



Dodington Parish Council

MINUTES of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Dodington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury, on Wednesday **13th July 2016** convening at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Barry Adams, Linda Boon, John Davis, Cliff Phelps, Paul Hulbert, David Lane (Chairman for the Meeting), Annette Parsons, Adrian Rush, Gloria Stephen, Chris Zapata

Also present were South Glos Councillor – Claire Young, Clerk to the Council – Hannah Saunders and 4 members of public.

101/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Keely Barrett-Waines, Christine Howard, Phil Jones, and Mandy Sainsbury.

Apologies were also received from Cllrs Rob Creer & Tony Davis (South Gloucestershire Council).

102/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

- Cllr Paul Hulbert declared an interest in planning application at Blaisdon – as it is a neighbouring property, he will refrain from comment during that item. Cllrs Linda Boon and Gloria Stephen also declared an interest in Planning due to being members of S Glos Planning Committee.
- There were no requests for dispensations.

103/16 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

- Mr David Fitt had 2 items that he wanted to question / bring to Council's attention.
 - Firstly – he wondered if any results had been received from the Speed Checker that was placed on Shire Way between 2 roundabouts earlier this year. Clerk confirmed that she was still chasing the results, and as soon as she had them would let Mr Fitt know.
 - Secondly there is a hole / drain cover that was missing near post box as you enter Rodborough, it is quite dangerous. The Chairman thanked Mr Fitt for bringing these items to Council's attention and said that they would both be looked into.

- Mr & Mrs Spiller of Cliff Farm and their daughter were present and wanted to explain to members the reason why they have put planning application in and some background information....this they did and Clerk projected the planning application on screen at the same time to aid everyone's understanding. Members felt that it was very reasonable to want to keep farm as a family business and that plans seemed very good. They would strongly support it.
- The Chairman thanked them for their time and said they were welcome to stay for rest of meeting should they wish to.

All members of public left.

104/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A list of all planning applications and the Council's decisions forms Appendix 1 to the minutes.

105/16 TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

- This was due to the fact that the meeting on 22nd June 2016 wasn't quorate.
- It was proposed by Cllr Chris Zapata and seconded by Cllr Annette Parsons and **RESOLVED** that minutes recommendations be approved.

106/16 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 8TH JUNE 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a true record.

Cllr David Lane signed the minutes.

Matters Arising (not covered during course of meeting)

- None

107/16 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as read for the following Committee Meetings:

1. Community, Leisure and Environment Committee Meeting of the Council held on 15th June 2016.
2. Planning Committee Meeting of the Council held on 22nd June 2016.
3. Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings of the Council held on 29th June 2016.

108/16 TO COMMENT ON CONSULTATION REGARDING MEMBER AWARDED FUNDING

- All members had read consultation and the following comments were noted:-
 - They weren't 100% happy with proposals and felt that a greater degree of scrutiny of individual councillors decisions was necessary.

- In order to remove excess pressure from councillors they felt the grants could be pooled on a geographical basis.
- Whilst they supported other principles there was some question over the actual cost saving – as it was felt that administrative costs could be high.
- Clerk to respond accordingly.

109/16 TO APPROVE NEW CONSTITUTION FOR TIC

- Members felt that the new constitution was a great improvement – and removed a lot of complexity and duplication.
- It was proposed by Cllr Paul Hulbert and seconded by Cllr Annette Parsons and RESOLVED to approve the new constitution.

110/16 TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM F&GP COMMITTEE RE MEMORIAL FOR LINDA HODEY

- Clerk recapped for members why this memorial needed approval.
- Cllr John Davis queried whether PCC at Peters should be notified. This isn't normally the case – but as memorial is slightly different from the norm it was decided it would be a good idea to inform PCC.
- It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the memorial.

111/16 CONSULTATION ON FUTURE OF PROPERTY

- South Gloucestershire Council had written to Clerk regarding Public Open Space Land at Chedworth.
- Network Rail has approached SGC with a view to acquiring this land for future embankment strengthening works.
- Community Spaces have approved transfer and Property Services recommends that the council transfer land subject to carrying out statutory procedures prior to disposing of POS – hence letter to Dodington PC.
- Members concluded that they had no objections to this transfer – but they did feel that all houses that border the footpath next to the embankment (if not all of Chedworth residents) are consulted as to what is being done.
- Clerk to respond accordingly.

