

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25th August 2015, at Seend Community Centre.

Present: Mrs G A'Bear, Mrs T Carr, Mr T James, Mr P Manning, Mr J Padfield (Chairman), Mr K Rigg, Mrs J Savage, Mr M Wiltshire and Mr M Wood.

Also present: Cllr J Seed

Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Mr T Murch and Mr D Nichols.

The Clerk had also received an email from Mr Nichols, resigning from the PC due to work and home commitments. Councillors expressed regret that Darren was stepping down, and asked for a letter of appreciation to be sent to him. The Clerk would advise Wiltshire Council of the vacancy.

Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Police and Local Councillor's Matters

The Clerk had not received any notification from our Community Police Officer.

Cllr Seed said that he had two things to report, the first is that some traffic confusion will be experienced at the Bell crossroads as a result of road works, it is thought this is for the installation of fibre broadband.

The second is that a meeting took place last Friday between Highways and the Canal & River Trust to discuss the works to the canal bridge by the Barge; the Clerk and Paul Manning had also attended. Following the meeting, Paul Kelly of the C&RT had sent an email to the Clerk, with a list of the intended road closures and signage; Councillors expressed satisfaction that the PC's and local residents' concerns had been taken into account. Mr Rigg said that he would have liked to attend the meeting, and felt that the vehicle diversion route shown on the map circulated by the C&RT was incorrect, although it was pointed out that the route (in green) showed the traffic direction, leaving the road names visible.

Cllr Seed said that he would discuss payment for road gritting with Bill Parkes, Area Transport Manager, and also how many nights a year the Council grit lorries turned out. He explained that they have a system that alerts them when temperatures fall and roads need gritting. Mr Wiltshire would check the time it would take to grit residential areas in Seend and Bulkington.

Items for discussion from members of the Parish

None received.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 July 2015 had been circulated to all Councillors, and were taken as read. There were no amendments, acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mr James, seconded by Mrs A'Bear, agreed unanimously.

Mr Rigg queried whether the number of votes cast for the co-option of a Parish Councillor should be recorded in the minutes. The Clerk to seek advice on this point from the SLCC.

Matters arising

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan – Email from Georgina Clampitt-Dix on 19 August, suggesting that representatives from Seend, Steeple Ashton and Semington attend a joint meeting at County Hall to discuss WHSAP. The Clerk was awaiting suitable dates.

Canal bridge, Seend Cleeve – Email from Paul Kelly, Senior Project Manager, Canal & River Trust, Gloucester, with details of the proposed road/footpath closures and signage to be put in place. He advised that the works were scheduled to commence on 2nd November.

Winter Snow Preparations – Discussed under Local Councillor's matters above.

Telephone box in Seend Cleeve – The Clerk had not received any response to the notice in Spotlight. Mr Wood suggested putting a notice in the box itself, the Clerk would undertake this. It was agreed that if there were no offers to renovate the box, it should be sold.

Litter bins – Email received from Rhys Schell, who had spoken with Stuart Renfrew, and advised that there is no funding for any new bins. If a unit becomes damaged or vandalised beyond repair then it is removed and the emptying service at that site ceases. If a private individual or Parish/Town Council is funding the installation of a new bin at that site they must also make arrangements for routine emptying as Wilts Council will no longer attend. The only possible option that the Parish have to

secure a bin at a particular location is to request that the Council remove an existing one from site A in the Parish and reposition it at Site B in the Parish, although this last option with re-providing would be time consuming to complete. The Clerk to raise this issue with Cllr Seed.

High Street crossing – The Clerk had written to the PCC to ask about the viability of creating a safe crossing area close to Church Walk. She had not yet contacted the owners of the Manor. Suggested to ask Mr Yockney, who may know how to contact them.

BT Openreach – It appears fibre broadband is not available in all areas of the village.

Parking, Spout Lane – Email sent to Mark Evans, C&RT on 10 and 17 August, but no response received. The Clerk would contact either by telephone or by calling in to the office in Devizes.

