

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Sid Bishop, Jonathan Miller, David Lomax, Maurice Spillane, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Liz Carmichael (Clerk) and Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor).

1. APOLOGIES

Stephanie Penfold

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.4 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Parish Plan committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Paragraph 5.1 (iii) was corrected to read "Issues with drains from Church road up to the derestriction sign" not "Issues with drains from Church road down to Purley road". It was also noted that in agenda item 9 (Ward Councillor's report) Andrew Bennett had advised the meeting that some buildings on the employment land will go to 3 storeys. Subject to the amendment to the minutes of the meeting held on 18h December were approved and signed as a true record.

4. UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Actions completed

Put together plan for 2011 Action: MS

Write letter to the Highways Agency Action: clerk

Actions carried forward from previous minutes

Produce proposal for improving the playing field and its facilities

Action: JM

Investigate feasibility of historical buildings project Action: MS

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Ongoing Matters

(i) Traffic Calming – It is believed that data for the survey was collected in November but the Parish Council hasn't received the results.

(ii) Electricity Poles – Swindon Borough Council have reported the issue of the outstanding poles to the electricity company.

(iii) Flooding & blocked drains – It was noted that there are issues with drains along B4192 from the top end of The Street down to Church road and also towards Commonhead. James Garrad is getting Nick Smith to investigate. Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that Wanborough Parish Council's flood report is on their website.

Gordon Wilson advised the meeting that the top end of The Street

is to be resurfaced. If time allows the bottom end of Church road will also be resurfaced.

5.3 Consultation on Policing – It was agreed that the clerk consolidate the feedback from the members and submit the response to the consultation.

5.4 Consultations on the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme and the School Transport Policy – The documents have been circulated amongst the majority of Councillors. It was noted that Jonathan Miller had yet to see the consultation papers and that as a parent of school age children he should review them.

Review admissions & school transport policy consultations Action: JM

5.5 Communication Activities – The proposed activities are (1) a blog on the website (2) getting groups using the hall to advertise and put information on the website (3) holding an evening to present the results of the Parish Plan (4) bringing back the beating of the bounds (5) holding a poetry day or poetry festival (6) workshops for children during the summer holidays (7) a meat feast.

Circulate list of activities for 2011 Action: MS

Consult villagers to gauge interest in a second meat feast Action: All

5.6 2011 Projects – The shortlist of projects are the improving of the playing field, the restoration of the church, the landscaping and a village sign. These projects will be discussed in detail at the February meeting and priorities will be assigned.

5.2 Church Clock – Mark Gillingham joined the meeting. He advised the Parish Council that the clock was not original to the church; in 1870 it was moved to Liddington. A recent report on the clock has stated that it is a functional but unremarkable clock for its period. The proposal it puts forward is to move the clock movement to the floor below so that it is visible to anyone who is interested in it. A master / slave system to drive the hands will provide automatic timing. The total cost of the proposed work including repainting, re-gilding, dismantling & relocating the movement and putting in the master/slave system is £9,000. The cost of work to the tower to make it safe etc is £60,000 – £100,000. There is approximately £45,000 in the restoration fund which is unlikely to be sufficient to carry out all the required work and any donation from the Parish Council would be appreciated.

5.7 Cultivation Project – The Parish Council decided to defer this matter to the next meeting.

5.8 Church Street Verges – This matter was deferred to the

February meeting.

5.9 Memorial Bench – It was agreed that this matter be deferred.

6. PLANNING

6.1 The Parish Council had no objections to application S/10/1864/SAS, which is an amendment to S/09/ 1794, subject to the following conditions : (i) any damage to the roadway, paths or bridleway be re-instated (ii) residents and the playing field are not obstructed (iii) no building materials are to be stored on the playing field.

The Swindon Gateway application S/10/0842 was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to object to any development at Coate Water.

It was noted that the revised application for advertising banners at Commonhead had been deferred.

6.2 No applications have been decided since the last meeting.

9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that Pegasus have responded to and addressed the Planning Inspector's comments on the previous Gateway application.

7. FINANCE

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

7.2 2011-2012 Budget & Precept – The Parish Council approved the budget of £8896 and agreed that there would be no increase in the precept. The precept for 2011-2012 will be £6000.

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

7.4 The Parish Council noted the receipt of £100 from Wanborough Junior Football Club.

7.5 Payments – The Parish Council noted a payment of £150 made between meetings to the Parish Plan Club.

The following payments were approved:

Invoice 2172 from Stratton St Margaret Parish Council for dog waste collection service £6.98

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence for discussion/action

– The Royal British Legion letter & brochure regarding the 'Great Poppy Party Weekend' fund raising event

– Swindon Borough Council Strategic Conference 18th March

It was agreed that these be considered at the February meeting.

8.2 Correspondence for information – The Parish Council noted the following correspondence for information.

* SBC Members Bulletin, Issues 539 – 542

* Posters from Volunteer Centre Swindon advertising the Gateway Project

* SBC Planning Committee Meeting 11th January 2011 Agenda and Report

* Jeffries Land Conservation Trust copies of letters sent to SBC regarding the revised planning application for the Coate site

* Swindon Rural South Policing Team NHW December Newsletter

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on the 14th and 28th December and that there were no issues to report.

10.2 Village Hall – Nothing to report.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – No report.

10.4 Parish Plan – It was noted that there is a meeting on 20th January.

10.5 Jeffries Land Trust – Nothing to report.

Maurice Spillane left the meeting.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

Parish Council will to continue to object to Gateway application

Precept is staying the same – no increase

Robert Buckland attending April meeting

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

The meeting concluded at 9.50pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th February 2011.