

**SILVERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL.****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 AT 8.00pm AT THE METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Thompson (Chair), J. Laband, P. Byng, D. Bambridge, P. Hart, P. Hinton, J. Rudland, P. Dunne and Cllrs Mrs C. Tosh, S. Cann and M J. Branch . Also in attendance L. Paice, Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

1	No <b>APOLOGIES</b> were received all members being present.					
2	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> were noted.					
3	<p>i) No <b>DISPENSATION REQUESTS</b> had been received.</p> <p>ii) <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> were made by Cllr P. Hart in relation to the SRA and allotments, Cllr Byng with reference to cheque no 300665 as a member of the PCC and Cllr Laband in relation to the planning application for the Infants School as a neighbour to the site.</p> <p>iii) Members were reminded of the requirement to update <b>REGISTER OF INTEREST DETAILS</b> within 28 days of any change.</p>					
4	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017, having been previously circulated, be signed as a true record in line with Standing Order 5a(iii) by the appropriate Chair.					
5	<p><b>PUBLIC TIME</b> – Mr Evan Hand highlighted issues of concern relating to overgrown footpaths, which he was happy to trim if required, the very increasing proliferation of dog fouling where owners did not pick up or then bagged waste and left it. He advised that with a small group of others picking up and disposal of the dog waste was being arranged. Cllr Bambridge reported that SNC surveillance patrols had been instigated and Officers would be speaking to dog walkers, especially relating to Phyggle footpath, and would be considering prosecution if evidence allowed. Cllr Bambridge would follow up on the provision of bags from SNC. An article would again be written for News and Views clarifying the position on disposal of bagged dog waste. Mr Hand raised concerns about possible closure of the public right of way in Green Lane relating to the planning application for the Junior School and highlighted his experience of none response from a series of SNC officers for which Cllr Bambridge apologised.</p> <p>Mrs Peat had been asked to raise a resident's issues with nettles around the Old Oak Play Area and grass cuttings being left on the cut surface. The Clerk would speak to the contractor about the nettles but nothing could be done about the grass cuttings as this had always been the Council's practice. Nick Ashby reported to the meeting on serious safety issues highlighted at the SRA regarding electrical safety of the building. He asked for the Council's support of an application to the New Homes Bonus fund but due to the delay in Grants Panel decisions and in the light of the urgent safety need for the works Cllr Bambridge proposed, Cllr Laband seconded and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council fund this work totaling £7000 from its reserves to expedite this work. Cllr Hart as an SRA Trustee abstained from the vote.</p> <p>Members of the public were thanked for bringing these items to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Bambridge as <b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR</b> advised that the Neighbourhood Area designation application was to be considered by SNC Full Council later in the week and he did not envisage any issues. The new CEO of SNC was due to take up her post on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017. He had received several contacts regarding humps and bumps around the new school and the Clerk would follow up on these issues. Enquiries would also be made about the white lining which was due as part of the school scheme.</p>					
6	<b>FINANCE 6.1 a) It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:</b>					
	Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
	300660	£929.11) £139.65) £1068.76		Linda Paice	Salary & expenses Shared expenses	LGA 1972 s112 LGA 1972 s111

300661	£210.28	35.05	A H Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
300662	£30.00		Silverstone CE Junior School	NHP meeting	GPOC
300663	£14.70		Whittlebury Parish Council	Share mileage to website mtg	LGA 1972 s111
300664	£37.20	6.20	Aylesbury Mains	Disabling damaged light	Highways Act
300665	£300.00		St Michael's PCC	Churchyard grant	Open Spaces Act
300666	£340.00	56.55	Edge IT Systems	Accounts package fee	LGA 1972 s111
300667	£1179.26		SNC	S106 grant overpayment	LGA 1972 s111

6.1(b) It was **RESOLVED** that the following payment be made under Financial Regulation 6.5:

Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
300668	£27.58		Carol Tosh	Flip Charts (NHP)	GPOC
300669	£317.00		Parish Mag Printers	News & Views	LGA 1972 s142
300670	£109	18.17	Tove Engineering	Strimmer service	Open Spaces Act

6.2 **RECEIPTS** - £40 – None

6.3 The Council's bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 were noted as £111008.11, with £18 still to clear at the year end ,in the current account. This included earmarked funds of £86,008. There was a balance of £11346.26 in the Old Oak account. Notice had been received of closure of the latter account but monies had not yet been transferred to the current account.

6.4 The latest balance in the New Homes Bonus fund was £177,103

6.5 NCALC had notified that the Section 137 limit for 2017/18 was £7.57 per elector. An explanation of this spending power was given for the benefit of members.

6.6 Section 1 of the Annual Audit Return being the annual governance statement was duly completed and signed.

6.7 Receipts and payments information had not been circulated as it was hoped to present the year end accounts in full at the next meeting.

