing date for comments
13/10/2017	17/02624/HOU	Phoenix House Church Lane	Rear ground level infill extension and alterations to apertures on rear elevation. Adding timber cladding to gables. Adding timber cladding to rear first floor wall above proposed	28 November

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			extension. Additional secondary entrance with shelter. Replace all windows and doors. General refurbishment and internal alterations to building. Alter garage doors and windows. Propose new entrance gate at boundary	
<i>It was agreed that the clerk would submit a comment to support this application: "Following a review of plans councillors agreed to support this application at their meeting of 16 November."</i>				
06/10/2017	17/02575/FUL	Land Adjoining Harestock Sub-Station Stockbridge Road	Construction of a 10MW energy storage barn incorporating battery storage, and associated transformers, security fencing, sub-station, hardstanding, access track, and new access from Stockbridge Road	PC extension to 17 Nov
<i>There was some confusion about the access road and it was agreed that the Parish Council would submit a comment noting size, appearance and clarification of plans.</i>				
<i>"At its meeting on 16 November councillors noted the scale of the proposed energy storage barn and emphasised that construction should be in a style and colour sympathetic to surroundings and appropriate screening provided. Clarification is sought as to why the access road extends beyond the boundaries of the site to the south west"</i>				
06/10/2017	17/02567/HOU	The White House Church Lane	Demolition of two existing single storey rear and side extensions and construction of two storey rear extension and single storey side and front extensions.	22 November
<i>Councillors agreed to support this application noting that the proposed design accorded with the principles of the Village Design Statement.</i>				

Awaiting decision

29/09/2017	17/02485/FUL	Land North of Garstons Track Sparsholt College Westley Lane	Installation of energy storage facility comprising up to three battery storage containers with associated equipment, access track, landscaping and fencing, to provide backup electricity to the grid during operational life of 25 years	Pending Consideration
<i>An email had been received from Steve Cornwell, Planning Officer, explaining that the traffic data related to this application had been revised to allow for HGVs delivering hardcore to form the roadway within the field.</i>				
<i>The Parish Council would continue to emphasise concerns remained about the proximity of traffic to the Yurt Nursery.</i>				
04/08/2017	17/02053/LDP	Woodrows Church Lane	Proposed use of garage for ancillary accommodation	Pending Consideration
05/07/2017	17/01761/LDC	Greenacre Caravan Park Stockbridge Road	Caravan site	Pending Consideration

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Recently Decided

31/10/2017	17/02785/TPC	The House At Pooh Corner Home Lane	G1 Surpressed Beech x 6 - Coppice. T1 Beech - Reduce 1 long low limb over garden by 1-1.5m T2 Hawthorn - Reduce by 50% T3 Beech - Coppice T4 Field Maple - Remove 1 side of upright stem over garden. T5 Field Maple - Clear around ABC cable by 1m. T6 Cedar - Reduce lower branches to give 1m clearance from garage.	That no objection be raised
11/10/2017	17/02612/TPC	Little Mead Home Lane	T1 Yew reduce and reshape by 3m and prune back from building to give 2m clearance. To provide more light into neighbours garden to give a better overall shape.	That no objection be raised
11/10/2017	17/02568/TPO	Mayfield House Home Lane	T8, (Chestnut) reduce the lowest southerly facing limbs, (2 number) by 2m to relive strain on trunk T6, (Sycamore) remove lowest limb, (1 number) overhanging access drive to stop it contacting with garage roof	Application permitted
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	Application permitted

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