

Minutes of a Meeting of Silverton Parish Council
held Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Silverton Community Hall

Present: Parish Cllrs A Melville, F Derbyshire, V Maylan, K Faulhaber, J Wright, S Cross & E Trebble

Mr Wise + District Cllr B Deed

Minute 113438 **To note any Declarations of Interest**

None received

Minute 113439 **To note any apologies**

Apologies were received from County Cllr M Squires

Minute 113440 **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

Mr Wise informed the meeting water was running out of a farmer's field in Babylon Lane which should go into a Council drain but this is blocked and it is running onto the road. This has been reported. Mr Wise was concerned if the weather became frosty this could become very icy. He confirmed the area was circa 60 yards from Poundlands Cross. Cllr Wright stated he would send County Councillor Squires an email after the meeting regarding this point.

Mr Wise asked for an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and Cllr Trebble indicated the Committee were currently going through the responses received from the public and itemising them.

Mr Wise also asked for an update in relation to the Fire Station and the Chairman confirmed this was an Agenda item at the Budget Meeting on the 13th January 2022.

Minute 113441 **Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 2021**

The Chairman proposed the draft Minutes be accepted as an accurate record. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113442 **Review of Action Plan**

Item 2 (Tree Grant) = Clerk to check this is still on-going

Item 3 (Review of Banking System) = Clerk and Chairman will deal with this asap

Item 4 (Footpath between Silverdale and High Street) = Cllr Wright confirmed the relevant details had been passed on to MDDC who had carried out a site inspection and indicated the path was not in a condition which merited repair. MDDC do not want to put handrails along the steps due to uncertainty as to responsibility for siting and maintenance. Cllr Wright stated he had received no further complaints from residents and confirmed this item can be removed from the Plan

Item 9 (Missing Rivets at Skate Park) = Cllr Wright stated he had provided the Clerk with appropriate link in order that replacement rivets can be ordered.

Item 10 (Installation of Goal Posts) = Cllr Wright stated that Sam Campbell had matched the previous quote and had indicated the posts would be installed prior to Christmas but had now revised this to January/February. Cllr Cross stressed that the lack of installation was having an affect on the morale of the village as these were purchased via public funding. After discussion the Chairman proposed the Clerk ask the Contractor to complete the installation of the goalposts by the end of January or the Parish Council will go to another contractor. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Item 11 (Removal of Rope from Rope Bridge) = Clerk to chase for a quote for the Budget Meeting.

Item 13 (Tree Pack from Woodlands Trust) = Clerk to Chase

Item 15 (Public Telephone Box) =Nothing had been heard from BT. Cllr Maylan had a contact at BT and she will chase

Minute 11343 Discussion with District Councillors J Wright and B Deed on any relevant issues

District Cllr J Wright confirm he had contacted the Planning Department and had “called in” the Silverdale application. The application was still under review but MDDC had registered his application to call it in. To date there had been no resubmission of plans as previously requested by the Planners.

Budget - MDDC had a £950k overspend and was trying to find ways of saving money.

District Cllr Wright stated a few people had raised queries on Facebook with regard to the parish boundaries review. He stated he was on the committee and will keep everyone updated.

District Cllr B Deed – A monthly report forwarded to the Clerk had been circulated to all Councillors.

The Chairman raised a query re as to where the origin of the parish boundaries review has come from? District Cllr Deed stated he believed this was to be part of a Local Government Structure review. District Cllr Wright indicated that the review was also looking at whether the numbers of councillors was appropriate for the number of parishioners in each District.

Minute 11344 Planning

Cllr J Wright took no part in the following planning discussions as he is a District Councillor for the Ward and wishes to remain independent of the Parish Council so as to be able to represent parishioners if asked

(a) Applications:

21/02555/FULL – retention of residential access and associated works – land and buildings at Springfield Farm (Hawthorn Lodge, Brookford Lodge, The Gatehouse) Hele

Councillors indicated that they had experienced problems accessing the planning portal due to planned maintenance. Cllr Wright stated he felt there was also a problem with the site currently.

