

Minutes of a Meeting of Silverton Parish Council
held Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Silverton Community Hall

Present: Parish Cllrs F Derbyshire, S Cross, K Faulhaber, J Wright (also as District Cllr), & E Trebble

District Cllr B Deed and 4 Members of public

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Cross chaired the meeting

Minute 113491 **To note any Declarations of Interest**

None received

Minute 113492 **To note any apologies**

Apologies were received from the Chairman, Cllr Maylan and County Cllr Squires

Minute 113493 **To consider applications by Miss O Kennard and Mr S Hedges to be co-opted onto the Parish Council**

Miss Olivia Kennard and Mr Simon Hedges gave brief details of why they would like to be co-opted onto the Parish Council

The Vice-Chairman proposed both Miss Kennard and Mr Hedges be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Both Cllr Kennard and Cllr Hedges signed Declaration of Acceptance Forms in the presence of the Clerk.

Minute 113494 **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

Mr A Campbell addressed the meeting in relation to the revised drawings planning application for the land at Silverdale. He stated that he didn't believe the reserved matters have been adhered to: there is no mention of affordable sites which was pushed in first meeting and no planning application for the builder's compound or for the access onto Tiverton Road and residents are very concerned. Mr Campbell stated the development also does not comply with MDDC policy and the original application was refused by DCC Flood Management again as the development does not comply with policy. Residents will also lose their privacy if the proposed development proceeds. He confirmed residents will be submitting their comments to MDDC Planning on line.

Mr Patrick Grimes informed the meeting that the roofs are shown longer on the revised drawings and there are concerns these may be converted to dormers in the future. He also confirmed that he felt access to the site will be a nightmare and there is a high voltage cable where the off-loading bay is intended. Mr Grimes also pointed out that the development is to include 4 bedroomed houses with only 2 car parking spaces which is going to bring its own problems with parking.

Cllr Wright stated that a couple of people have contacted him in his capacity as District Councillor in relation to the revised drawings. He gave a resume as to calling in the application and will be speaking to the Planners.

District Cllr Deed pointed out that there may be some very good reasons to challenge the revised drawings but residents should bear in mind what may happen in the future is not a relevant planning consideration.

Mr Wise stated the condition of Babylon Lane was getting worse but he had assurance something will be done by 14th May. He pointed out that until the drainage is sorted it will always be wet and heavy traffic using the road will make further potholes

A parishioner raised a query as to “20 is plenty” and whether Silverton will be implementing such a scheme as had Thorverton. Cllr Wright stated that DCC has asked for interested communities to confirm if they were interested in a 20mph scheme in their area. DCC gave less than 3 weeks to submit an application which he had done on behalf of the Parish Council. Whether or not any application will be successful will depend on budget and number of applications. District Cllr Deed confirmed that Thorverton does not have an official 20mph speed limit.

Minute 113495 **Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th March 2022**

The Vice-Chairman proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th March 2022 be accepted as a true record. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour 3 abstentions

Minute 113496 **Review of Action Plan**

“20 is plenty” – Cllr Wright confirmed he was willing to move this item forward and proposed the Parish Council implement green “20 is plenty” signage similar to that at Bradninch. He confirmed he would liaise with the local organisations who had expressed an interest in covering the cost of the signs. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

Goal posts - Cllr Wright stated he hoped these would be installed shortly – the installation was on the Contractor’s schedule to be carried out.

Key for recycling bins - Cllr Wright confirmed he has keys for the recycling bins and it would appear that MDDC will collect from our recycling bins together with any overflow which our Contractor may collect. He will liaise with our Contractor to provide him with a key to the recycling bins.

Queen’s Green Canopy – in order to apply a grid reference needs to be included. The Vice-Chairman stated it would appear from looking at the information that the only pack the Parish Council would require is the “Urban” Pack. It was suggested the area between the Children’s Play Area and the Flats could be a possible site for planting the trees. Cllr Faulhaber stressed that the Parish Council need to bear in mind any proposed trees must not be damaged by strimmers and there could be problems with on-going maintenance of the trees.

After discussion the Vice- Chairman proposed that the Clerk will provide Cllr Faulhaber with the relevant information relating to the Queen's Green Canopy and he has the Council's authority to select the most appropriate package and location within the Recreation Field. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Mini market report. Cllr Derbyshire confirmed she had attended the Mini Market but as the Parish Council had incorporated a consultation relating to both the Big Rec Project and the Fire Station, no-one had approached her with any specific Parish Council issues.

