

**Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council**  
**held Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Silverton Community Hall**

**Present:** Parish Cllrs A Melville, S Cross, K Faulhaber, V Maylan, E Trebble & S Hedges  
County Cllr M Squires

**Minute 113687**            **To note any Declarations of Interest**

None

**Minute 113688**            **To note any apologies**

Apologies were received from District Cllr B Deed & Cllr O Kennard

**Minute 113689**            **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

Mr Jim Wise raised the continuing problem of car parking in the village and stated out of town parking was required. He felt there was no need to purchase land but land in the village could perhaps be leased which would then possibly allow areas of the village to be pedestrianised.

Mr Wise addressed County Cllr Squires and stated he believed there were 4 or 5 pot hole repairing machines and asked if Silverton could have some repairs. County Cllr Squires stressed that if the weather was inclement when basic repairs were carried out these do not last but they do last longer in the Summer. She said the repairs do not leave the surface flat but does improve it.

It was agreed the Clerk would write to County Cllr Squires reiterating the bad condition of Church Road and in particular the area outside the Parish Church. It was noted that repair works were to take place shortly in Hederman Close and it was agreed to ask why these were being carried out when there were higher priorities in the village.

**Minute 113690**            **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Cllr Maylan proposed the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be accepted as a true record. Cllr Trebble seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions (not present at the March meeting)

**Minute 113691**            **Review of Action Plan**

**Item 4** - Park Road - County Cllr Squires confirmed dialogue was continuing with the farmer and she will ask for an update. Cllr Cross confirmed during heaving rain water continues to pool in the area between Park Road and Red Cross.

**Item 5** - Old Fire Station - Cllr Cross confirmed the Street Market Committee were ready to sign the Agreement. However, items remain stored in the building and these need to be removed. If the local Scout Group does not respond after 2 weeks it was agreed to contact

the Devon County Area Scouts Group. Items include tables, chairs, camping equipment, ropes etc.

**Item 6** - Jubilee tree – Cllr Maylan proposed a plaque be obtained confirming the tree was planted to commemorate the late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Hedges seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions. It was agreed the Clerk would publicise the tree on social media.

**Item 7** - Gate in Little Rec – Mr Wise stated that “Geoff and Ernie” who live at Babylon may be able to assist with the closing of the gate, He will ask them to contact the Clerk.

**Item 9** - Litter Bin Liners – the larger liners appear now to be in stock and the Clerk confirmed she was waiting for confirmation of the size required from our Contractor and on receipt these will then be ordered

**Item 11** - Cobbled Path – the Clerk confirmed one quote had been received. It was agreed Mr Maylan be asked if there is a group of volunteers who would be willing to work under his supervision once the path was cleared.

**Item 19** - WI Seat – The WI have asked for permission to site the seat in Little Rec. Cllr Maylan pointed out the Parish Council did consider perhaps replacing the seat in the Recreation Field near the new tree.

After discussion the Chairman proposed that the WI bench is used to replace the oak picnic table. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

**Minute 113692**      **Discussion with County Councillor M Squires on any relevant issues**

County Cllr Squires confirmed a Consultation would be going out regarding the mobile library service with a return date for comments of the 26<sup>th</sup> May.

The new Chief Executive has been meeting staff in their workplaces in Devon.

**Minute 113693**      **Planning**

(a) Applications:

23/00236/LBC – Listed Building Consent for alterations to bathroom to include removal of stud wall – 1 High Street, Silverton

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council support the above application. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

23/00435/HOUSE – erection of a side extension – 24 Silverdale, Silverton

Cllr Faulhaber proposed the Parish Council did not support the above application due to overdevelopment, no additional parking being provided and the proposed works appear to be proposed on part of the building that has already been Refused a Certificate of Lawfulness. Cllr Hedges seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(b) Approvals / Refusals by MDDC

**CHANGE OF USE** approval of Prior Approval (23/00155/PNCOU) – change of use of agricultural buildings to 4 dwellings under Class Q – land and buildings at NGR 295633 103374 Silverdale

**PERMISSION** for Non-material Amendment for 22/00981/HOUSE to allow alterations to floor plan layout and elevations including section of flat roof and substitution of natural slate to eternit slate – Holmcroft, School Road, Silverton

**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT** for repairs to roof (23/00063/LBC) – 15 Newcourt Road, Silverton

(c) Any other Planning matters

None

### **Minute 113694**      **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq 002717 Mrs S Woodland – Clerk’s wages (£691.56) expenses (ink - £23.99) = £715.55  
Chq 002718 Mr D Marsden – Contractor’s monthly invoice - £300.00  
Chq 002719 Eon-Next – electricity to Air Ambulance landing site - £18.25  
Chq 002720 Sarah Cross – initial purchase of items re King’s Coronation Celebrations (bunting, table covers & bookmarks) - £331.45  
Chq 002721 HMRC – Employer’s payment of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter NI + Income Tax re Clerk - £361.88  
Chq 002722 Hi-Line – Tree Inspection + Risk Assessment re trees on Bury - £432.00

The Chairman proposed the above cheques be approved. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour with Cllr Cross abstaining

The Clerk had noted that in the Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Minute 113664(a) her cheque is shown as £691.56 when in fact the cheque issued was £699.16 which included a disbursement of £7.60 in relation to stamps.

