

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th MARCH 2010 AT 7.30pm  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Sid Bishop, David Lomax, Stephanie Penfold, Maurice Spillane, Gordon Wilson (Chair), Liz Carmichael (Clerk), Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor)

1. APOLOGIES

Jonathan Miller. The Chair advised the meeting that Rochelle Seifas had resigned.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.4 as he is a representative for the Parish Council on the Parish Plan committee. Stephanie Penfold declared an interest in agenda items 10.2 and 10.4 as she is the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee and on the Parish Plan committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th February were approved and signed as a true record.

4. UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The clerk read out a response from Swindon Borough Council to the query about its snow clearing policy. It was noted that clarification was required regarding where the bus route along The Street sat within the policy. Sid Bishop advised the meeting that as the goal posts were plastic coated; paint may not stick to them. Refurbishment of the goal posts will take place at the end of the football season. It was agreed that it would be necessary to buy new goal posts if the existing ones could not be painted. Stephanie Penfold advised the meeting that the resident she had spoken with was aware of the issue with parking on The Street and they were in the process of creating a parking area in the garden. It was noted that the postman had already reported the missing collection plates on 3 different occasions. Stephanie Penfold agreed to contact the sorting office directly to request replacements. Correspondence from Jeffries Land Conservation Trust was distributed to Councillors.

Contact the sorting office directly to request replacement collection plates Action: SP

Send letter of thanks/appreciate regarding parking Action: clerk

Actions carried forward from previous minutes

Obtain electronic copy of map from Michael Enright Action: MS

Arrange meeting with SBC to discuss parking issues Action: AB

## 5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Medbourne Farm – Clive Pattison updated the Parish Council on the plans for Medbourne Farm. It was noted that SBC had been given a copy of the 5 year plan for the farm and that planning permission had already been received for offices and storage facilities. It is anticipated that change of use will be sought for some of the buildings (A2, B, C, D as shown on plan). The emphasis has moved from storage and distribution with a view to keeping vehicle movements down. Instead there will be a move toward providing offices in the medium term. The next change of use to office space is not anticipated before spring 2011. Plans for the large field behind the Sun Inn had included turning it into a playing field; however SBC had stated that no playing fields were allowed outside of the Swindon urban area. Highways consider the junction to be dangerous and the road into the farm would need to be improved and a lay-by added to allow vehicles to pass. Building D will be configured as lockup stores with offices above and will have an estimated 30 people working there. From his review of farm records, Mr Pattison had found that the projected traffic flows were no different than when Medbourne was a busy farm. It was noted that the area under development needs tidying up. Plans for an alternate entrance from the B4192 had been withdrawn as highways had stated that a third lane would be required for traffic turning right and consequently the proposal was no longer viable. The Parish Council stated that it would hope that landscaping would be part of future plans.

Andrew Bennett joined the meeting.

Mr Pattison closed by stating that he would be happy to discuss future planning applications with the Parish Council before they were submitted to SBC.

Mr Pattison and the member of the public left the meeting.

### 5.2 Ongoing Matters

(i) Traffic Calming – The clerk advised the meeting that Emily Sykes had stated that the new village signs were currently being manufactured and that changes to road markings should be taking place soon. She had agreed that the post for the VAS sign should have been placed in the grass verge and that if it was causing an obstruction she would get it resited. The clerk was still awaiting feedback from StreetSmart who had been asked to investigate the state of the sign outside Medbourne Farm and to replace it if necessary.

(ii) Electricity Poles – Ongoing.

- (iii) Quality Parish Council status – The clerk advised the meeting that the Parish Council did not meet the electoral mandate criteria and consequently would not be able to become a Quality Parish Council until after the next elections in a couple of years time.
- (iv) Blocked drains – It was proposed that the Parish Council get a copy of the map of the drains to check that all the drains have been included as some seem to be getting missed during the annual village tidy up.
- (v) Flooding on B4192 – Ongoing.
- (vi) Medbourne Lane road signs – Awaiting feedback from StreetSmart team. It was noted that height and location of the sign causes an obstruction for car and small van drivers and makes exiting from Medbourne farm very dangerous.
- (vii) Grit bins – Bins need to be refilled. Andrew Bennett advised the Parish Council that it should inform SBC of a specific grit bin that needed refilling, rather than asking for all to be refilled. It is expected that the team carrying out the work will check the other grit bins in the village on their visit and replenish them if required.  
Report empty grit bin Action: clerk

5.3 Resignation of Rochelle Seifas – The clerk advised the meeting that the statutory notices for the vacancy had been prepared for the 3 notice boards. It was agreed that the vacancy should also be advertised in the Lyden magazine and on the village website.

5.4 April Meeting – It was agreed that as the clerk would not be available on 14th April, the next meeting would be brought forward a week to 7th April.

5.5 Grass Verges – Gordon Wilson raised a concern regarding the damage being done to the grass verges by the Jubilee gardens and on the corner of Church road. The Parish Council will consider placing flowerbeds or plant boxes on the corners of the roads to prevent vehicles going over them.

Speak to resident about making good any damage at end of building work Action: SB

Send reply to solicitor's letter Action: clerk

5.6 Best Kept Village Competition – The Parish Council agreed to enter the competition.

Complete and submit application form Action: MS

5.7 Emergency Plan – Deferred to the next meeting.

It was agreed to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

5.8 Promoting the Parish Council – It was agreed that more use would be made of the website and in particular it would be have more information on events. It was agreed that this matter be

deferred for further discussion at the next meeting.

5.9 Projects for 2010/2011 – 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 in attendance.

## 6. PLANNING

6.1 There were no objections to application S/10/0139, 19 The Green, for the erection of a single storey side extension (conservatory).

The Parish Council objected to the application for a certificate of lawful development for Parsonage Close, Medbourne Lane (S/LDE/10/0188) from existing use or development.

6.2 There was no notification of any decisions made since the last meeting.

## 7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary – The Parish Council reviewed the account summary.

7.2 Clerk's Salary – It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

7.3 Payments – It was agreed to pay the following :

Clerk's remuneration for Jan – March 2010 £375

Stratton St. Margaret, dog bin service, invoice 2105 for £6.74

It was noted that the dog bin had not been emptied for 4 – 6 weeks. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the invoice but would request an adjustment on the next invoice.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council noted the list of correspondence for information that had been received.

## 9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that there was nothing key to report.

## 10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Nothing to report.

10.2 Village Hall – Stephanie Penfold advised the Parish Council that the Village Hall committee was still to make a decision on whether or not new tiles would be used for the roof.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Nothing to report.

10.4 Parish Plan – David Lomax advised the meeting that the Parish Plan committee had been spilt into sub-groups who were considering different headings and to frame questions to then go out to residents.

10.5 Jeffries Land Trust – Nothing to report.

## 11. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was agreed that the following items be put in the Parish Council's report:

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Volunteer required to over care of the Jubilee gardens

Entering Best Kept Village competition

## 12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

It was note that parking along Purley road was still an issue and that pull-ins had been created without authorisation.

## 13. ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

No additional items were raised.

The meeting concluded at 10.10pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th April 2010.