Minute 113497 **Discussion with District Councillors J Wright and B Deed on any relevant issues**

County Cllr Squires had sent the Clerk an email relating to the closure of the road from Red Cross to Ellerhayes in which she stated that she has been informed the road may have been closed due to equipment or stores having been placed within the site which would reduce the width of the carriageway to below 3.5m. There may also be health and safety concerns regarding the works which required the road to be closed.

The Clerk had been made aware of problems relating to the condition of Roach Lane and County Cllr Squires confirmed in her email that she and the Neighbourhood Highway Officer would be carrying out a site inspection as soon as possible.

Cllr Trebble stated that the sign at Silverdale/High Street warning of heavy traffic driving to Butterleigh had been turned around. Cllr Trebble confirmed she would report this direct to DCC.

District Cllr Wright stated that the District Council had its State of Nation debate which in particular will focus on achieving carbon zero.

The District Council were also looking at work programmes with a view to reducing its budget.

District Cllr Deed stated with regard to the Government's Levelling Up and Devolution Scheme the Government had given a time limit to 3 weeks to submit proposals and this timescale had been adhered to. A Committee had been set up where the Leaders had agreed they didn't want a Mayoral system and want a combined authority with each authority retaining the same status as currently enjoyed.

District Cllr Deed had been chairing the State of Nation debate which was not to specifically justify climate change but with a view to liaising with the public and businesses to see what can be achieved together, at what cost and to whom. MDDC hope to be as carbon neutral as possible.

Minute 113498 **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:

22/00471/CAT -The Old Police House, 2 Parsonage Road, Silverton – notification of intention to fell a hedge of Conifer trees within the Conservation Area

Cllr Kennard proposed the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour – Cllr Wright did not vote.

22/00540/CAT– Orchard House, 18A Applemede, Silverton – notification of intention to reduce crown by one third, remove dead branches and remove low branches overhanging boundary of 1 Apple tree within the Conversation Area

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council supports the above application. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour – Cllr Wright did not vote.

22/00569/HOUSE – 4A Old Butterleigh Road, Silverton – erection of single storey extension and first floor extension above garage

Cll Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council does not support the above application on the grounds the proposed extension will overlook neighbours resulting in a loss of privacy, visual amenity will be negatively impacted and overdevelopment of the site. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour – Cllr Wright did not vote.

22/00332/HOUSE – 28 King Street, Silverton – erection of single storey rear extension and re-modelling to include installation of a dormer window, erection of a detached garage with room above and associated landscaping

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council does not support the above application as the proposed development will overlook neighbours resulting in a loss of privacy. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour – Cllr Wright did not vote.

21/01552/MARM – Land at Silverdale, Silverton – reserved matters for the erection of 20 dwellings with details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval 18/02019/MOUT - **REVISED DRAWINGS**

Cllr Derbyshire proposed the Parish Council does not support the above application on the basis previously raised concerns are still to be addressed. Parishioners have submitted many concerns which Parish Council support. The provision of Affordable Housing appears to have been lost. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour – Cllr Wright did not vote.

(b) Approvals / Refusals by MDDC

NO OBJECTION by MDDC to the intention to lower limbs by 1 or 1.5 metres to reduce excessive overhand to neighbours garden and remove dead wood to Ash tree in a Conservation Area – **3 Church Road, Silverton**

FULL PLANNING PERMISSION for erection of extensions – **Bycott, School Road, Silverton**

NO OBJECTION by MDDC to carry out thinning works to Holly tree in a Conservation Area – **16 Fore Street, Silverton**

APPROVAL OF FULL PLANNING PERMISSION for the erection of a shed – **Orchard House 18A Applemede, Silverton**

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE – for proposed erection of porch and refurbishment and modification of outbuilding – **38 Ellerhayes, Hele, Exeter**

APPROVAL - erection of dwelling following demolition of agricultural buildings – **Land at Cornerway Farm, Silverton**

(c) Any other Planning matters

None

Minute 113499 **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

- (i) Chq No: 002618 - Mrs S Woodland – Clerk’s wages (£631.99) + expenses (£40.31) – £672.10
- (ii) Chq No: 002619– Mr D Marsden – Contractor’s monthly invoice - £300.00
- (iii) Chq No: 002620 – HMRC – 4th Quarter, Clerk’s NI + Tax - £495.64
- (iv) Chq No: 002621 – Miss O Kennard – NP expenses - £62.23
- (v) Chq No: 002622 – D Marsden – paint for “No dog” signs
- (vi) Chq No: 002623 – Groundwork UK – refund of NP underspend from Grant - £1,249.96
- (vii) Chq No: 002624 – E-on Next – electricity to Air Ambulance landing site - £16.46
- (viii) Chq No: 002625 – St Mary’s Church – grant re churchyard grass cutting - £1,500.00
- (ix) Chq No: 002626 – St Mary’s Church – contribution to Newsletter - £250.00
- (x) Chq no: 002627 – Viridor Waste Management Ltd – 10% contribution to grant - £2,550.30

Chq No: 002598 CANCELLED – mislaid by Clerk

The Vice-Chair proposed the above cheques be passed for payment. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions.

