



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 4TH JULY 2022 AT 7.30PM

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
Simon Bagnall
Amanda Parker

Members of the Public: Ann Grimsdale

County / District Councillors: None

Police: apologies received

Apologies: Cllr House, Cllr Pledger, DC Boylan, PC De Bruyn

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

44.1 Apologies received from Cllr House, Cllr Pledger, CC Jones, DC Boylan and PC De Bruyn.

44.2 Personal / Prejudicial Declarations : None received.

44.3 Public Comments : None.

44.4 County / District Councillor Comments : Cllr Boylan forwarded apologies ahead of the meeting and requested escalation of any items that needed his attention. He gave an update on Silkmead which was heard at the Development Management Committee on 15 June. An immediate neighbour spoke against the application, followed by the Chair of Horstead Parish Council, John Kilby giving concerns over increased traffic through Hare Street and Barkway. The committee deferred the decision to a future committee meeting, to be arranged.

44.5 Police Report : no crimes reported.

Although Leon De Bruyn is the point of contact for the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, all crimes and criminal incidents need to be reported using 999 in an Emergency or 101 for a non-emergency. These reports are taken by the call centre who record the incident and provide a police log. They are then allocated to the next available officer/police unit. Full details of the incidents will need to be provided.

Leon De Bruyn is happy to help and advise residents but cannot deal directly with incidents if he is on other operational duties, training, on a rest day or annual leave. By reporting criminal incidents either online or by using the non-emergency number 101 ensures that they are dealt with in the correct manner.

44.6 Minutes of the Meeting held on 09 May and 14 March 2022

Further amendments were made to the meeting held on 14 March; minutes will be reissued.

The minutes of 09 May were agreed with one change to item 43.15; the additional village hall spaces was covered under 43.10.6. The chairman was then authorised to sign the minutes of 09 May 2022.

44.7 Planning

44.7.1 6 Lincoln Hill SG9 ODL : 3/22/0478/HH – for information.

Raising ridge height of attached garage and a rear dormer extension to the attached garage roof. No objections were made against the plans, it was noted that the Parish Council were not notified on this application.

44.7.2 Elm Cottage SG9 ODL : 3/22/1160/HH – demolition of conservatory and erection of 2-storey rear extension – neighbours were consulted and the parish council raised no objections – awaiting decision.

44.7.3 Church Gate Cottage SG9 OBY : 3/22/0018/HH – awaiting decision.

44.7.4 Silkmead SG9 ODE Ref. 3/21/1576/OUT – see update from DC Boylan in 44.4 – decision deferred.

44.7.5 Plot 64 Ref. 3/20/2139/FUL (Replaces 3/19/2256/FUL withdrawn on 1/11/20) Change of use of land to Gypsy / Traveller residential : see 41.1 above, referred to Inspectorate as an Appeal. Waiting for appeal.

44.7.6 Cherry Tree House SG9 ODX : 3/22/0478/HH – removal of S/S rear projection, raising roof to accommodate 2nd floor, 2 storey side extension to front and alterations to porch was discussed at the meeting, the roof will be raised 1m. No objections were received on this application.

44.7.7 Solar panels are being considered at Fiddler's Rest. The property is within a conservation area.



The Parish Council would not have objections to the scheme in principle if the panels were not white and unobtrusive, i.e. non reflective.

44.8 Finance

44.8.1 The Financial Report was approved and accepted.

Clerk to add the proposed 10% 2022/23 Fast2Host price increase to the budget.

44.8.2 The Bank Reconciliation 04/07/22 was approved and accepted.

44.8.3 July and August payments were approved and cheques signed after meeting.

44.8.4 External Auditor has completed and all necessary paperwork uploaded.

44.9 Phone Box

Feedback from the BT kiosk were reviewed. Three responses were received and it was agreed to approach BT again to request a solution to maintaining a working phone and renovating the kiosk to a standard that would be appreciated within the village conservation area. Clerk to write to BT again.

44.10 Highways / Vegetation

Clerk has requested a rainwater drainage map from EHDC.

No road or hedge concerns raised.

44.11 Flooding

44.11.1 Silkmead has been flooded and is being monitored.

44.11.2 Cave Gate is scheduled for Highway works. It was noted there was flooding following rainfall on 2/7/22.

Any dangerous flooding should be reported via 101.

44.12 Playing Fields

44.12.1 No urgent works or repairs required. Inspection arranged for w/c 25 July 2022.

44.12.2 Goals have been erected and the grass cut for School's Sports Day. Tree surgery has been deferred to autumn.

44.13 Church

The commemorative veteran visit was a success, a speech was read out from one of the veteran's children.

44.14 School / Parking

Occasional parking continues on the corner when events are on, carpark spaces have been available at these times.

44.15 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Queen's Jubilee celebration held on 03 July was a success and the event benefited from an East Herts DC grant of £300. The commemorative tree is to be planted in due course.

44.16 Village Hall

The school continues to use the village hall on an ad-hoc basis, currently for school play rehearsals.

Yoga, carpet bowls and table tennis clubs continue to be run in the hall and two films have been shown since the last parish council meeting.

Improvements are ongoing; new windows have been ordered as an extension of the original works.

Three quotations have been received for the new flooring to the lower level excluding the lobby (toilets, kitchen and behind the bar area) which will be organised during the summer holidays – this entails laying a new floor onto the existing one to give a better finish and improved insulation. Carpark improvement plans to accommodate additional spaces are ongoing, quotations to be sought.

44.17 Newsletter Deadline is 10th July 2022 and will be 8-12 pages.

44.18 Speeding

Clerk has re-chased PC De Bruyn for the necessary paperwork. Chairman will be the coordinator.

44.19 Anstey Quarry

An update on fines imposed to the directors was discussed and has been published in the local press.

44.20 Defibrillator : checked and in working order, not been used. It was confirmed the battery renewal is due Jan-23.

44.21 Correspondence – a list of correspondence received and sent was accepted.

It was agreed to forward the CAB information via the village link.

44.22 Any other Business

44.22.1 Crabb's Lane Battery Farm at Furneaux Pelham was discussed, concerns have been raised over traffic.

44.23 Next Meeting : The next meeting date will be held on 19th September at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.16pm.