

**SILVERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL.****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2017 AT 8.00pm AT THE METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Thompson (Chair), J. Laband, D. Bambridge, P. Hinton, J. Rudland, P. Dunne and Cllrs Mrs C. Tosh and S. Cann . Also in attendance L. Paice, Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

1	<b>APOLOGIES</b> were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Branch (recouperating), Cllr Byng (hospitalised) and Cllr Hart (work commitment). Updates were given on the condition of Cllr Mrs Branch and Cllr Byng.					
2	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> were noted.					
3	i) No <b>DISPENSATION REQUESTS</b> had been received. ii) <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> were made by Cllr Rudland on Stocks Hill bus shelter issue as relative of correspondent and application for funding support for Art Trail by his wife. iii) Members were reminded of the requirement to update <b>REGISTER OF INTEREST DETAILS</b> within 28 days of any change.					
4	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017, having been previously circulated, be signed as a true record in line with Standing Order 5a(iii).					
5	<b>PUBLIC TIME</b> –No issues raised. Cllr Bambridge as <b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR</b> had no current issues to report					
6	<b>FINANCE</b> – 6.1 Internal audit had highlighted an issue of agreement to pay for the SRA electrical works in Public Time which was rectified by the <b>RESOLUTION</b> to formally confirm the payment as detailed on the meeting Agenda 6.2) It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following accounts be paid:					
	Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
	300672	£845.16) £134.02)  £22.31 ) £1001.49		Linda Paice	Salary & expenses Shared expenses Parish Plan printing	LGA 1972 s112 LGA 1972 s111  GPOC
	300673	£68.54		HMRC	Tax and NHI	LGA 1972 2112
	300674	£253.15	42.19	A H Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
	300675	£1010.28	168.38	Aylesbury Mains	Reconnection sand replacement of Church Street Light – Ins claim pending	Highways Act
	300676	£6816.00	1136.00	TL Electrical	SRA works	GPOC
	300677	£222.50		Adam Craig	Handyman works	GPOC
	300678	£75.61	3.60	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
	300679	£275.00		NCALC	Bespoke training	LGA 1972 s111
	300680	£547.20	90.40	N J Blackwell	Mowing	Open Spaces Act

6.3 It was **RESOLVED** that the following payment be made under Financial Regulation 6.5:

Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
300685	£233.00		Parish Mag Printers	News & Views	LGA1972 s142

6.4 It was **RESOLVED** that the following Neighborhood Plan payment be made:

Chq No	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
300681	£69.44		Carol Tosh	Stationery	GPOC
300682	£57.31	9.55	Nick Ashby	Website set up	GPOC
300683	£20.00		St Michaels Church	Room Hire	LGA 1972 s111
300684	£125.95		R. Brightman	Travelling expenses	GPOC

6.5 **RECEIPTS** - £20 News & Views advert; £3122.31 Handley Park annual solar park payment.

6.6 Details of the Council's bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 would be circulated.

6.7 Closure of the Old Oak bank account was noted. Monies were now being monitored within the Council's reserves.

6.8 The report of the Internal Auditor was duly noted and action under item 6.1 above.

6.9 Submission of the Annual Audit Return was noted. Audit date was 19th June 2017.

6.10 It was **RESOLVED** that a request from the Clerk for refresher training on the Edge IT accounts package be agreed, costs to be shared with Greens Norton Parish Council.

6.11 In relation to cheque payment 300677, the insurance position for the Village Handyman would be clarified.

6.12 A request for financial support for the 2017 Art Trail and the latest audited accounts had been received. On proposition by Cllr Mrs Tosh seconded by Cllr Bambridge it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £350 be made.

6.13 Action would be taken to update the Council's Bank Mandate.

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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/2017/1218/MAO	Outline planning application with all matters reserved for 10 no. commercial units (Use class B1) covering approximately 3650 sq metres, and associated car parking. Solar Park, Attenuation pond, Landscape works and Site access on Land North of Silverstone Fields Farm	As attached

c) A decision on adoption of the Parish Plan as an SPD was still awaited.

d) Cllr Mrs Tosh updated members on progress with the SNP Working Party. The group was now working well together. Cllr Bambridge asked about the Housing Needs survey and Cllr Mrs Tosh gave clarification.

e) The Clerk advised members that an application had been made and approved to discharge the unilateral undertaking on the 2010 application relating to Silverstone House. As this application had not been implemented but had been replaced by application S/2015/0395/MAF which carried no S106 or unilateral undertaking regarding the public open space within the application, the developer would now be responsible for maintaining the land and there would be no offer to the PC to take it

over. Deep disappointment was expressed about this and Cllr Bambridge was following up with the Planning Officers.