A condition of the Viridor grant was that the Parish Council pay a contribution of 10% back to Viridor. This amounted to £2,550,30. The Vice-Chairman proposed the 10% payment be approved for payment. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

(b) Other financial matters

(i) Possible contribution to Queen’s Jubilee Street Party

The Vice-Chairman confirmed Mrs Jane Issac was organising a Street Party which is scheduled to take place on Friday 3rd June. The group meets once a month and they have asked for a contribution from the Parish Council of £2,000/£2,500.00 (children’s play equipment, mugs, wildflower seeds, etc). The Vice-Chairman stated there had been a sum of £3,000 reserved at the Budget meeting towards a Community Fund and these funds could now be utilised for this project if the Parish Council so wished. After discussion the Vice-Chairman proposed the Parish Council agrees a maximum donation of £2,5000.00 subject to the Parish Council’s prior approval to the

items purchased. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention

(ii) To consider quotations re repairs to Skate Park

The Vice-Chairman confirmed that she and Cllrs Derbyshire and Maylan had met with Evolution Skate Parks who had provided a quotation for the works highlighted in the ROSPA report together with issues that have arisen with the surface of the area. The group had experienced problems obtaining quotations due to the repairs being a specialist area and a third quotation could not be obtained.

It was noted Rhino Play are sub-contracting the work and its quotation of £3,675.00 was in relation to repairs to the half-pipe only.

Evolution Skate Parks had provided a comprehensive quotation in the sum of £4,630.50 with a 2-3 week turnaround.

The Vice-Chairman proposed that the Parish Council accept the comprehensive quotation from Evolution Skate Parks in order that all the repair works required to the Skate Park are carried out. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113500 **Update by Chairman of Big Rec Project**

The Vice-Chairman confirmed the Viridor grant had now been approved and Viridor's preferred Contractor, Rhino Play, would be installing the play equipment. Silverton Parochial Charities had agreed to contribute £30,000 towards play equipment and other contributions are being received with the Big Rec Project being well received in the village. The Working Group is meeting on the 7th April to consider the various comments from parishioner received via the mini market. Rhino Play's current turnaround is approx. 6-8 weeks but they anticipate getting busier.

The Vice-Chairman proposed the Working Group be authorised to purchase additional equipment from Rhino Play, after considering the comments received via the Mini Market, on the basis that the Company is local, is the most suitable and the most economical. Cllr Derbyshire seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113502 **Update by Chairman of Sub-Committee re Old Fire Station**

Cllr Wright confirmed he had received many comments from parishioners at the Mini Market and he felt the consultation should run a little longer. He said that unfortunately there had been some misunderstandings in relation to the Scout Group and that he had spoken to the Chair of the Scouts and apologised and pointed out the Parish Council had thought they had folded. He stressed to that they were not asking the Scouts to vacate but merely canvassing opinions in the parish as to the long-term use of the building.

Minute 113503 **Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllr Kennard confirmed the distribution of letters to respondents is now complete. The Locality Budget is now closed and the balance is to be refunded with an End of Grant Report submitted.

The grant for a Heritage Assessment has been approved by AECOM and a representative from AECOM will discuss the work with the Chairman of the Group during the week commencing 11 April 2022.

Changes to the draft Plan (which is currently on the Parish Council website) will be made by a Neighbourhood Plan Sub Committee in response to comments received. Working parties will update different sections and a small working group will ensure overall compatibility. Alterations to the Plan should be completed April/May.

Cllr Wright thanked the Committee for the huge amount of work it had undertaken.

Minute 113504 **Correspondence**

(a) To note Stagecoach Public Bus changes for Exeter WEF 10th April 2022

(b) APA

It was noted the Chairman can attend any evening during the week commencing 23 May. It was agreed to arrange the Annual Parish Assembly for Tuesday 24th May @ 7.30 p.m. subject to the Dorothy Grainger room being available.

Minute 1134505 **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

No matters were brought forward

Meeting closed at 9:06