112/16 CONSULTATION ON THE DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR SGC, BANES AND BRISTOL

- This is the opportunity for members of public, organisations, businesses to make their comments and thoughts known regarding the Devolution Deal to the Secretary of State.
- The motion to go ahead with the deal was agreed at SGC full council meeting on 29th June – hence the launch of this consultation.
- It was mentioned that it is important to comment as with change of leadership, etc. and Brexit this could have an impact on deal.
- The other comments that members wanted to make were:-
 - To ensure that if deal goes ahead that the duty of consultation is transferred with the power – so that Town and Parishes are still consulted on matters that are relevant to their area's (ie road / transport,

- etc).
- Assurance needs to be obtained from the government about the European element of funding – is this going to be impacted on due to the decision to leave Europe?!?!?

113/16 TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF INSURANCE FOR PARISH VEHICLE

- The cost of renewing insurance for coming year is £491.00.
- Krys managed to get the quote reduced from £554.00.
- It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the renewal.

114/16 UPDATE ON WAPLEY BOUNDARY DISPUTE

- Mr Jarrett's solicitor has sent paperwork to our solicitor – and he will be in a position soon for Chairman / Vice Chairman to go and sign.
- They will need to take photo and address ID with them (originals).
- Clerk is also looking at getting some photographic evidence of the boundary fence, etc....so that this can sit on both parties files / documents.

115/16 UPDATE ON NEW WEBSITE

- Clerk confirmed that Carolyn from Media Tube is in the process of transferring all of the documents from the old website to the new one.
- Some more up to date photos are required. Cllr John Davis agreed to pop along to the summer play scheme during August and take some pictures.

116/16 UPDATE ON CASUAL VACANCY

- Clerk has not received any enquiries about the vacancy.
- Members have spoken to a few people that they felt may be interested – but to no avail.
- As such the vacancy following David Fitt's resignation earlier this year is still unfilled.

117/16 TO RECEIVE BANK RECONCILIATION & LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- These were duly received and noted. It was proposed by Cllr Linda Boon and seconded by Cllr Chris Zapata and RESOLVED to approve payments.

118/16 ITEMS OF REPORT

1. Cllr Linda Boon reported that the culvert at Lilliput Park needed clearing. Clerk to check as she was under impression that Chris Belcher had done earlier in the week.
2. Cllr Chris Zapata was upset to see the decision taken by SGC to reduce size of black bins.
3. Cllr Gloria Stephen has asked that when looking at setting calendar for meetings after Christmas, please could the SGC meetings be taken into consideration – to try and avoid clashes.

4. Cllr Gloria Stephen is also dismayed that the new Cinema doesn't appear to be advertised in Yate Shopping Centre. Clerk said she would have a word with Andy Lowrey.
5. Cllr Paul Hulbert said that has been quite a few complaints and few instances of both dog bins and litter bins overflowing. Clerk confirmed that she has taken this issue up with Alison Richards at Streetcare – and hopefully things are in hand.
6. Cllr John Davis reported on meeting of St Peters PCC that he attended. (Minutes are in file). They are currently in debate with Mr and Mrs Hall – the owners of the Old Rectory regarding the driveway. There has been talk that they want to buy it to have their own private access. It was suggested that Mike Collis the chairman of PCC be invited to next Planning Meeting – to explain this further to council.
7. Cllr Dave Lane reported on fact that it had come to his attention that Hannah and Krys pay for the tea / coffee and biscuits that members enjoy each week. He felt they should be claiming this back – and all members were in agreement.
8. Cllr Dave Lane also reported that the Portaloo's have been moved from the compound (Network Rail) on Shire Way and that also the green van that was up at Wapley has been moved.
9. Clerk commented on some training courses that are available to councillors during September – in particular one on Planning.
10. Clerk also mentioned that 'Special Expenses' consultation has just been received – so will be on next full council agenda. She will forward to members to read – as there is quite a lot of information.

119/16 NEXT MEETING

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of the Council would be held at **7.30pm** on **Wednesday 24th August 2016** in the Council Chamber of the Parish Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed – at 9:15pm.

SignedChairman

Date 24th August 2016