

BROADWINDSOR GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

COMRADES HALL, BROADWINDSOR

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 11 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Tim Bassett, Cllr. Jenny Calverley, Cllr. David Chumbley, Cllr. Brian Hedditch, Cllr. David Leader, Cllr. Jacqui Sewell, Cllr. Roger Smith, Cllr. Peter Slimon, Cllr. Lesley Tibballs, Cllr. Malcolm Wigglesworth.

ATTENDANCE: Councillor Rebecca Knox, (Dorset County Council), Helen Cudmore (Clerk).

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was opened by the Vice Chairman. There were six members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Saunders, Hardwill and Frampton and unanimously approved by the Council.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Councillor Wigglesworth requested that additional wording be inserted into BGPC 2015/12/1/8a, *'on the grounds that race horse yards need twenty-four hour supervision'*. A copy of the minutes from the Meeting held on 14 December 2015 was then confirmed as a true record and signed by Councillor Hibbard.

4. MATTERS ARISING

With regard to the parking issues at Rock House, Broadwindsor, Councillor Sewell stated that she had received an email from PS Geraint Butler of Bridport Police stating that with the introduction of the 20 mph scheme he does not believe that parking at the pinch point represents a problem and that on the grounds of fairness it must be noted that other parts of the village which have cars parked on the road have not been assessed. PS Butler stated that an option would be to lobby Dorset County Council for parking restrictions, Councillor Leader stated that it would not be advisable to take this action. Councillor Chumbley stated that this issue has been raised as parking restricts vision at the pinch point. Councillor Sewell stated that the Highway Code only makes reference to a junction and not a pinch point. Councillor Slimon suggested that statistics be gathered from the local Speedwatch Team.

Councillor Tibballs reported that she had sent a photograph of the sign in West Street Broadwindsor which needs replacing to Blair Turner and that she is awaiting a reply.

The Clerk reported that the application forms for the S106 and Leisure Development Fund had now been received and must be completed and returned in order to drawdown the grants.

The Clerk reported that she has received additional information from Mr. Mark Vickery concerning the road traffic accidents near to his home at West Dibbleford Farm. The Clerk stated that she was awaiting further information from Councillor Knox before drafting a letter

on behalf of the Parish Council to the Highways Authority. Councillor Knox confirmed that she was meeting the Road Safety Task Team on 12 January and would report back. Councillor Calverley stated that she had seen illuminous chevrons used elsewhere and this may be a possible solution.

The Clerk reported that the site assessments for the flood signs have now taken place, attended by Councillor Bassett. Councillor Leader stated that some signs will be stored at his home and that if he was not available and they were required, then they should be taken.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Hibbard welcomed questions from members of the public, there were none.

Equestrian activities in and around Seaborough

Councillor Hibbard requested that item 12a be brought forward and discussed at this point of the agenda, the Council unanimously agreed. Councillor Hibbard read out the draft letter which had been written by Councillor Wigglesworth as a response to the letter from Debbie Redding. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Wigglesworth for doing this. There were no comments or objections to the letter from Members of the Council. Councillor Wigglesworth reiterated that he felt that WDDC had not taken any responsibility or answered any of the questions raised by the Parish Council. Councillor Smith stated that the letter should be sent. Councillor Wigglesworth reported that he had spoken with Mr. Jeremy Barber and Mr. Anthony Honeyball and stated that they have both welcomed and agreed to a meeting with the Parish Council and the local community to discuss current issues and move things forward. Councillor Bassett welcomed this approach.

Councillor Knox noted an error within the draft letter, that Highways Agency should be amended to Highways Authority. Councillor Knox welcomed the public meeting and stated that these issues are exactly the type that should be addressed at a local level. Councillor Knox stated that the Highways Authority do not own the land adjacent to the road or the actual road itself, they only have the right over the actual passageway of the highway.

Action: The Clerk to forward the letter to West Dorset District Council.

Councillor Slimon referred Members to his email which had been previously circulated. Councillor Slimon raised the issue of the discourtesy of riders on the roads and stated that this was a commonly reported problem. He also asked what kind of briefing in relation to the Highway Code do workers from overseas receive when starting employment in one of the race horse yards. Councillor Slimon quoted from the Highway Code, '*riders should return to single file where the road narrows and when approaching bends*'.

Mr. Anthony Honeyball stated that his riders are told to go in single file, pull over when a vehicle approaches and be well mannered to other road users. He stated that sometimes they forget or become lazy and they too do encounter bad manners from vehicles. Councillor Calverley asked what training riders receive before being allowed on the public highways and stated two recent examples when she had seen young riders looking extremely worried and their horses not being controlled. Councillor Calverley was informed that as with any profession, a rider would not be given the job if they could not perform adequately. Councillor Hibbard stated that the meeting was an excellent idea and provided a great opportunity for the Parish to move forward.

a. Report from Councillor Knox

Councillor Knox stated that she will forward the link to the Dorset County Council GPS system which lists identified land drains and stated that a user should be able to see current roadworks and which organisation is carrying them out.

