

January 2013

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2013

PRESENT: Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, Vince Jones, David Lomax, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Liz Carmichael (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 3rd December 2012 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions ongoing

Send item to Lyden magazine to inform residents about the Bobby Van Trust Action: Clerk

Consider locations for trees

Action: All

Speak to Geoff Hale about designs

Action: GW

Send Grass Roots Grant criteria to clerk

Action: AB

Send Gordon Wilson the information on the Cumbria broadband

Action: AB

Send Vince contact details for Jonathan Miller

Action: GW

Arrange handover from Jonathan Miller

Action: VJ

Actions completed

Contact PGL and ask them to request a new sign

Action: Clerk

Send letter to Dave

Bristow

Action:

Clerk

Send letter to Annie Ellis about footpath

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Action: Clerk

Arrange site meeting

Action: Clerk

Respond to presentation

Action: GW

The clerk advised the meeting that PGL had stated that they had put in a request to Swindon Borough Council for additional directional road signs but could not compel SBC to provide the signs. A copy of Liddington Parish Council's letter had been enclosed with the letter to SBC to demonstrate the Parish Council's support for the request.

It was agreed that copies of the Design Statements for Commonhead would be held at the Shop at the Village Inn for the public to review.

The meeting noted that Annie Ellis has contacted Sid Bishop and a site meeting is expected to be arranged for sometime w/c 21 January.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Draft

Revised Statement of Community Involvement in Planning – It was agreed that the following comments be submitted: 2 copies of any documentation and 2 copies of the CDs should be sent to the Parish Council free of any charges, meetings should be held in the evening as many Parish Councillors work during the day, the proposals in the document are good in principal but in the Parish Council's experience SBC only pay lip service to any form of consultation.

Respond to
consultation
Clerk

Action:

5.2 Consultation on the Swindon Borough Council Local Bus Strategy – It was agreed that the Parish Councillors would respond individually to the consultation. In addition, the clerk will submit a response from the Parish Council, if on further review, this is considered necessary.

Respond to
consultation

Action: All

5.3 Meeting with Robert Buckland MP – It was noted that a good meeting with interesting questions had been held and that approx. 25 people attended.

5.4 Doomsday book – It is believed that Marion Warren may have the book and the associated minute books.

Contact Marion

Warren

Action:

Clerk

5.5 Highways matters – It was noted that since the kerb stones had been removed vehicles were backing up over the grass triangle and causing damage. Drains in Medbourne lane and Church road are blocked. Hedges in Bell lane, Ham lane and Purley road are due to be cut this week.

Report blocked

drains

Action:

Clerk

5.6 Footpaths

– It was noted that there was a lot of damage being done by horses that are being taken across the Jubilee gardens and along the footpath by the brook.

5.7 Councillors' roles – This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was not suspended as no members of the public were present.

6. PLANNING

6.1 *Planning Applications – None for consideration.*

6.2 *Decisions*

– It was noted that permission has been for the following applications: S12/1804/ NIS Cloverleaf building, S/12/1466HC Erection of front porch at 17 Hillside Cottages, S/12/0954/RM erection of a conservatory, and conversion of garage to gym at Medbourne farm.

7. *FINANCE*

7.1 *Account Summary – The account summary was reviewed and balance noted.*

7.2 *Draft Budget and Precept – The draft budget of £7833 for the financial year 2013-14 was reviewed and approved. It was agreed that the precept for 2013-14 should remain at the same level as currently. The shortfall between the anticipated annual spend and the precept would come from cash reserves. To approve the budget for 2013/14 and set the precept*

7.3 *VAT on the village hall new roof –The clerk's comments that it may be considered inappropriate for an invalid claim to be made, and that the Parish Council could ask for a decision from the VAT office prior to submitting a claim, were noted. The meeting discussed the matter and, on the understanding that if the VAT office determined that the VAT could not be reclaimed it would simply not repay it, the Parish Council resolved to submit a claim for the village hall roof and let the VAT office decide it's validity*

7.4 *The Parish Council approved payment of Stratton St Margaret Parish Council invoice 2364, dog wasteservice for November, £6.00*

7.5 *Jeffries Land Conservation Trust – The Parish Council agreed to renew its membership.*

8. *CORRESPONDENCE*

8.1 *The Parish Council noted the following correspondence for discussion and will respond at its February meeting:*

– Consultation on Primary, Infant to Junior, & Secondary Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for September 2014-2015 (deadline 28th February)

– Invitation to One Swindon Partnership Conference on 28th February

– Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026 Pre-Submission (deadline 21st February)

- Consultation on Draft proposals for Community Governance Review (deadline 11th February)

8.2 The Parish Council noted the following correspondence for information:

- Notification of Confirmation Public Path Diversion Order for Footpath 21 Liddington
- CPRE Field Work, Winter 2012

9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 There was no report as Andrew Bennett was unable to attend the meeting.

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field - Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on 3rd, 17th and 31st December and that there were no issues to report.

10.2 Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report.

10.3 Village Hall Committee - There was nothing to report.

10.4 Community Speedwatch - Nothing to report.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was agreed that the following items to be put in the Parish Council's report: a good meeting held with Robert Buckland, horses to keep off Jubilee gardens and footpaths, SBC Local Plan to be made available for public review in Village Inn, and reminder of vacancies on the Parish Council.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

To consider asking the Community Payback Scheme to undertake some clean up jobs.

The meeting concluded at 9.25pm