

Minutes of a Meeting of Silverton Parish Council
held Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Silverton Community Hall

Present: Parish Cllrs A Melville, F Derbyshire, V Maylan, S Cross, V Miller, J Wright (also as District Cllr), & E Trebble

District Cllr B Deed

Minute 113474 **To note any Declarations of Interest**

None received

Minute 113475 **To note any apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr K Faulhaber.

Mr Wise (member of the public) who regularly attended meetings had also given his apologies

Minute 113476 **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

Mr B Croome presented to the meeting for information a Beacon Chart from the Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations in 1977. Mr Croome confirmed he had been involved with a Beacon on Exmoor and explained how the lighting of the Beacons was undertaken at that time.

Minute 113477 **Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2022**

The Chairman proposed the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th February 2022 be accepted as an accurate record. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions.

Minute 113478 **Review of Action Plan**

Skate Park – the Clerk indicated that Rhino Play had informed her the Company does not undertake skate park repair works. Cllr Maylan questioned this information as she had received a quotation from the Company. It was agreed the Clerk would revert to Rhino Play and ask for clarification.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Cllr Derbyshire confirmed she had attended the preliminary meeting and a further meeting is due to take place on the 8th March.

Four days of celebrations are planned:

Thursday 2nd June There is the possibility of the Common Players entertaining in the Recreation Field during the afternoon with the lighting of the Beacon (being organised by Bradninch and Silverton Parish Council) in the evening.

Friday 3rd June there is to be a village tea party on the Little Rec and village Square. A road closure for 4 hours will be requested in the Parish Council's name. There will be toilets, bouncy castle, skittles & music with tables being set out in the Square for food which parishioners will be asked to donate. There will be a special table for those aged 90+ and a

cake to be cut by the oldest resident. It is anticipated all children in the parish will receive an item in commemoration possibly a mug. A request had been made from the Committee that the Parish Council arrange suitable insurance for the event.

Saturday 4th June - a commemorative service will be held in the Church at 2pm. Also on this day there is to be an open day at Oak Meadow to showcase living off grid. This is not connected to the Jubilee celebration as it was arranged earlier but will take place between the hours of 11am - 11 pm with a live band playing.

Sunday 5th June - there is to be a BBQ at lunch time at the Silverton Evangelical Church

Should the weather be wet for the street party the Community Hall will be used with gazebos in the car park for extra seating.

Should the Queen not be alive in June the celebrations will go ahead to celebrate her life unless advised otherwise.

Fundraising will be undertaken and monies raised will be held in the Silverton Village Bank Account and ring fenced for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Minute 113479 **Discussion with District Councillors J Wright and B Deed on any relevant issues**

County Cllr M Squires – an email monthly report supplied by County Cllr Squires prior to the meeting had been circulated to all Councillors. County Cllr Squires confirmed she had spoken with the Neighbourhood Highway Officer regarding the need for the sump in the Recreation Field to be emptied and she was informed the Apprentice had been asked to deal with the matter. County Cllr Squires also confirmed any emails received by her relating to the potholes at Babylon would have been forwarded to the Neighbourhood Highway Officer

District Cllr B Deed – an email monthly report supplied by District Cllr Deed prior to the meeting had also been circulated to all Councillors. With regard to funding District Cllr Deed explained that next year may be a crunch year. This is due to the support the District Council receives from the Government declining each year. At the moment MDDC has a balanced budget. The 3 weekly refuse collection will save the District Council money but it is likely to take 4 years for the Council to become cost neutral.

The Chairman queried what sort of consultation process MDDC will have re any drastic changes next year. District Cllr Deed indicated there would be general discussions and discretionary cuts should be made after mandatory cuts.

District Cllr J Wright – State of District Debate, Climate Change a big topic. Ukraine crises – officers are looking at supply chains and publishing places to give donations.

Minute 113480 **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:

22/00259/HOUSE - **Holmcroft, School Road, Silverton** – erection of 2 storey extension and single storey annexe extension

After discussion Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 Councillors in favour. Cllr Wright did not vote.

22/00289/CAT – **3 Church Road, Silverton** – notification of intention of lower limbs by 1 or 1.5 metres to reduce excessive overhang to neighbours garden and remove dead wood to Ash tree in Conservation Area

After discussion Cllr Maylan proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour. Cllr Wright did not vote

22/00337/FULL -**Land at NGR 296704 102758 Cornerway Farm, Silverton** – erection of dwelling following demolition of agricultural buildings

After discussion Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 76 in favour. Cllr Wright did not vote.

21/02376/CAT – **16 Fore Street, Silverton** – notification of intention to carry out thinning works to Holly tree in a Conservation Area

After discussion Cllr Cross proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal A vote was taken with 6 in favour. Cllr Wright did not vote.

22/00272/HOUSE - **6 Newcourt Road, Silverton** – erection of first floor rear extension

After discussion Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 Councillors in favour. Cllr Wright did not vote.

22/00419/HOUSE – **Little Pitt, Silverton** – erection of single storey extensions, garage, store and garden room; alterations to roof to provide first floor accommodation to include installation of dormer windows

After discussion Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour. Cllr Wright did not vote.