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**REPORTS** – i) **PLANNING COMMITTEE** – a) Cllr Mrs Tosh reported to the meeting on the decisions of the Planning Committee.

b) The following applications, being outside the remit of the Planning Committee, was considered and comments would be submitted accordingly:

Application No	Details	Comments
S/2017/0626/OUT	Conversion of school building to two dwellings. Demolition of other school buildings and erection of two additional dwellings – Silverstone Infants	No objections but concerns were expressed about ownership of the road to the site

	school.	
S/2017/0628/OUT	Conversion of school building to two dwellings. Demolition of other school buildings and erection of three additional dwellings.	No objections but concerns were expressed about ownership of the road to the site and position on the right of way along Green Lane

- c) Cllr Rudland updated the meeting on the position with the Parish Plan consultation which ends on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017. A follow up meeting will then be called.
- d) Cllr Mrs Tosh gave a detailed update on progress by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party. There would be a short presentation at the Annual Village Meeting later in the week. Nothing further had been heard on the offer of help made by Mrs Brocklehurst.
- e) The Chair gave feedback following the recent Local Plan part 2A briefing at SNC but the Clerk would circulate the Powerpoint slides from the meeting. He also highlighted the Design Guide consultation earlier circulated. Cllr Bambridge highlighted the importance of carefully checking the position on village confines once the papers were sent out by SNC
- f) The Clerk updated members on the bus stop position relating to the Catch Yard development.
- ii) a/b) There was no **FOOTPATHS OFFICER** report this month and no issues reported.
- c) NCC had supplied two new Rights of Way maps, one of which would be passed to the Chair as Path Warden. These were accompanied by a request for categorising of the footpaths which would be broadly addressed.
- iii) **HIGHWAYS** – a) Issues with an expansion joint on the bridge over the A43 at Shacks Barn would be reported.
- b) Update would be checked relating to West End repairs.
- c) Issues arising from overgrowth from trees and bushes on the A413 opposite the butcher's shop which was affecting gardens in Stewart Drive was explained. The Clerk had tried various avenues to find a solution but without success.
- iv) **LIGHTS** – a/b) No faulty lights or other lighting issue were reported.
- c) The Clerk had contact Linnells regarding damage to the light in Church Street resulting from a tree branch from their property and was awaiting a response.
- d) The Clerk was following up on an NCC light removed on the corner of Whittlebury Road and the A413
- v) **SRA** – a) Cllr Hart reported on the recent Committee Meeting and again raised the issue of the reduced funding to be put to the AVM later that week arising from changes on Electoral Roll numbers. The Clerk advised that there was no way these numbers could be checked beyond a complete comparison of Electoral Rolls year on year.
- b) It was confirmed that the field adjacent to the SRA site had been sold to Dave King back in December 2016. This had been confirmed with Land Registry.
- c) Dog fouling concerns had been noted but it was not considered that a further dog waste bon would solve the problem.
- vi) **PLAY AREAS** - a) Church Street – Generally in order. Required works had been added to a list for the Handyman but this had not yet been issued as members had given no feedback when the list was circulated.
- b) Old Oak – Cllr Mrs Tosh was shortly due to meet Sovereign Designs regarding extension of the fencing around the site.
- vii) **POCKET PARKS** – a) Olney – Nothing to report.
- b) No issues with the park and a noticeboard was being made by students at Moulton College. Linnells had donated the wood.

	<p>c) Cllr Mrs Branch asked again for consideration of a village noticeboard at West End possibly on SRA land by the new gate. She would feed back to the Clerk on suggested types of board.</p> <p>viii) <b>CIRCUIT</b> – Cllr Bambridge reported back to the meeting on the latest meeting and advised that he would be attending another meeting to look at GP traffic issues.</p> <p>ix) <b>OTHER REPORTS</b> a) Cllr Hart had nothing further to report on possible allotments.  b) The defibrillator had now been registered with EMAS  c) The list of works drawn up by the Clerk would now be passed on to the village Handyman. An application for a trade account at TBS had been submitted.  d) Nine members had confirmed attendance at the training session on 25<sup>th</sup> April at Cllr Tosh's home.  e) Arrangements were made for setting up of the SRA for the AVM on Wednesday.  f) Members were reminded that nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Council were needed in advance of the May Annual Meeting of the Council.</p>
8	<b>ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT</b> – members were reminded to feed back their findings to the Clerk.
9	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> – a) Tabled and general correspondence was noted. b) A letter from the WI relating to planting at the War Memorial was read to the meeting and a response would be sent. b) A letter from Milton Malsor PC had been previously circulated and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council give its support and suggest that the issues be taken forward as a motion to the NCALC AGM in October.
10	<b>CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS</b> - None beyond the Design Guide consultation
11	<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA</b> – None put forward
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> – 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8pm in the Methodist Church Room.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10. 20pm