

**Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council**  
**held Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Silverton Community Hall**

**Present:** Parish Cllrs A Melville (Chairman), S Cross K Faulhaber, J Wright, V Maylan, E Trebble & S Hedges

1 member of the public

**Minute 113616**      **To note any Declarations of Interest**

None

**Minute 113617**      **To note any apologies**

Apologies were received from County Cllr M Squires & Cllr Kennard

**Minute 11618**      **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

Mr Wise raised the recent vandalism caused by youngsters at the Evangelical Church. Cllr Wright confirmed he had spoken with the local PCSO who had indicated that if parishioners see any unwelcome people on their land they must report any incidents to the Police via 999. Should anyone have any information for the Police then this should be reported on the website. It was noted that to be able to prosecute the Police will require evidence by means of witnesses, videos etc. Cllr Wright stated that hopefully with support the youngsters responsible know that they are upsetting people in the village. Cllr Maylan stated that to the best of her knowledge no-one from the Police had visited in relation to the damage to the Evangelical Church despite this having been reported.

The Chairman summarised by saying reporting any incidents is important as is any evidence. Councillors should listen out for any concerns regarding police responses and if there were any problems the Parish Council could write to the Local Inspector.

**Minute 113619**      **Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

The Chairman proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention

**Minute 113620**      **Review of Action Plan**

2 (Banking System) – the Chairman confirmed this was ongoing

3 (S106 monies) – Cllr Cross indicated she was trying to obtain a response from MDDC.

9 (ROSPA Reports)– Cllr Maylan pointed out the new ROSPA report mentions the gate which the Parish Council were unable to deal with. The Chairman confirmed the ROSPA reports would be an agenda item for the January meeting

10 (“20 is Plenty”) – Adam from Twenty Twenty Property had pointed out if he was going to spend money on signs he does want his logo to be seen. Cllr Wright stated metallic signs

can be obtained but this would need to be a budget decision and he proposed he costs street metallic signs which he would bring back to the Budget Meeting in January. Cllr Faulhaber pointed out in his view 20mph is too fast in the village. Cllr Hedges felt if 20 mph signs were erected in the village this would probably make no difference.

11 (Goalposts) – The Clerk had spoken to the manufacturers who had stated that in their opinion it would appear that the posts had not been installed properly and the sockets themselves were moving. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Kepring and ask them to confirm the goal posts were installed to the specification provided by the Manufacturers.

16 (Dogbin in Little Rec) - The Clerk would check as to whether or not the dogbin in the Little Rec had been repositioned.

18 (Revised Stagecoach bus timetable) – Cllr Wright stated he did not have an update. Cllr Cross had received an email from our MP Mel Stride which contained a letter from Meg Booth at DCC and which has been circulated to Councillors. DCC had stated that there was not sufficient money to subsidise the route and passenger numbers do not justify additional buses. The Chairman stated he felt this was not an unreasonable response.

**Minute 1136021**      **Discussion with District Councillor J Wright on any relevant issues**

District Councillor Wright stated with regard to the Boundary Review the North Ward had been reduced to 1 Councillor. Budgeting was proving difficult and meetings were being held to see what can be done. Services and staff will need to be reduced but it is hoped this can be managed without redundancies. Cllr Wright pointed out local elections will be taking place in May.

The Chairman asked how the District Council is monitoring the changes and how are they monitoring reporting of fly-tipping. District Councillor Wright stated he would raise this with the Audit Committee.

Cllr Maylan asked if there was to be any leeway for black bag collection over Christmas – District Cllr Wright confirmed any additional black bags left out will be collected.

**Minute 113622**      **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:

22/02169/TPO – application to remove one secondary lower limb towards garage roof and unstable deadwood of 1 Oak Tree (T12) protected by TPO 79/00001/TPO – 22 Church Road, Silverton

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors in favour save Cllr Wright who did not vote.

22/02114/FULL – erection of an extension to agricultural building – Land at NGR 292279 106910 (Twin Oaks) Bickleigh

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Council in favour save Cllr Wright who did not vote.

22/02276/CAT – notification of intention to reduce the overall crown of 1 Scots Pine tree by up to 3m in height and up to 1.5m in spread and reduce the overall crown of 1 Monterey Pine tree by up to 3m in height and up to 2m in spread within the Conservation Area – 1 Tiverton Road, Silverton

Cllr Hedges proposed the Parish Council did not support the above application in relation to the reduction of height as the report does not support this action with any justification. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors in favour save Cllr Wright who did not vote.

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council supported the remaining work in the application. Cllr Hedges seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour save Cllr Wright who did not vote.

