

Minutes of Longbridge Deverill and Crockerton Parish Council Meeting **Held at the Village Hall on November 1st. 2010**

Present Councillors K. Manfield Chair. P. Withey Vice Chair J. Algar G. Read, T. Minter, W. Hurd, B. Marshall, Mrs. E Pidgeon. County Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe
In Attendance, Mrs H Few Clerk.
Mrs. C. Clough Head Crockerton School Mr. G. Dopheide Chair of Governors Crockerton School
Mr. & Mrs. Henshaw Depledge.

Apologies. None

752 Open Session for members of the public.

Mrs. Clough and Mr. Dopheide outlined the plans for the Federation of Crockerton School with Heytesbury and explained that there would be a joint Governing Body, with hopefully financial and staffing benefits for both schools. So far there had been very good feedback from parents and staff and a joint Governors meeting will be held in mid December to decide on how to proceed. They then answered questions from the Councillors and assured the Council that it should strengthen the position of Crockerton School rather than weakening it.

Cllr. Manfield thanked Mrs. Clough and Mr. Dopheide for attending the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs Henshaw Depledge were welcomed to the meeting as interested villagers.

753 Declarations of Interest. There were none.

754 Minutes of the meeting held 6th. September 2010 were confirmed and signed.

755 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere. Nil

756 Planning Matters.

756-1 The Clerk announced that the amended plans for Kingsdown Farm had now been passed.

756-2 W/10/03371/FUL Mobile Home Bradley Road. (Already in place.) After considering the plans and seeing the photographs of the mobile home, it was unanimously agreed that this was not in keeping with the surrounding area and that the Council could not support.

756-3 W/10/03405/S73 Extension of time limit, Center Parcs Support.

Cllr. Marshall raised the matter of solar panels on roofs in Clay Street Crockerton. He had had some complaints, but planning permission was not required as it was not a Conservation Area.

757 Parish Budget and Payments made.

757-1 The Current Account stands at £1657.73 Cheques raised included £279.47 for Clerk's fees and expenses as agreed previously. Clerks fee for the last two months is £237.08 Proposed by Cllr. Manfield and Seconded by Cllr. Reed that this is authorised. Agreed unanimously.

Outstanding monies due include approximately £300 for grass cutting when invoices received. Again unanimously agreed that these should be paid on receipt and letters of thanks sent to the contractors for their hard work on the up keep of the Greens during the year.

Horse and Rider Signs- costs of £549.19 for erection if agreed later in meeting.

757-2 The Deposit Account stands at £8474.47.

There was some discussion regarding the size of the balance, following concern by Cllr. Read. It was felt however that a reasonable amount should be held in case of problems with the Hall and there were some large items to be paid for in the near future. It was agreed that further discussions would take place prior to the precept request in January.

758 Councillors Reports.

758-1 Parish Hall. Nothing to report from Councillors.

758-2 Police The Clerk announced that the 30 m.p.h. Speed limit stickers for wheelie bins had been declared illegal. Newly designed stickers would be provided by the Police as soon as available. A notice will be put in the Parish news asking for the stickers to be removed and Councillors agreed to remind villagers.

The Police also have a small supply of shed alarms which are available at £6 each. The next NTG meeting is on Monday 8th. November at Bishopstrow Hall. Chairman and Clerk to attend

758-3 Highways and Parish Steward. The Clerk explained the positioning of the Horse and Rider signs as requested for Rye Hill earlier in the year. These will cost £549.19. Councillors felt that, with local knowledge, the sign from Maiden Bradley direction was too far back and the Clerk was asked to write and ask if it could be re-positioned in the area marked by the Councillors.

Councillor Read informed Councillors that he had received a letter from a farmer living on the B3095 between Longbridge Deverill and Sutton Veny. The traffic had increased greatly following expansion of the Racing Stables and the Industrial Estate, and he asked if tractor warning signs could be erected in an effort to slow traffic near the farm entrance. Unanimously agreed by Councillors that the request be sent to Wiltshire Council for their comments.

Councillors have agreed to check any grit bins and advise the Clerk if any require filling.

Councillor Manfield asked if the steward could be reminded to clear the mud from the badgers sett on the Turnpike. Cllr. Withey asked if Highways could be chased regarding the surface of the road at Hill Deverill and Cllr. Read asked for the potholes to be filled in again in Sand Hill Lane. Clerk to contact Highways Department.

758-4 Cllr. Mrs Pidgeon reported that she had attended the PCC meeting, but felt that there was little the Council could get involved in. Much time was spent discussing the school federation and most seemed broadly in favour.

759 Crockerton School Federation.

Despite initial concerns, Cllr. Manfield reported that following the meeting at the school many of her fears had been allayed. Cllr. Minter said that the villagers he had approached had been happy, although Cllr. Pidgeon reported some concerns had been raised to her. Cllr. Read felt that he was not happy with the answer given regarding finances, and thought that monetary savings could be less as no budget had been produced. County Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe felt that the federation that was being proposed between Crockerton and Heytesbury could only strengthen the position of both schools.

It was proposed by Cllr. Minter and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Pidgeon that the Parish Council would offer support for the federation, but only on the assumption that it will not lead to the closure of the school or reconfiguration of the pupils within the school. They understand that it will amalgamate the Governing bodies and seek efficiencies within training and resources but maintain the individual identities of the school. They would not support any further joining of the schools onto a single site, and expects the school to continue being an active participant in village life. Also for Cllr. Algar, Hurd, Withey, Manfield. Against Cllr. Read Abstained Cllr. Marshall.

760 Clerk's Report and Correspondence Received.

Emergency Warden. Caroline Sawyer from Longbridge Deverill has now attended her training day in Trowbridge and will now try and prepare a list of useful people - ex-doctors, nurses etc. and equipment in our area.

Upper Deverill Parish Clerk has advised us that the River Warden will be walking from Brixton Church to Kingston on Monday 8th. November if anyone wishes to join them.

Letter from Project 65 The Forces March May 2011. Walking from Maiden Bradley to Bulford and looking for teams of 4 young people. Suggested that the Parish Council could sponsor a team if anyone interested. Clerk will put in Parish Magazine for January.

Next Area Board Meeting – 11th. November Corsley Centre 7.00

Dates of meetings for 2011 Tuesday 4th. January Monday 7th. March Tuesday 3rd. May Monday 4th. July Monday 5th. September Monday 7th. November

761 Items for Parish Magazine. Wheelie Bin Stickers December Forces Walk January

762 Any Other Business. None

Date of next Meeting. Tuesday January 4th.. 2011 7.30.

Meeting Closed at 9.15

Chairman

Clerk

Dated:

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