(b) Other financial matters

(i) Consider cost of Silverton Parish Council banner

The Chairman proposes a budget be set of £75 for the purchase of a banner. The Clerk and Cllr Kennard to liaise with regard to size and ordering. Cllr Cross seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(ii) Review Tree Report from Hi-Line re Lime Trees on Bury and consider quotations received for work recommended

A detailed report had been received which included a series of recommendations. The Clerk had requested a quotation for the works from Hi-Line but it had merely re-sent the original report. Clerk will obtain a quote and the matter to be reviewed as the May meeting.

(iii) Update re further items required for the King’s Coronation Celebration (Cllr Cross)

Cllr Cross indicated the Parish Council were being asked to cover the cost of a bouncy castle and a children’s entertainer. She needed to arrange litter bins for the event from MDDC. All children of primary school age were to receive a book mark. The total cost would be £951.25 with £1,000 having been the agreed budget.

(iv) S 106 update

Cllr Cross suggested a new open space area on the rec next to Football Field, Jubilee Garden or by the stream for a conservation/eco garden. There had been requests for a wildlife meadow and she felt this could be a compromise. Cllr Cross suggested maybe a wooden planter to contain wild meadow flowers and provide bug hotels. She confirmed grants may be available for such a scheme. It was noted that bulbs always gave a good show in the Spring and it was suggested these could be planted at the Jubilee Garden site.

It was agreed quotations would be obtained for bug hotels and Parsons Landscaping be asked to provide a quotation to prepare the Jubilee Garden and plant King Alfred bulbs.

(iv) Play Area Inspections

Cllr Wright had agreed he would revert to MDDC to see if a reduction on the cost could be obtained. No further quotations had been received.

The Chairman proposed the Parish Council accept the MDDC contract dated 3 March 2023. Cllr Faulhaber seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

It was agreed the Parish Council would continue to seek alternative providers for inspections and Cllr Hedges confirmed he would contact Raddon Hill Group for possible suggestions.

(v) Purchase of replacement Ukraine Flag

Cllr Cross confirmed the present Ukraine Flag needed replacing and proposed the purchase of a new flag for the cost of circa £10 and it is flown appropriately and judiciously to the Parish Council's support. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 1 abstention.

**Minute 113695**                    **Set date for Annual Parish Assembly and consider inviting Fay Ross, Community Liaison Officer re Airband Community Internet Ltd to speak**

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Assembly on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May @ 7.30 p.m. subject to availability of the Dorothy Grainger room. The Clerk would notify Fay Ross of the date explaining this is when updates of community matters are discussed and she is welcome to attend. Clerk to publicise if she confirms she will be attending.

**Minute 113696**                    **Neighbourhood Plan update**

Comments have been received by MDDC and passed on to Neighbourhood Plan Committee who are waiting for the Independent Examiner to confirm what action should be taken in light of these comments. He confirmed minor changes are likely to be made to the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Minute 113697**                    **April Mini-Market report**

1. Concerns were raised by a Parishioner regarding the amount of building going on in the village – extensions to houses and changing gardens into parking. Also he raised the parking on Wyndham Road especially people parking on pavements etc.

Cllr Maylan confirmed she had explained that the Parish Council is only one of several consultees on planning applications and that some of the extensions that are being built may be permitted development. She suggested the Parishioner makes his own comments

on applications that come up and if he feels very strongly, writes to MDDC planning to make his point.

2. A Parishioner raised concern regarding the large amount of household rubbish being put into the bins in the village square and asked if there was a possibility of having a sign stating that the bins are not for household rubbish?
3. A Parishioner raised concerns regarding the number of large vehicles parking on Coach Road and the difficulties of turning out of Oak Close and Hillcrest, as hard to see. She was also concerned at the speed that vehicles drove up and down Coach Road, particularly in close proximity to the school.

It was agreed the Clerk would email the local PCSO pointing out the concerns raised and notify publicly on Social Media that the Police have been asked to monitor speeding in the village and in the vicinity of the primary school in particular.

**Minute 113698**      **Correspondence**

- (i) Email re dog fouling in Roach Lane circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Under new legislation Parish Councillors on seeing any dog fouling can ask the owner for their details which will be reported to MDDC and the owner will then be fined.
- (ii) To note independent examination of the Broadclyst Neighbourhood Plan has been concluded
- (iii) Road Closure Notice – Tuesday 30.5.2023 to 2.6.2023 – High Street, Silverton

**Minute 113699**      **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

The Chairman gave thanks to Cllr Faulhaber, who had confirmed he would not be continuing as a Parish Councillor, for his service to the Parish during his time as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Cross gave the Parish Council's thanks to the Chairman who was also not continuing in the role of a Parish Councillor, for all his service to the Parish

Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.