(b) Approvals / Refusals

None

(c) Any other Planning matters

(i) **Appeal Decision** re **Loranne, Silverton** – Appeal dismissed

Minute 113481 **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

(i) Chq No: 002609 - Mrs S Woodland – Clerk's wages (£631.99) + expenses (£178.79) – £810.58

- (ii) Chq No: 002610– Mr D Marsden – Contractor’s monthly invoice - £300.00
- (iii) Chq No: 002611 – Silverton Community Hall – NP expenses - £82.25
- (iv) Chq No: 002612 – CHQ CANCELLED
- (v) Chq No: 002613 – MDDC – Play Area Inspections - £432.00
- (vi) Chq No: 002614 – MDDC – Recycling bins + installation - £1,517.06
- (vii) Chq No: 002615 – CHQ CANCELLED
- (viii) Chq No: 002616 – Miss O Kennard – NP expenses - £119.11
- (viii) Chq No: 002617 – E.ON Next – electricity to Air Ambulance landing site - £18.23

The Chairman proposed the above cheques be accepted for payment. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(b) Other financial matters

(i) To discuss Centenary of dedication of War Memorial

An enquiry had been raised by Silverton Royal British Legion as to whether the Parish Council would be honouring the centenary this year of the dedication of the War Memorial. It was noted that the War Memorial was an important part of the village which is identified during the Remembrance Day service. The Parish Council had already approved the provision of the gate from the Little Rec to the War Memorial and would be providing additional matting to the gate. After discussion the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council ask Silverton History Society if they would provide an article for the Parish Newsletter. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113482 **Review of Financial Regulations**

After discussion the Chairman proposed the current Financial Regulations be accepted with no amendments. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113483 **Review of Code of Conduct**

After discussion the Chairman proposed the current Code of Conduct be accepted with no amendments. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113484 **Review of “Publication Scheme”**

The Chairman proposed the amendments made by the Clerk be accepted with no additional amendments to be made to the Publication Scheme. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113485 **Update by Chairman of Big Rec Project**

Cllr Maylan explained a representative of Viridor had visited and asked various questions which were answered. The final step of the application process is when the Panel meet on the 10th March. The Committee had to explain what would be prioritised if not all the grant was forthcoming and it had been confirmed the gym equipment would be prioritised. A further grant application can be made should the Parish Council need funding for additional equipment for the Children's Play Area. The Committee felt that currently there was sufficient funding from the Silverton Parochial Charity and the DCC Locality Grant. A cheque had been received in the sum of £400.00 from the Christmas Tree Committee which they would like to go towards play equipment if possible. Clerk to provide a formal receipt.

The Committee are considering having a Public Consultation to gauge what people would like to see in the Play Park. It was felt that a joint consultation regarding how the Parish Council should move forward with the old Fire Station and the proposals for the Big Rec Project would be sensible.

An email had been received from the Contractor in which he pointed out he had not previously agreed to empty the recycling bins in the Recreation Field. He pointed out he has no key for the bins, black plastic bin liners would be needed together with confirmation from MDDC that it would collect the recyclable rubbish when it empties the two recycling bins in the Square. It was agreed to ask the Contractor to empty the recycling bins in the Recreation Field and then recycle in the bins in the Square. Cllr Wright will ask MDDC for a key to the bins. Cllr Wright also asked to be informed immediately if people are emptying household rubbish into the bins in the Square in order that MDDC can make the relevant investigations.

Minute 113486 **Update by Chairman of Sub-Committee re Old Fire Station**

It was noted that Parishioners are aware of the discussions surrounding the Old Fire Station due to the content of the published Minutes. Cllr Wright will update on Social Media confirming a consultation will be taking place.

Cllr Cross stated there are possibly grants available.

Minute 113487 **Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllr Trebble stated that the responses have now been tabulated and parishioners who contributed will receive replies shortly.

Mr Bill Croome (Chairman, Neighbourhood Plan) confirmed the Committee were waiting for a Heritage Assessment of the Plan.

Minute 113488 **Consider Parish Council representation at monthly Mini-Markets**

After discussion the Chairman proposed the Parish Council return to attending monthly Mini-Markets. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous. Cllr Derbyshire confirmed she would attend the April Mini-Market as the Parish Council representative

Minute 113489 **Correspondence**

(a) **Request to use Recreation Field for Easter Sunday Egg Hunt**

Devon Scaffolding had asked if it could use the Recreation Field for the annual Easter Sunday Egg Hut which they organise. Due to previous problems when older children collected a lot of the

hidden Easter Eggs they are this year considering hiding pebbles which can then be exchanged for a chocolate egg.

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

(b) MDDC recommendation to approve three weekly waste collections across Mid Devon

It was noted three weekly waste collections will be taking place in due course.

Minute 113490 **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

Raddon Hill Committee – Cllr Cross confirmed she had attended a meeting and found it helpful to hear what is happening with other parishes. Discussions took place regarding Climate Change with community engagement and being involved. Cllr Cross stated she felt Climate Change needs to be a monthly item on the Parish Council Agenda. The Committee is looking for ideas for speakers for the next quarter and Cllr Cross felt a discussion regarding funding and the grants available would be good a good topic. The Clerk and Cllr Cross will attend the April meeting.

Cllr Miller stated that Councillors might find it interesting that a metal detector found musket balls in his garden. He had spoken with the contractor regarding possibly carrying out further searches in the parish.

The Clerk confirmed that the Stockwell Cross to Red Cross Road Closure had been approved by Devon County Council despite the Parish Council's concerns.

Meeting closed at 8.49