

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council
held Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Silverton Community Hall

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

5 members of the public

Minute 113597 **To note any Declarations of Interest**

Cllr K Faulhaber confirmed he was acting as Agent in relation to the planning application for a replacement fence at 1 Fore Street which was to be considered at this meeting

Minute 113598 **To note any apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor S Hedges, District Cllr B Deed and County Cllr M Squires

Minute 113599 **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

Peter Kidds informed the meeting he wanted to comment on the removal of the dog waste bin removal from the Little Rec and to suggest a new site. He said that since the removal of the dog bin the litter bins next to the bus shelter are being used and at times are overflowing. He said in his opinion these bins are not adequate for the waste which is generated on days when takeaways visit the village. He suggested a further litter bin should be sited in the Little Rec. where the dog waste bin was sited. With regard to the re-siting of the dog waste bin Mr Kidds proposed this be positioned in the extreme corner of the Little Rec immediately inside the wall next to the Old Fire Station with the bin being sat on the wall. This would allow access to the bin without having to enter the Little Rec.

After discussion the Chairman proposed that the dog waste bin be reinstated in the position suggested by Mr Kidds. Cllr Trebble seconded the position. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention. The Clerk to ask our Contractor to re-site.

Consideration of an additional litter bin in the Little Rec to be considered at the January 2023 Budget meeting.

Ms Adele Perrott addressed the meeting to confirm a planning permission for an off grid, timber construction, house at Oak Meadow had been submitted to MDDC. She had attended the meeting to see if Councillors had any questions they wished to raise. The Chairman explained the application had not as yet been received by the Parish Council and Ms Perrott confirmed she would attend the meeting when the application was to be considered

Martin Shoebottom addressed the meeting. He confirmed he lived in School Road and shares a gully which was capped off near the school many years ago. He said he had lived in his property for 10 years and the gully had always been dry. However, during the past week it has started flowing again and he was concerned as to why this had happened and what the fluid may be. The manholes historically had been cleared but this does not now

appear to be the case and he wondered who owned the gully. The Vice-Chairman confirmed would look at Land Registry documentation to see if she can establish ownership for him.

Mr Wise informed the Council that SWW was the worst in the Country for pollution incidents. He said he was concerned that storm water was permitted to drain into sewage drains. District Cllr J Wright confirmed that this was not within the remit of MDDC and legislation does permit storm water to drain into sewage drains and it is this legislation which requires amendment to prevent incidents. into drains – After discussion it was agreed a letter would be written SWW expressing the Parish Council's concerns in relation to storm water going into sewage drains with a copy being sent to our MP.

Minute 113600 **Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd October 2022**

The Chairman proposed the Minutes be accepted as a correct record. Cllr S Cross seconded the proposal with a vote being taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention

Minute 113601 **Review of Action Plan**

2. On-line Banking - The Chairman confirmed he and the Clerk were in the process of completing an application for on-line banking
3. Unspent S106 Monies – The Vice Chairman will contact MDDC regarding a variation of to the current S106 Agreement
9. Facebook page - This remains outstanding
10. Repairs to children's play equipment - Rhino Play has indicated they cannot repair the gate
- 11 "20 is Plenty" signage – Cllr Wright to progress
12. Clerk to progress re contacting contractor
13. Refund of 50% of cost of Jubilee Beacon – Cllr Cross to progress
18. Possible funding to a defibrillator at The Meads – Cllr Hedges had circulated the response from the Manager and in particular it was noted any defibrillator would not be available to the general public. After discussion the Chairman proposes the Parish Council does not contribute to a defibrillator. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113602 **Discussion with District Councillors J Wright on any relevant issues**

Budget - Cllr Wright explained MDDC were trying to save money and continue to provide essential services. Consultations were ongoing with regard to services and he asked these be forwarded to anyone who may be interested to completed. With regard to the Silverdale Planning, full permission had been granted. He confirmed he felt the concerns of the village had been listened to and appropriate amendments made.

Cllr Maylan stated parishioners had mentioned that they are concerned with regard to the Christmas/New Year refuse collections. She asked if MDDC would be reviewing their restriction on black bags over this period – Cllr Wright will make enquiries.