It was agreed the Clerk would ask for extension of time to comment due to councillors not having been able to view the application on MDDC Planning Portal.

(b) Approvals / Refusals

NO OBJECTION - Intention to fell a hedge of Conifer trees (T1) and 1 Conifer tree (T2) - Old Police Station 2 Parsonage Lane Silverton Exeter

NO OBJECTION - Intention to fell 1 Eucalyptus tree within a Conservation Area - 23 Parsonage Lane Silverton Exeter Devon

APPROVAL – Change of use of storage area to outdoor seating area for host visitors for tastings and similar activities and erection of bar/shed – Exe Valley Brewery, Land Farm, Silverton

(c) Any other Planning matters

(a) **APPEAL** - Permission in Principle for the erection of a dwelling - Loranne Silverton Exeter - Application No: 21/01259/PIP - Appeal Ref No. APP/Y1138/W/21/3283610

The Appeal was noted

Minute 113445 **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

- (i) Chq No: 002590 - Mrs S Woodland – Clerk’s wages (£631.79) + expenses (£26.00)
- (ii) Chq No: 002591 – Mr D Marsden – Contractor’s monthly invoice (£300.00)
- (iii) Chq No: 002592 - Mr D Marsden – refund of premium re public liability insurance - £233.00
- (iv) Chq No: 002593 - HMRC – Clerk’s NI + Income Tax – 3rd Quarter - £495.84
- (v) Chq No: 002594 - A Isaac – village Christmas Tree - £150.00
- (vi) Chq No: 002595 – J Smye – Neighbourhood Plan Domain Name - £13.19
- (vii) Chq No: 002596 – B Smye – Neighbourhood Plan Landing Page - £80.00
- (viii) Chq No: 002597 – A Campbell – annual Parish clock winding honorarium - £200.00
- (ix) Chq No: 002598 – St Mary’s Church – contribution to Parish Newsletter - £250.00

The Chairman proposed the above payments be authorised. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(b) Other financial matters

- (i) To consider quotations to repair Little Rec wall – Agreed this item be deferred to the Budget meeting
- (ii) Consider Play Area Inspection reports from MDDC dated 17.12.2021

Skate Park = it was noted there was a large crack on the half pipe. Cllr Maylan confirmed the Big Rec Group were hopefully obtaining quotes for the repair work

Fixing rivets – It was agreed the Parish Council Contractor can deal with this

Rope Bridge – confirmation was needed from Sutcliffe as to the cost of installation.

Minute 113446 **Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllr Trebble reiterated the Committee were now going through all the responses received from parishes and this takes time depending on the topic with each response having to be sectioned off to an appropriate area of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Minute 113447 **Correspondence**

(a) Notification from owner of 14 Coach Road re potential bank movement resulting in damage to property and a request to carry out works from the Recreation Field

The Chairman confirmed that the owners of 14 Coach Road had been in touch regarding the possible movement of the bank adjacent to their land and the possible impact on their fencing. The Chairman, Cllr Faulhaber and the Clerk were meeting with the owners on the 15th January. The owners want to put in a retaining wall and work in the Recreation Field. Plans had been provided which appeared to show the boundary was being extended onto the Recreation field but this will be clarified at the meeting and should any problem arise, the matter will be brought back to a Parish Council meeting.

(b) A request had been received from Suzy Murphy of the Exeter Saracens walking rugby team to host a one-off training session in Silverton on the football pitch on Saturday 5th February 2022. 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council agree to the request Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113448 **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

Cllr Derbyshire queried if there was any update with regard to a possible joint event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Street Market. It was agreed Clerk will ask Mrs Isaac if any progress has been made.

The Chairman informed the meeting that problems were being experienced with the Clerk's laptop and internet connection issues were also causing problems and he would be adding this to the Budget Agenda.

Meeting closed at 8:36 p.m.