SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 28th May 2019 at Seend Community Centre.

Present: Mrs G A'Bear, Mrs A Heatley, Mr T James (Chair), Mr W Lack, Mr B Nicholls, Mr J Padfield and Mrs C Vince, Mr M Wiltshire and Mr J Williams

Also present: Councillor Jonathon Seed and Mrs Sue Bond (Clerk)

Agenda Item		Action
2019/201	Mrs P Akerman and Mr P Manning	
Apologies for Absence	-	
2019/202 Declaration of Lobbying (i) Declaration of changes to the	 There were no declarations of changes to the Register of Interests, but newly co-opted Councillor Mr Lack confirmed that he had completed his register of interests. 	
(ii) Declaration of interests	 Mrs Vince declared an interest in the planning application: 19/03904/LBC. Mr Padfield and Mr Wiltshire declared an interest in planning application: 19/04025/VAR 	
on the Agenda (iii) Requests for Dispensation		
2019/203 Local Councillor Matters	Councillor Seed said that he had enjoyed the Annual Parish Council meeting and found it very interesting. The two enforcement cases in the village are still ongoing. He said that if the Parish Council wanted to apply for any Area Board grants, then they should apply sooner rather than later.	
	He was asked about the planning application: 19/04025/VAR, which is reported later in the minutes under planning.	
	Mrs Heatley asked him about our position on CATG with regard to the future resurfacing on the High Street, which had been delayed due to budget cuts. Patching work had been done in the interim period. If Seend Parish is to move into the Devizes Area Board in 2021, she asked how this would affect the planned resurfacing and whether we would lose our place in the list of work priority. Councillor Seed said he would raise our concern with Highways and report back.	
	Mrs A'Bear asked about the County Council's stance on mobile homes on land. She cited a particular example in the Parish. Councillor Seed said that it was important to keep a record (possibly photographic proof) of how long a mobile home had been in place to avoid the 10 year rule.	
2019/204 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 th April had been circulated to all Councillors.	
	1.1 <u>Resolution</u> : Acceptance of the Minutes as an accurate record was proposed by Mrs A'Bear and seconded by Mr Wiltshire. All those Councillors who were present at the last meeting voted in favour of accepting the minutes	
2019/205 Matters Arising Not Already the Agenda	1. Seend CL&AT - Minute no: 191 The Clerk reported that they have got	
	2. <u>Vicarage Wall update - Minute no: 199</u> . The Clerk reported that she had received the following update from Mr Yockney "They are currently liaising with their structural engineers regarding the wall so should have some news for you quite soon We have propped the roof to remove the loadings on the wall and are now looking at the best solution for repair. As soon as we have these details I will be in touch" Shawn Donneky Diocesan Surveyor, Diocese of Salisbury."	
	3. <u>Wilts CC and SLCC Training Event</u> The Chairman and Mrs Vince attended this event in Salisbury. There were some good speakers, and	

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	they found it useful speaking to other Councillors and Clerks.	
	4. <u>Footpath from Stocks to Seend – Minute no 2019/197.6</u> The Clerk had reported through MyWiltshire asking for it to be cut, but it has not yet done. She will chase again.	
	5. <u>Dog Fouling signs – Minute no: 2019/186.5</u> Mrs A'Bear had contacted a veterinary practice in the hope of getting sponsorship for producing the signs, but had not yet had a response. She will follow up.	
2019/206 Items for Discussion from Members of the Parish	There were no items for discussion.	
2019/207	1. The following incidents had been reported:	
Police Matters	 3 Apr - Attempted dwelling burglary. 7 Apr - Single vehicle RTC in Bollands Hill - minor injury. 21 Apr - Man arrested in High Street - Driving under the Influence. 22 Apr - Man arrested in Bollands Hill - Driving under the Influence. 23 Apr - Minor RTC - two vehicles - High Street. 	
	2. Mrs Heatley reported that because our PCSO Maggie Ledbury is unable to come to our meetings due to working shifts, she had suggested that we might want to consider whether it would be helpful if she had a "get together" with a Parish Councillor either just before or after our meeting to discuss any matters that may be of concern to us or to answer any questions that may arise from our meetings. Councillors felt that this would be a good idea. Mrs Heatley offered to meet with her when we had any	Mrs Heatley
2019/208	concerns/issues that needed to be addressed. Mrs Vince reported that she had made an application for further funding.	
Neighbourhood Plan	The application was now with Place Studios for final checking before being sent off. It is hoped that around £8,000 of funding will be given.	
	Mrs A'Bear reported that Place Studios would be assessing all the land sites on 4 th June to assess their suitability. They will be meeting again with the Steering Group in July.	
2019/209 Highway Matters	1. <u>Meeting with Highway Engineer</u> – The Chairman, Mr Manning, Mr Wiltshire and the Clerk met with Mr Stansby and Mr Turner, the designer of the road safety measures for Bell Hill. They discussed a number of issues with the Bell Hill cross roads and the pinchpoint in the High Street.	
	2. <u>Church Crossing</u> – As per decision at the last meeting, the Clerk confirmed with the Highways Engineer that we would like the high friction surface added to the crossing, but not the bollards.	
	3. <u>Highways Sub-Committee meeting</u> – the Chairman reported that this had to be cancelled due to one of the members not being able to make the meeting. Another date to be agreed.	Highways Sub- Committee
	4. <u>Changes to the submission of highway improvement and traffic survey</u> <u>requests</u> . The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council are changing the way highway improvements (community issues) and traffic surveys (metro counts) are requested by members of the public and by town and parish councils. Future requests made by residents will first have to be sent to the parish or town council for consideration. If they support the request, then the parish council would then submit the relevant forms to Highways for	Clerk
	consideration at CATG. The Clerk to put the details on the website.	
	5. <u>Local Highway Town and Parish Council meetings</u> – The Clerk reported that the next meeting was on 13 th June at Kennet House, Devizes. It would be a good opportunity for Councillors to find out about the workings of the highway and street scene services and other highway works such as the Parish Steward Scheme.	
2019/210 Planning Matters	1. <u>Application Number: 19/03904/LBC</u> Site Location: The Laurels High Street Seend SN12 6NU Proposal: Door and window to rear elevation and internal alterations.	