f) An application had now been submitted to discharge the bus shelter details on the Catch Yard application. Details were outlined to the meeting and it was clarified that there would be no contribution from the Developer for upgrade of the Stocks Hill shelter.

ii) a/b) There was no **FOOTPATHS OFFICER** report this month and no issues reported.

iii) **HIGHWAYS** – a) Concerns regarding the footpath between The Paddocks and the mini roundabouts would be reported. Questions would be asked about the closure of the Whittlebury Road towards Whittlebury as the section from the A413 down to Stocks Hill was in a much worse condition. An earlier request for works to West End would be followed up. The grass along the sides of the footpath to the SRA needed cutting as it was now impossible for pushchairs to use the path. A request for the hedge along the front of The Willows to be cut back would be followed up.

b) There were no report updates.

c) Reports of sewage odours on Whittlebury Road outside the Old Parsonage and Frog Hall would be followed up with SNC Officers for contact details and monitored.

d) Issues relating to ownership of Tinkers Lane had been discussed with SNC.

e) Notice of the withdrawal of the urban mowing Contractor had been advised to members and after discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the contract for the rest of the season be passed to Allseasons with effect from end of July 2017 on the basis already discussed with him of three weekly for the flat and show areas and four weekly beyond that.

iv) **LIGHTS** – a/b) No faulty lights or other lighting issue were reported.

c) The Clerk had been advised by Linnells that the matter of the damaged light on Church Street was now in the hands of their Insurers.

d) The Clerk had received clarification and proposed action from NCC regarding the lighting issues at the top of Whittlebury Road. Cllr Bambridge had been in touch with Mrs Hilary regarding shields for the beacon crossing lights. Issues with trees shading lights raised by NCC would be taken up with them as they actually own the offending trees

v) **SRA** – In the absence of Cllr Hart there was no report.

vi) **PLAY AREAS** - a) Church Street - There had been an issue with the roundabout where a young boy's leg had been broken. Cllr Rudland had taken levels and he considered that action needed to be taken to temporarily take it out of action which the Clerk would follow up. Advice and quotations on safety surfacing would also be followed up. Outstanding works for the Handyman would be followed up.

b) Old Oak – All generally in order. Saplings growing through the shrubs needed to be removed. Two quotations for fencing had been received and Cllr Hinton would check for a third price from Ron Jeacock.

vii) **POCKET PARKS** – In the absence of Mrs Branch there were no reports.

viii) **CIRCUIT** – Apologies had been submitted for the last meetings.

ix) **OTHER REPORTS** a) No further report available on possible allotment sites. The new owner of Little Ridge had a large tract of land being offered on a shared basis which could be followed up. Another domestic garden area may also be coming forward. These could be followed up by Cllr Hart.

b) No contact had been made by the manufacturer of the defibrillator regarding possible problems.

c) The Handyman works list was being kept up to date and the Clerk would contact Adam Craig for further clarification. Removal of random notices around the village would be added to the list.

d) There was further discussion of the proposal by the Garden Group to upgrade the bus shelter on Stocks Hill and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Rudland obtain quotes for the necessary repairs.

	Clarification had been gained regarding licensing for planters. e) The Chair spoke to the meeting regarding the possibility of purchasing and storing sands bags and a scoop and would present costings to the next meeting. f) Cllr Mrs Cann raised an issue regarding possible memorial plaque for Vic Lovell who had recently died and the area of the replica stocks was suggested. She would speak to Dr Newton and Gerald Lovell and report back to the next meeting.
8	<b>ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT</b> – the Clerk would follow up with members who had not as yet responded.
9	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> – a) Tabled and general correspondence was noted.
10	<b>CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS</b> - None
11	<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA</b> – None put forward
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 8pm in the Methodist Church Room.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

**SILVERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL****COMMENTS ON APPLICATION S/2017/1218/MAO**

The council lodges **OBJECTION** on the following grounds:

- Intrusion into open countryside.
- Traffic access concerns and increased traffic along the A413. the road infrastructure on the bridge and roundabouts outside the proposed site (west) and on the east side of the bridge at Shacks Barn Farm are insufficient to deal with heavy goods vehicles negotiating those roundabouts. HGV's leaving the site and having to go south on the A43 cannot turn right at the first mini-roundabout, therefore they have to cross the bridge, negotiate another tight mini roundabout, cross back to the original side and turn left. They then have to travel along the A413 through the village of Silverstone passing the site of the new primary school.
- Lack of proven evidence of need for the units.
- This a greenfield site and, therefore, development impacts on the character/appearance of the area.
- Encroachment on the gap between Silverstone and Towcester detrimental to the maintenance of the separation of the individual communities.
- Lack of proven evidence of need for more commercial units with the close proximity of MEPC Silverstone Park, which provides the necessary infrastructure to fulfil commercial needs for many years to come with significantly less local disruption and which will maximise sustainability