Councillor Knox stated that Dorset County Council has just launched a Rural Bus Service consultation and is proposing to save £500,000 from the subsidised bus network. Most of the savings would be made by removing funding for services in rural areas that run around once a week, Councillor Knox explained that the County Council will be encouraging the development of more community-based transport schemes for social or leisure purposes, which can be more responsive to local people's needs. Councillor Knox stated that to achieve the £500,000 saving in 2016/17, the changes need to be in place from April 2016, but if alternatives were not in place by that date, that she would seek to postpone. Councillor Sewell asked whether the 42 Service could be re-instigated on a different day, Councillor Knox stated that this would most likely not be possible. Councillor Knox stated that if routes were not used then it was a waste of tax payers money.

Councillor Knox stated that due to the bad weather there were many holes in the roads but she was pleased to report that local teams were out working on the problem areas.

b. Report from Councillor Sewell

Councillor Sewell reported that she had collected a copy of the Local Plan and associated maps and stated that she would pass in the first instance to Councillor Bassett and then to Councillor Chumbley as they were members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. The Clerk would retain the copy for reference. Councillor Leader asked whether the maps showed the development which had been previously identified for the land opposite Redlands Lane. Councillor Sewell stated that this was not visible as this was not a housing map but just a statute map. Councillor Sewell also stated that Members should have received a copy of the Electoral Register and that this must be used appropriately. Councillor Chumbley asked if Royal Mail received notification of temporary road closures as recent road works at Hursey prevented the postman from delivering to a number of houses. Councillor Knox stated that Royal Mail are on the circulation list for road closure notifications from Dorset County Council.

c. Report from the PCSO Alex Bishop

In the absence of PCSO Alex Bishop, the Clerk read out his report.

On Friday 20 November, a slate house sign was stolen from a driveway in Blackdown. On Saturday 5 December damage was caused to a gate in Fullers.

On Tuesday 8 December a male was arrested in Drimpton for attempting to steal a Land Rover, due to the vigilance of two builders who detained him before Police arrived. Between Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 December, an unknown offender stole a Makita radio from the rear of a van in Broadwindsor.

Between Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 December, a spare wheel was stolen from the back of a Land Rover in Drimpton.

On Thursday 24 December, two vehicles parked in Broadwindsor Square were scratched, causing thousands of pounds of damage. They vehicles were parked with others between them, which were not damaged.

PCSO Bishop requested that if anyone has any information about these crimes, or would like to report anything suspicious, or would like crime prevention advice, to call Dorset Police on 101.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES

The Clerk informed that WDDC is running a series of Local Plan briefing events on 2 and 3 February and asked if Members would like to attend. The Clerk agreed to forward the email about the event and register anyone wishing to go.

The Clerk referred Members to the email as previously circulated from Somerset Playing Fields Association providing information about their membership.

Action: The Clerk to forward information to Members about the Local Plan Briefing Events.

7. ACCOUNTS

a. Finance Report

The Clerk referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the fourth quarter of 2015/2016, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of 6 January 2016 was £25,140.78. The Clerk asked for questions, there were none. The Clerk reported that the Precept request had been submitted to WDDC and that the Council will also receive an additional £506.00 as part of the Local Council Tax Support Grant. The Clerk reported that there were now only two cheques waiting to be cashed from Mrs. Janet Tubridy in relation to the overpayment of salary.

b. To approve £80.60 for HMRC (PAYE)

c. To approve £25.00 for David Craner (Allotment Deposit)

d. To approve £109.64 for Anthony Eve (Grit Bin Installation)

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Hedditch and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved payments b to d as above.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications Received and Circulated for Consultation

WD/CA/15/00404 1 Back Lane, Broadwindsor, DT8 3SY

The Clerk informed that this application was seeking to reduce the size of the canopy of a Beech tree by 40%. Councillor Sewell had been nominated as the lead Councillor. Councillor Sewell explained that tree works for this application and WD/CA/15/00405 and WD/CA/5/00408 were all being carried out by the same tree surgeon as the properties were in close proximity to each other. Councillor Sewell raised no objection to the proposed tree works.

WD/CA/15/00405 White Lion Cottage, Back Lane, Broadwindsor

The Clerk informed that this application was seeking to fell a Norway Spruce. Councillor Sewell had been nominated as the lead Councillor and raised no objection to the proposed tree works.

