



Dodington Parish Council

MINUTES of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Dodington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury, on Wednesday **2nd November 2016** convening at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Peter Abraham, Keely Barrett-Waines, Linda Boon, John Davis, Christine Howard, Paul Hulbert, Philip Jones, Dave Lane (Chairman for Meeting), Annette Parsons, Cliff Phelps, Adrian Rush, Mandy Sainsbury and Chris Zapata

Also present were South Glos Councillor – Claire Young, Clerk to the Council – Hannah Saunders and 100+ members of public and Mr Aaron Simms from Gazette

The first part of the meeting was held in the main hall – due to the large number of residents in attendance.

Chairman Dave Lane, welcomed everyone at 7:30pm explained evacuation procedure and that Item 3 on the agenda was to be covered off first (Public Participation).

It was stressed that needed to be out of hall by 8pm as Scouts were due in at that time, that members wouldn't be discussing the application regarding Tern Inn this evening – that would be in 2 weeks' time – and that Dodington PC are statutory consultee's but the final decision is taken by South Gloucestershire Council.

The Chairman checked that everyone was in attendance because of Tern Inn application – and asked if there were any supporters for the proposals. As there weren't Chairman invited Cllr Linda Boon to explain the process regarding referring an application to Development Control Committee – how this would work, etc. before asking the 2 nominated Spokes People to speak.

Cllr Linda Boon explained that if the planning officer was moved to grant permission for site – then she would 'call the application in'. This would mean that the Development Control Committee would carry out a site visit – whereby officers would explain plans to them. Anyone supporting the application would get 3 – 5 minutes to address the committee and likewise anyone against the application would get 3 – 5 minutes to address the committee. The visits always take place on a Friday morning. Anyone is welcome to attend – but it is important to nominate one spokesperson as time is tight and the Chairman will stick to the 5 minutes. No decisions are taken at that site meeting, the decision will be made 2 weeks after at committee meeting in Kingswood – which is open to members of public to attend to. Cllr Boon also explained that as she sits on South Gloucestershire Planning Committee – she has to declare an interest in this matter – and can't take part in discussions – but can just listen.

Chairman thanked Cllr Boon and invited **Mr Ken Thomas** to speak on behalf of the residents.

Mr Thomas thanked the Chairman and explained the concerns that the local residents have regarding planning application PK16/5906/O.

- Loss of 2 community assets – residents feel should be treated as assets of Community Value.
- The Public House – was part of the original development in 1968 – as a community pub – it has over recent years been deliberately run down.
- The Car Park – allows cars to park somewhere other than street / road. The loss of this would see 100+ extra cars parking on streets / roads – turning Heron Way into a major hazard.
- Shops are still operational in the precinct – some have come and gone – but there is potential for more shops.
- With development the shops will cease to exist – as neither workers nor customers will have parking – so business will dwindle and go.
- Development is out of context with family estate. The maisonettes above the shops were for shop owners / workers...
- It is high rise and high density – not enough parking.
- Will lead to a loss of community recreation, businesses and road safety.

Mr Thomas handed over to **Mr Russell Owen** who is a customer of Tern Inn.

- Mr Owen stressed the community value of the pub – and how there are 3 thriving pool teams and 4 thriving darts teams (both men and women) and they really are good teams that are amongst the best in Bristol area.
- There is an online petition to save Tern Inn – and already it has 350 signatures.

Mr Thomas and Mr Owen were thanked and Chairman stated how important it was that people comment to South Gloucestershire Council – by cutoff date of 15th November. Cllr Mandy Sainsbury mentioned about sending photo's in of area at school drop off and collect – as when committee visit it will be mid-morning – so they will miss the rush. Cllr Paul Hulbert has commented on the development in a personal capacity – and asked Chairman if he could hand round templates of comments should people wish to use them...This was agreed and done at the end of session.

The Chairman closed public participation – thanked everyone for attending – and asked that they exit the hall via the rear fire exit to give Scouts chance to get in via front door.

All Councillors and Clerk then adjourned to Council Chamber to work through rest of agenda.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10pm

162/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies – Cllr Barry Adams wasn't present.

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

163/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

- Cllr Linda Boon declared an interest in Planning due to being members of S Glos Planning Committee (see earlier).

- There were no requests for dispensations.

164/16 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

- This item was covered off at the start of the meeting – (see above).

165/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

166/16 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a true record, Cllr Dave Lane signed the minutes.

Matters Arising (not covered during course of meeting)

- Clerk updated members as to how Cllr Gloria Stephen is – and also fact that Malcolm Stephen isn't very well at moment – and is in hospital undergoing investigations – suspected Gall Bladder problems.

167/16 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 5th October 2016.
2. Planning Committee Meeting of the Council held on 12th October 2016.
3. Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Council held on 19th October 2016.

168/16 TO APPROVE HEDGE CUTTING AT QEII PLAYING FIELDS, MAISEMORE & GOLDCREST

- Clerk explained that hedge at playing fields is cut once a year (around this time of year) – in past had a quote from local farmer.
- Photos of the hedges at Maisemore and Goldcrest were circulated. These are area's where Landcare / South Gloucestershire have been doing maintenance – but due to overlap – obviously work hasn't been carried out correctly and now they are too overgrown for Landcare to look after.
- It is hoped if they can be cut back and Landcare are then instructed to look after them – they will never get so bad again.
- It was RESOLVED that work be carried out.

169/16 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT ON NEW GROUNDS PERSON

- Chairman explained to members that prior to meeting the working group had met with Clerk and gone through the applications that had been received.

- There are some good candidates and group are going to interview all of them – hopefully within next week – 10 days.