(b) Approvals / Refusals by MDDC

Tree Preservation Order – consent to remove 1 Oak Tree protected by TPO 79/00001/TPO – 22 Church Road, Silverton

(c) Any other Planning matters

None

**Minute 113623**      **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq 002691 Mrs S Woodland – Clerk’s wages (£691.36) + expenses (£11.26 monthly Microsoft charge x 2, £57.98 batteries re defibrillators & £46.89 ink) = £818.79

Chq 002692 Mr D Marsden – Contractor’s monthly invoice (£300.00) + re-siting dog bin in Little Rec £75.00) = £375.00

Chq 002693 Mr A Isaacs – village Christmas tree - £150.00

Chq 002694 Rhino Play (SW) Limited – Breeze ride & support swing seat - £7,647

Chq 002695 Eon-Next – electricity to Air Ambulance Landing Site - £18.23

The Chairman proposed the above be agreed for payment. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors presence in favour.

(b) Other financial matters

(i) Consider quotation re clearance of rubble from behind Old Fire Station

A quote had been received from Parsons Landscaping in the sum of £504.00. Cllr Maylan proposed the quote be accepted. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(ii) Consider update pm cost of Ginko Biloba tree (Cllr Fauhaber)

Cllr Faulhaber stated he had contacted 4 nurseries – 1 didn’t have the requested tree

and 1 didn't respond. A 10-12 cm girth in a pot costs £148.00 + VAT with a 16cm girth costing £275.00. The Chairman pointed out this was within the agreed budget

(iii) Consider quotation received re PI insurance for Contractor

The Chairman proposed the quotation from the existing Insurer be accepted at £259.72. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

**Minute 113624**      **Consider possible site for free Landmark Tree**

After discussion Cllr Wright proposed that a Landmark tree be sited on the south end of the Recreation Field between existing trees 1 and 2. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

**Minute 113625**      **Set a date for Budget Meeting**

After discussion it was agreed the Budget Meeting would take place on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

**Minute 113626**      **Update by Chairman of Big Rec Project**

Cllr Maylan confirmed the project had now been concluded and the last invoice was being paid this evening. Plaques still need to be put up and the Committee has sufficient funds to arrange this. A harness is awaited and this will be provided free of charge. Cllr Maylan pointed out that at the budget meeting it will be necessary to consider the maintenance contract with Rhino Play and she is currently awaiting an updated quote from them. There is some VAT to reclaim and the Clerk will double check the figures with her. There is a small balance remaining which the Committee would wish to go into the Maintenance Fund.

Thanks were given to Louise Sleep and Frances Derbyshire for the work carried out as part of the Big Rec Working Party.

**Minute 113627**      **Neighbourhood Plan update and Councillors to provide feedback on the various documents submitted by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee**

Cllr Kennard confirmed the Chairman had responded to her with a couple of small points. The Chairman stated he felt the Plan was a good piece of work and matched what Councillors and the community felt and the document will guide the Council for many years to come.

Cllr Maylan stated that it was a huge shame that the Silverdale development goes against everything in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Wright felt it was a well balanced document.

Cllr Hedges stated the document did not mention satellite and broadband but should the Inspector wish the Plan to be amended he anticipates amending the Plan to include these at that point.

The Chairman expressed thanks to everyone who had contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan over many years for their work.

The Chairman proposed the Parish Council supports the current draft Neighbourhood Plan which is to be submitted to the External Auditor. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken

with all Councillors in favour.

Cllr Hedges informed the meeting that when the Plan had been formally adopted a recommendation will be put forward that two groups be set up which may need somewhere to meet and possible funding. The two groups being the Silverton Parish Green Action Group and The Silverton Parish Homes for Locals Action Group.

**Minute 113628**      **Mini-Market report for December**

- Update in Parish Magazine re bus times incorrect. Should have read last bus from Exeter at 1930hrs rather than bus into Square at 7.30!
- Wyndham Road bus stop up from Meads could road signing be painted so cars don't park in spot?
- Laurel hedge MDDC carpark next to Village hall needs cutting, reducing parking spaces and visibility splay on exiting

**Minute 113629**      **Consider discussion item for January Raddon Hills meeting**

An email from the Raddon Hills Group regarding possible action to improve grass cutting/verge maintenance arrangements had been circulated to all Councillors and its content was noted

**Minute 113630**      **Correspondence**

- (a) Consultation on emerging new East Devon Local Plan 2020 to 2040 - Noted
- (b) Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Consultation - noted
- (c) To note Tiverton Mobile Library has issued 2023 timetable for Silverton - noted
- (d) To note Road Closure Notice re School Road between 06/02/23 to 10/02/23 and proposed diversion – noted
- (e) To note notification of MDDC free parking dates in run up to Christmas - noted
- (f) Email received from MDDC re potential contributions towards some services delivered by MDDC - noted
- (g) Letter from MDDC dated 1<sup>st</sup> December – Towns/Parishes who raise precepts in excess of £20,000 are being asked to contribute towards services provided by MDDC including transfer of play areas.

Cllr Hedges raised the possibility of the car park being transferred to the Parish Council who could then consider electric car charging points being installed at the site

Grass cutting could also be re-considered in the New Year.

It was agreed the Parish Council would not take up the offer at the current time

**Minute 113631**      **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

None

Meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.