Elm Cottage, Seend Hill – A letter had been sent on 10 August, and the hedge had been cut back and the pavement cleared last weekend. The Clerk to write and thank the residents.

Spout Lane – Following advice from Highways, the Clerk had marked Spout Lane as a "Track" on the Navteq website, to deter traffic from using it. It was suggested the same should be done for Inmarsh.

Bonfires, Spiderweb Paddock - Peter Nobes, Senior Public Protection Officer, Environmental Health called to talk to Mr Shearmon on 21 August. Mr Shearmon admitted that he had had a 'couple of fires' burning an old caravan. He was advised against any burning on site and reminded that any burning of trade waste was illegal and likely to trigger an investigation from the Environment Agency. Mr Nobes asked that any affected residents should contact him directly if a nuisance is caused again and he will follow it up.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mrs A'Bear said that the information boards were available at the recent Fête. There is a meeting next Friday to discuss a housing needs survey, and a committee meeting the following week. There was a general discussion about how much work should be undertaken on a Neighbourhood Plan to make it viable, and the costs involved.

Planning Matters

Application No: 15/07590/FUL 90 Seend Cleeve
Proposed rear extensions & associated works to rear garden, and altered vehicle access

Unanimous to approve.

Application No: 15/07940/FUL The Bell Inn, Bell Hill
Application Ref: 15/07990/LBC

Alterations to main entrance steps and entrance including repositioning the door and adjacent window. Removal of the existing draught lobby and forming a new one to suit the new entrance. Removal of modern stairs and wall enclosure. Repositioned replacement timber stairs with opposite direction of travel. Forming window in existing doorway and opening up a blocked up doorway to accommodate new window. Installation of stainless steel flue.

The paper copy was not available for the meeting. Councillors to check the details on line and advise the Clerk if approved. Comments by 17 September.

Application No: 15/07415/OUT The Swallows, Trowbridge Road
Demolish existing bungalow, and replace with a 5-bedroomed house

Unanimous to approve.

Application No: 15/07762/FUL Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve
Change of use of land from agricultural to allow siting of static caravan for holiday let (Resubmission of 15/00064/FUL).

Unanimous to approve.

Correspondence

Details received for the Community First AGM on Wednesday 7th October at 5.30 pm in Devizes Town Hall.

Letter received from Claire Perry MP, to advise that she has organised a community volunteers' event to visit the Houses of Parliament on Monday 16 November. Paul Manning indicated that he would like to attend. The Clerk to return the nomination form.

Financial Matters

a) There were three cheques for signature:

Mrs R E Fisher

£348.47

Clerk's salary August

J.P.

HMRC	£10.60	PAYE
Woodlodge Products Ltd	£82.20	Banners/printing, Neighbourhood Plan

Acceptance proposed by Mr M Wiltshire, seconded by Mrs A'Bear, agreed unanimously.

- b) A bank reconciliation to the end of June had been circulated to all Councillors, this showed that there is £16,140.75 in the Parish Council's accounts.

Any other business

Stocks/Seend Cleeve junction – it was noted that a bush is obscuring the sign pointing to Seend Cleeve, and needs cutting back.

Hedges in High Street – it was noted that some hedges are again overhanging the pavement, making it difficult for pedestrians walking.

Allotments – There are currently two empty allotment plots. The Clerk to meet with allotment holders to rationalise size of plots, and arrange an area for compost.

Oriel House, Bollands Hill – it was noted that it appears that a field is being converted to garden, this requires change of use. The Clerk to contact Planning.

Inmarsh Lane – The road edges by Inmarsh Farm are breaking up and need repairing. The Clerk to contact the Parish Steward.

Row Lane – There are potholes in the section between the A361 and Seend Head, and the drains from Row Lane Farmhouse to the Cleeve need clearing. The Clerk to contact the Parish Steward.

Canal towpath – There are holes in the towpath between the Barge and Bowerhill. The Clerk to contact the C&RT.

Neighbourhood Plan consultation – Mrs A'Bear requested a list of the amounts spent on the consultation to date. The Clerk to provide.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 29th September 2015, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.



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CHAIRMAN