Minute 113603 **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:

22/01883/FULL – Erection of a dwelling and conversion of existing bungalow to workshop/store (Revised Scheme) – **2 Exeter Road, Silverton**

Cllr Cross proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions. Cllr Wright did not vote

22/01887/HOUSE –Erection of replacement fence – **1 Fore Street, Silverton**

Cllr Cross proposed the Parish Council supported the above application. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 1 abstention. Cllr Faulhaber did not vote having declared a Personal Interest at the commencement of the meeting. Cllr Wright did not vote.

22/02062/FULL – Variation of Condition 7 of 21/00640/FULL – change of use of land for the erection of one unit of holiday accommodation – to allow low voltage outlight lighting at land at Pound Farm, Butterleigh

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

(b) Approvals / Refusals by MDDC

FULL PLANNING PERMISSION – Construction of a landscaped embankment – former St Regis Paper Co (UK) Ltd, Silverton Mills, Hele

FULL PLANNING PERMISSION –Erection of 2 dwellings following demolition of industrial sheds – MH West & Son, The Garage, Silverton

FULL PLANNING PERMISSION – Erection of single storey extension – 20 Parsonage Lane, Silverton

GRANT OF OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION – reserved matters for the erection of 20 dwellings with details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approved 18/02019/MOUT – Land at Silverdale, Silverton

(c) Any other Planning matters

- (i) To note result of the Referendum on the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan

Noted

Minute 113604 Finances

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq 002678	Mrs S Woodland – Clerk’s wages (£691.56) + expenses (£11.26 monthly Microsoft charge & ink
Chq 002679	Mr D Marsden – Contractor’s monthly invoice - £300.00
Chq 002680	Evolution Skatepark Ramps – repairs to skatepark in April - £4,630.50
Chq 002681	Eon-Next – electricity to Air Ambulance Landing Site - £17.64
Chq 002682	Sutcliffe {Play South West – replacement parts for play equipment - £89.90
Chq 002683	Parson’s Landscapes Limited – ground maintenance September - £392.40
Chq 002684	Rhino Play (SW) – play equipment - £5,972.40
Chq 002685	Rhino Play (SW) – play equipment - £10,536.00
Chq 002686	Parsons Landscapes Limited – ground maintenance October - £1,216.80

The Chairman proposed invoices 1, 2 (together with a further invoice in the sum of £144 for weeding etc) 3, 4, 5, 6 & 9 be passed for payment. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

With regard to invoices 7 & 8 above plus an additional 2 further invoices to Rhino Play (SW) in the sum of £686.40 and £358.80 Cllr Maylan gave an update. The invoice in the sum of £10,536.00 related to the weather proofing around gym equipment and table tennis table, the invoice in the sum of £5,972.40 related to the new climbing wall for which the Big Rec Committee were contributing £2,000. The invoice in the sum of £358.00 related to repair work and the invoice in the sum of £686.40 related to the provision of basketball board and net, removal of the remains of the previous board and removal of the remains of the old chain net and replace with new.

The Chairman proposed invoices 7, 8 and the additional 2 invoice submitted by Rhino Play (SW) be passed for payment. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Cllr Maylan pointed out there was one further invoice which has been received from Rhino Play (SW) but currently Big Rec Project does not agree the figures. The Committee believes a deposit was paid but Rhino Play are saying this already been credited. The Committee are investigating

(b) Other financial matters

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

It was agreed this item be deferred to the December meeting

(ii) Consider donation to RBL Poppy Appeal re provision of Parish Council wreath for Remembrance Day

Cllr Cross proposed the Parish Council contributes £25.00 Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour

(iii) Consider cost of Ginko Biloba tree (Cllr Faulhaber)

Cllr Faulhaber stated that a standard bare root tree of circa 2m – 6cm to 8 cms would cost in the region of £114.00. A bare root tree of circa 12-14 cm would cost in the

region of £254.00. Both would be delivered in pots with delivery extra as would be the cost of stakes and tree ties. The Chairman pointed out the Parish Council had already agreed a figure £300 and therefore a margin of 20% extra was not unreasonable. It was agreed this item would be discussed further at the December meeting.

(iv) Consider report by Mr N Maylan re cobbled path in New Barn Lane

The Chairman pointed out Mr Maylan had provided a comprehensive report with recommendations.