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	1.1 <u>Resolution</u> : Mrs A'Bear proposed that this planning application be approved, seconded by Mr Padfield. Mrs Vince and Mr Williams abstained from voting, but all other Councillors voted in favour.	
	2. <u>Application Number: 19/03934/VAR</u> Site Location: The Darralls Cottage Rusty Lane Seend SN12 6RQ Proposal: Variation of conditions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of 18/05261/FUL to allow for design changes to the approved replacement dwelling.	
	2.1 There was some concern from one of the Councillors that the revised plans for the new property may have an impact on the bridleway 44 that runs in front of the house.	
	2.2 <u>Resolution</u> : Mrs Heatley proposed that this planning application be approved, but for it to be pointed out the right of way should be protected and for it to remain wide enough and accessible for use by horses and cyclists. This was seconded by Mr Padfield. All Councillors voted in favour of the application being approved.	
	3. <u>Application Number: 19/04025/VAR</u> Site Location: Thatched Cottage, Baldham, Seend Proposal: Variation of condition 3 of E/2011/1685/VAR to allow the occupation of the annexed accommodation as a separate dwelling unit.	
	3.1_Mrs Heatley asked Councillor Seed why he had called this application in, to be decided by Committee and not just by the planning officer. Councillor Seed explained that there was some uncertainty over the interpretation of the National Planning Policy Framework and its stance on annexed properties becoming separate dwellings. By calling it in, it allowed the new policy to be tested. The land agent representing the owner of the Thatched Cottage strongly feels that the interpretation of the ruling does allow the occupation of the annexed accommodation as a separate dwelling. Whilst Councillor Seed felt that the planning committee were likely to side with the planning officer who was recommending refusal, it would then go to appeal and for it to be the planning inspectorate to decide	
	3.2 Mrs Heatley said that as a Parish Council we should stick with our original decision to object to the planning application as we had done with the first application 19/01663/VAR discussed at the March meeting. She pointed out if the application to remove the condition was approved, it may set a dangerous precedent for other similar developments to do the same. The Parish Council would need to watch closely the outcome of this planning application and how the new planning policy framework will be interpreted.	
	3.3 <u>Resolution</u> : Mrs Heatley proposed that this application be refused because the reasons for the condition had not changed, the property was still in open countryside where new development is restricted. This was seconded by Mrs A'Bear. At a vote, Mr Padfield, Mr Wiltshire and Mr Williams abstained and 6 Councillors voted in favour of the application being refused. Motion carried.	
2019/211 Annual Parish Meeting	It was agreed that this meeting had gone smoothly. Mr James was re-elected Chairman and Mrs Heatley as Vice Chairman. The draft minutes had been circulated to councillors and were now on the Parish Council website alongside the reports from the clubs and organisations.	
2019/212 Best Kept Village Competition	Mr Williams said that the first round of judging was likely to take place in early June. The noticeboards had been tidied up and some litter picking and pavement cleaning to be done.	
	At the Annual Parish Meeting, a parishioner had asked why it was just Seend and not also Seend Cleeve and Sells Green that had been entered into the competition. Being just Seend it was the right size for the medium village category and was easier to manage, but if parishioners wanted to enter Seend Cleeve or Sells Green in the small village category next year, they would be free to do so.	
2019/213 Correspondence	1. <u>Wiltshire Local Plan Review Consultation meeting</u> – 12 th June at County Hall, organised by Spatial Planning. Seend Parish, Melksham Town	

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	3. Following the Rev'd Joshva's brief talk about organising a church service with a focus on climate change given at the start of the Annual Parish Meeting, Councillors felt that it would not be appropriate for this to be led by the Parish Council, but better done by the community through the Church. The Clerk to let Rev'd Joshva know the Parish Council's views.	Clerk
	4. Footpath stile by Love's Walk into field owned by Seend Park, difficult to use as the stone step has dropped. Mrs Vince had reported it to the RoW Warden at Wilts CC, but not yet had a response. Clerk was asked if she could write to landowner asking if the stile could somehow be improved.	Clerk
	5. Next Meeting - Room to be set up by the Chairman	Chairman
2019/ 217 Date of next meeting	There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm	
	The date of the next meeting is 25 th June 2019	

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CHAIRMAN Date: 25th June 2019