WD/CA/5/00408 Cambridge Cottage, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QD

The Clerk informed that this application was seeking to fell a Cypress and Norway Spruce. Councillor Leader had been nominated as the lead Councillor and explained that one of the trees was sited too close to the building and the other was in the wrong position and it was reasonable that they should be removed. Councillor Leader raised no objection to the proposed tree works.

b. Other applications

The Clerk informed that an application WD/D/15/002879 from Ley Cottage, Red Lane, Seaborough had been received seeking permission for a first floor extension. The Clerk asked Councillor Calverley to be the lead Councillor for the consultation.

c. Results

The Clerk reported the following planning results:

WD/D/15/002476 5 Bridport Road, Drimpton, DT8 3RD: Approved

WD/TP/15/00391 Coombe Farm, Blackdown, DT8 3LE: Approved

WD/D/15/002475 Land South of Oak Apple, Axe Lane, Drimpton: Withdrawn from Planning Register

WD/D/15/000977 Broadwindsor Craft and Design Centre, Redland Lane, Broadwindsor, DT8 3PX: S106 Agreement Signed

WD/D/15/001597 Oathill Farm, Crewkerne, TA18 8PZ: Approved (S106 Revoked)

9. WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that she had a meeting with Wendy Shields on 8 January to reconfirm the details contained within the Website Specification and informed Members that she must now register the domain name. As a Parish Council, the website can have a .gov.uk suffix and asked Members if they had a preference between bgpc.gov.uk and broadwindsorgroup.gov.uk The Clerk and Members preferred the latter. The Clerk informed that the three selected logo designs will be announced and prizes awarded at a celebration Assembly on 28 January at Broadwindsor School and Councillor Saunders will be in attendance. The Clerk also informed that it had not been possible to find someone locally to progress the logo design and that she felt that it must be done professionally. The Clerk had spoken with Creeds to gain an approximate quotation for the design of the logo and printing of letterheads and compliment slips. The Clerk informed Members that Creeds would charge £30 an hour for design and £120.00 for a full colour print run of 500. The Clerk asked Members if she could pursue this and gain another two quotations, Members agreed.

Action: The Clerk to obtain three quotations for the design of the logo and printing of letterheads and compliment slips.

The Clerk reminded Members that if they have any good quality photographs of the grouped parish area to let her know as she needs images for the new website.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Hibbard stated that the next meeting of the Steering Committee is to take place on 12 January and that the two public meetings will be held on 9 February at Comrades Hall and 23 February at Drimpton Village Hall, both commencing at 7.30 pm.

11. ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Slimon reported that Mr. David Craner is vacating Plot 8 and that there is a new tenant waiting to take over the Plot.

12. HIGHWAYS

a. Equestrian activities in and around Seaborough

This item was discussed under Public Participation.

13. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councillor Hibbard reported that the first meeting of the Community Land Trust Steering Group convened on 7 January. Councillor Leader stated that the need for affordable housing was clear and evident, there is a debate about how many dwellings and what form they should be. He stated that the real challenge will be to find land in the right location at an affordable price. Councillor Sewell stated that in Marshwood, the landowner had actually built himself a home on the designated land. Councillor Smith asked how the CLT fitted with the Neighbourhood Plan as it seemed that they might be moving in opposite directions. Councillor Tibballs assured that this was not the case.

14. LEISURE

No report.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Wigglesworth asked if the Scouts were active in the area. Councillor Leader stated that there was a group in Beaminster and in Mosterton and Councillor Smith stated that a West Dorset Scout Leader lived in Drimpton.

Councillor Chumbley stated that he had been informed by Mr. Ron Emmett that one of the fingerpost signs in Hursey needs renovating and that when this arose in Netherbury paint was provided by the Council. Living in Netherbury, the Clerk stated that she would make enquiries.

Action: The Clerk to find out whether paint can be provided for this renovation and whether permission is required.

Councillor Hibbard stated that he wanted to pay thanks to local Farmers for helping with jobs such as hedge cutting around the grouped parish area.

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Hibbard welcomed questions from members of the public.

Helen Doble asked if Members had an update on when Blackdown would be getting Superfast Broadband. Members did not. Councillor Calverley informed that Seaborough was having similar problems and that a local campaign has been launched and that she would be happy

to send her the template letter that was currently being used. Councillor Sewell informed that she has been liaising with Dorset County Council and that if there are delays with the rollout that funding is available to use a satellite dish.

Colin Carter apologised for not forwarding the funding request proposal from Blackdown Village Hall and that he would send this to the Clerk in time for the next Council Meeting.

Members of the public left the Meeting.

17. THE FMR TRUST

a. The Clerk referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for 2015/2016, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of 6 January 2016 was £3851.59. The Clerk asked for questions, there were none.

b. Councillor Hibbard stated that with the absence of Councillor Saunders that this item should be deferred until the next Meeting on 11 April 2016.

c. To approve payment of £130.50 for 10% of Clerk's salary

d. To approve £500.00 for Broadwindsor Community Sport Field for petrol, repair and servicing costs of the mower, hire of petrol chipper, volunteer expenses and refreshments.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Sewell, seconded by Councillor Smith and agreed by a show of hands, the Trustees unanimously approved payments c and d as above.

18. CLOSE

The Council Meeting was formally closed at 8.50 pm and the FMR Trustees Meeting was formally closed at 8.55 pm.