170/16 BENCH AT RODBOROUGH – TO AGREE LEASE DOCUMENTS

- Members had looked at the draft lease documents (as these were sent through with agenda's).
- It was RESOLVED to proceed with lease – asking for litter bin and any planting to be included.
- Once lease sorted – then work will be done.
- Cllr Keely Barrett Waines to confirm positioning of bench with clerk on attached map prior to documents going back to south Gloucestershire Council.

171/16 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON NEW WEBSITE

- The new website is now live – Clerk got it up onto screen so that those that hadn't had a chance to view it could see how it looks.
- Need people to give us information – to put on site.....so all stories / suggestions welcome.
- It is a lot easier to update....Clerk in process of typing out instructions – so that if she / Paul not around – Deputy or another councillor can do, although monies paid – mean that Media Tube are always at end of phone for support.

172/16 TO NOTE FOLLOWING LIVE CONSULTATIONS FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

- Superfast South Gloucestershire 2016 (closes 7th November 2016) *comment this evening if applicable.*
- Relevant area for School Admissions in the School Year 2019-2020 (closes 2nd December 2016) *comment 9th November – CL&E.*
- Children & Young People's Mental Health & Emotional Well Being Strategy (closes 6th December 2016) *comment 9th November – CL&E.*
- BT Phone Box Removal (closes 7th December 2016) *comment 16th November – Planning.*
- Changes to Library Services Phase 2 (closes 2nd January 2017) *comment 14th December CL&E).*
- Community Based Services Re-Commissioning 2016 (closes 5th January 2017) *comment 14th December – CL&E).*

Clerk also mentioned that the Budget Consultation from South Gloucestershire has also just gone live.

It was agreed to comment on the Superfast Broadband – stating that Parish Council support local residents in their campaign to get a better service for rural communities.

Clerk will email Children & Young People consultation to Cllr Annette Parsons – who will send in any comments prior to next meeting – if she has any.

173/16 TO CONSIDER SUGGESTION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF HALF / FULL SIZED ALLOTMENT TO FAMILIES IN NEED.....

- This was an idea that the Chairman had suggested at the end of the last full council meeting – and he expanded on it a little.
- Mixed response amongst members – although it was agreed that the Allotment Association be contacted to see if it is something that they would be happy to consider – in the first instance – and then take it from there.

174/16 TO RECEIVE BANK RECONCILIATION AND APPROVE LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- Bank reconciliation was duly noted and it was proposed by Cllr Adrian Rush and seconded by Cllr Mandy Sainsbury and **RESOLVED** to pass accounts for payment (there was a query regarding payment for new Website – and how much it was – Clerk confirmed that it was nearly £2,500 – the payment on sheet was one of the final payments to company) The hosting cost is on top of this – a further £145.

175/16 ITEMS OF REPORT

1. Cllr Christine Howard reported that situation is still quite bad at Wapley Rank with the Son of owner at No.1 being rude. Clerk has been in touch with ASBO and they have had meetings with Merlin and owners of No.1.
2. Cllr Peter Abraham has had a couple of residents contact him about speeding on Shire Way and also a car parked on verge – he has asked for more information about car that seems to have been abandoned on verge. Camera van does visit Shire Way – it was only there a couple of weeks ago. Cllr Abraham is also holding a drop in session at St Nicholas Centre on 12th November – for residents to come and meet him.
3. Cllr Keely Barrett-Waines reported that there were some streetlights out / not working between Witcombe and Brockworth – she will let clerk know which ones so they can be reported.
4. Cllr Mandy Sainsbury said that she had met someone from Abbotswood Action Group – who had been complaining about the amount of litter at Kelston. Obviously with no groundsman and no litter picker at the moment this is a problem. She had also had a phone call from David Fitt – one of his neighbours was concerned about the opening of the Road to Nowhere and wanted to know if it was on the Parish Council's agenda?
5. Cllr Annette Parsons reported that she had noticed fires being started at Lilliput Park and a lot of broken glass – and suggested letting PCSO's know of the issues. Clerk will also put on CL&E agenda.
6. Cllr Claire Young updated members stating that as part of Joint Spatial Plan and Transport Plan – the road to nowhere is one of the area's that is being looked at along with Junction 18a of M4.....she mentioned that the consultation goes live next week and that there will be a drop in session on 10th November in Chipping Sodbury Town Hall regarding the plans. She also mentioned that following the meeting on 7th October regarding Dodington Bridge improvements / traffic calming – residents seemed pleased with the plans that Network Rail had come up with.
7. Cllr Paul Hulbert reported on the briefing that he and Cllrs Cliff Phelps and Dave

Lane attended regarding Joint Spatial Plan – and fact that everything seems notional at moment – but that Yate and Sodbury are possibly going to be looked at for more housing. He mentioned the vandalism at Lilliput following on from Cllr Annette Parsons comments and also the success of the Saturday Clean up session at Lilliput – they will be holding another one on 26th November.

8. Cllr Linda Boon mentioned the change of day / night for the Victorian Evening in Chipping Sodbury.
9. Clerk mentioned that the yellow hatched lines / box has been painted at bottom of Mallard Close.
10. Cllr Dave Lane attended Allotment AGM – they were really pleased that they had received an Outstanding from SW In Bloom and will be entering Site 1 next year. They were also complimentary about the support they receive from Dodington Parish Council.

176/16 NEXT MEETING

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of the Council would be held at **7.30pm** on **Wednesday 7th December 2016** in the Council Chamber of the Parish Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed – at 9:10pm.

SignedChairman

Date 7th December 2016