

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2011[/heading]

**PRESENT:** Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, David Lomax, Jonathan Miller, Stephanie Penfold, Maurice Spillane, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Liz Carmichael (Clerk).

### 1. APOLOGIES

None

### 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.

Stephanie Penfold declared an interest in agenda item 10.2 as she is the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The following actions were missing from the minutes: JM to contact the Grass Roots people, MS & SP to put together a proposal for the Communication project, GW & DL to put together a proposal for the village sign. Paragraph 5.4 should read 'Village Sign' not 'Landscaping Project'. Subject to these amendments the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4. CLERK'S REPORT/MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### Actions completed

Speak to Rachel Ind about getting grass verge re-instated  
Action: GW

#### Actions ongoing

Contact Grass Roots people

Action: JM

Produce proposal for Village Sign

Action:

GW/DL

Gordon Wilson advised the meeting that he had contacted Rachel Ind and was awaiting a response. The clerk met with a representative from Southern Electric and walked around the village with them pointing out the locations of all the unconnected or redundant electricity poles. It was noted that some of the old poles still had the telephone wires connected to them. These will need to be swapped over before the pole is removed. As Southern

Electric has no use for the poles it will remove it is possible that the Parish Council may be able to have these to create some flower beds. As this is not priority work for the electricity company it is anticipated that it will not take place before January/February 2012. The proposal for the village sign was reviewed and the possibility of including a map of the village on one side was discussed. A full proposal for the village sign will be presented at the January or February meeting.

Investigate obtaining Google Map of village

Action: MS

## 5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Communication – Maurice Spillane gave an update on the communication project. It was noted that the proposal is to have an article published each month in the Lyden magazine and that outlines for the first 6 months of articles had been put together. There are additional initiatives that are being investigated and a full proposal for all the communication ideas will be put before the Parish Council at the January meeting. It was noted that the new website was going live w/c 5<sup>th</sup> December.

5.2 Landscaping Project – It was agreed that a clear out of land along the B4192 should be arranged for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Once complete a full proposal for landscaping of the area will be produced.

5.3 Church Road – It was noted that the kerbing put in by a resident was not right and that a site meeting to review this should be held with the work force doing the resurfacing.

Continue to chase Rachel Ind

Action: GW

Check progress with build & utilities for new property at Rickfield

Action: clerk

Speak to Highways about site meeting with GW/SB

Action: clerk

5.4 Community Infrastructure Levy – It was agreed that the Parish Council's response should be as follows : Question 1 Yes, Question 2 Yes, Question 3 Each project should be assessed on merit and agreed between the Parish Council and the District Council, Question 4 twice the annual council tax should be payable to the Parish Council, Question 5 Yes, Question 6 Yes, Question 7 No as this goes against the Localism Bill, Question 8 No, keep the existing cap, Question 9 Yes to a limited extent once local needs have been satisfied, Question 10 no response, Question 11 good

consultation with the local Parish Council, Question 12 No, Question 13 no response.

5.5 Upkeep of village – John Kent's offer of help with the upkeep of the village was considered. It was noted that Wanborough Parish Council employs a lengthsman to do this sort of work. It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to accept Mr Kent's offer of assistance and would also consider paying him a retainer. It was noted that Mr Kent may wish to work simply on a voluntary basis.

Speak to John Kent about working voluntarily or as Parish lengthsman

Action: DL

5.6 Queen's Diamond Jubilee – It was noted that the village fete was a crucial fund raising event for the Church and a number of Councillors were concerned about the potential impact any celebration for the Diamond Jubilee would have on this if they were held on the same weekend. It was noted that a representative from the Church was on the committee organising the Diamond Jubilee event and that they had raised no concerns regarding a conflict between the jubilee festivities and the village fete. The proposal that the jubilee event should be accessible to all, affordable, inclusive (families, oaps etc) and should be a village event first and any fund raising should be secondary was agreed by 5 votes to 2. Sid Bishop abstained as he wished to clarify the situation regarding the church fete and Maurice Spillane voted against the proposal.

Organise meeting between Church, Village Hall & Parish Council

Action: GW

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

## 6. PLANNING

6.1 There were no planning applications to consider.

6.2 It was noted that Gordon Wilson and Adrian Moore (Chair of the Parish Plan committee) had both made representations against the Coate development at the Planning Inquiry and that a decision will be made by the Secretary of State no later than 3 April 2012. Sid Bishop proposed that a vote of thanks should go to Gordon Wilson for all his work presenting the Parish Council's objections to the proposed development at Coate. This was agreed and the members thanked Mr Wilson.

6.3 It was noted that no planning decisions had been received since the last meeting.

## 7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary – The account summary was reviewed.

7.2 Reserves – This agenda item was deferred to the January meeting.

7.3 Budget – This agenda item was deferred to the January meeting.

7.4 Precept – This agenda item was deferred to the January meeting.

7.5 Parish Council approved payment of the following:

Stratton St. Margaret Parish Council, dog bins £7.73

Barrett Accounting, £105.60

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence for discussion/action

– Invitation to attend a Localism Bill information evening on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm in Blunsdon Village Hall. To be reviewed at January meeting.

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

– CPRE Summary of the Localism Bill

– SBC Inclusive Design Access for All Supplementary Planning Document

– SBC Residential Extensions & Alterations Supplementary Planning Document

– Letter from Keningtons LLP ref. Property insurance valuation services

– SBC Members Bulletin, Issues 586 – 589

– Swindon News issue 92, 1 copy

– Swindon Rural South Policing Team NHW Newsletter November 2011

– Countryside Voice, Winter 2011

## 9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 There was no update 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November. There were no issues to report.

10.2 Village Hall – There was nothing to report.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – There was nothing to report.

10.4 Parish Plan – It was noted that there was a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

10.5 Jeffries Land Trust – There was nothing to report.

## 11. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

Village clean-up 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in February

Gordon Wilson & Adrian Moore spoke at Coate Planning Inquiry and a decision will be made no later than 3 April 2012

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

To discuss issue with dog fouling

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012.