After discussion Cllr Cross proposed that Parsons Landscaping be asked to provide a quotation to clear the brambles and the top covering over the cobbles with the Parish Council reviewing this item at the Budget Meeting. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(v) Consider email from MDDC re precept

An email from MDDC regarding the financing of local government public services in the future. It was agreed the content of the email which had been circulated to all Councillors was noted

(vi) To note Fire Service Consultation re finance

Noted

Minute 113605 **Review of open public consultation meeting re bus route changes including emails received from Mr J Blackburn & Mr M Mcassoc**

The Note of the meeting taken by the Clerk had been circulated. Cllr Cross confirmed she had sent a copy of the Notes to our MP and to the local media by way of a follow up. Our MP had acknowledged the Notes and wanted to share these with both DCC and Stagecoach which he has done. Cllr Cross confirmed the Parish Council are now considering their next steps.

Cllr Wright informed the meeting that Mike Tucker had indicated Cllr Andrea Davies is the Cabinet Member for Transport. He suggested emailing her and Cllr Wright confirmed he would contact her. It was agreed to contact the full Cabinet of DCC.

Cllr Cross informed the meeting that the MD of Stagecoach had changed within the last week.

After discussion the Chairman proposed a Task/Finish Group be set up to influence key stakeholders with a view to improving the bus service to the village square through a last bus and a bus at 7.30 p.m.. Both buses to come directly to the square. The Chairman proposed that himself, Cllr Cross and Cllr Wright be members of the Group with Stuart Bond being asked if he would like to be co-opted. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour,

It was agreed that Stage 2 would be to consider the possibility of a path from Exeter Road to the main road and how funding could be obtained

Minute 113606 **Consider draft Licenses re RBL seat and Street Market Committee having use of Old Fire Station for storage purposes**

Cllr Cross confirmed these had been drafted with the RBL happy with their draft. A draft Licence has yet to go to the Street Market Committee for approval

Cllr Maylan proposes the Parish Council adopts both Licences. Cllr Wright seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

Minute 113607 **Mid Devon Wildlife Warden Scheme**

Noted

Minute 113608 **Update re works to be carried out to the Oak Tree in the Recreation Field by MDDC on 15th November 2022**

Cllr Maylan confirmed the works would be carried out on the 15th November and there was a need to inform parishioners again – the Clerk would update the Silverton Community Page. She had felt some parishioners may have wanted some of the wood as this is an iconic tree in the village. After discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would take no further action in this regard. Cllr Maylan will inform MDDC of the decision.

Minute 113609 **Update by Chairman of Big Rec Project**

Cllr Maylan confirmed the Committee were still looking at obtaining plaques. Rhino Play had agreed to order and pay for a harness for the swing seat.

Minute 113610 **To consider options available re future use of the Old Fire Station**

There is no further action to take and this item can be removed from the Agenda.

Minute 113611 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Kennard indicated that the Clerk had uploaded documentation to the Neighbourhood Plan website and she asked that all Councillors review the documents with a view to comments being made at the December meeting.

Minute 113612 **Mini-Market report for November**

A Report had been circulated by Cllr Hedges:

Light not working on corner of Newcourt Rd and Church Rd – this had already been reported to DCC by a parishioner

A request had been made to the Room4U to open their room on a Saturday for Ukrainian families in the village to meet.

A request for additional litter bins on the Little Rec for before and after the Tree Lighting on the 3rd December was considered. Due to financial and time constraints this would not be possible.

It was noted broken glass had been reported in the “community playground”

Thanks had been expressed to the Parish Council for taking up the issue of the bus service.

A suggestion had been made for the dog waste bin to be re-sited at the back of the old schoolhouse in Exeter Road/Upexe Lane.

Minute 113613 **Report by Vice-Chair re October Meeting of the Raddon Hill Group**

Cllr Cross confirmed she had attended the October meeting but feels enthusiasm is dwindling. She asked if anyone had any suggestions to be raised at a meeting to let her know. She said everyone would be in the same position re a difficult winter and suggestions had been raised re food banks etc. District Cllr Bob Deed had pointed out to the meeting all Councils will be facing difficulties and need to support communities and any funding will need to come through the precept.

Cllr Wright queried if there could be a joint venture to provide electric cars to the rural areas.

Minute 113614 **Correspondence**

- (a) Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Newsletter – October 2022

Noted

- (b) MDDC Policies re Support Climate Emergency and Air Quality and Climate Plans

Noted

Minute 113615 **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

Cllr Maylan informed the Council that there was currently a group of youths causing trouble in the village. It was agreed residents must report any incidents to the Police. Residents can also report antisocial behaviour through a linked MDDC website.

Meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.