

Minutes of Longbridge Deverill and Crockerton Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall on September 6th. 2010

Present Councillors P. Withey Vice Chair J. Algar G. Read, T. Minter, W. Hurd, B. Marshall, Mrs. E Pidgeon.

In Attendance, Mrs H Few Clerk.

Mrs. K. Phillips, Ms.J.Montgomery, Brimble Lea and Partners, Mr. J Robins.

Apologies. Cllr. K.Manfield County Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe

741 Open Session for members of the public.

Janet Montgomery from Brimble Lea and Partners introduced herself as the Agent for Mr. and Mrs Phillips from Kingsdown Farm, whose planning application was on the agenda for discussion at the meeting. She outlined the changes that had been made to the original application following the Appeal decision, which should ensure that the scheme was now acceptable. The changes included reduction of building height, lowering of levels and increased landscaping. CPRE were fully supportive and although the revised scheme was not so good for agricultural management, it was a significant improvement on the impact on the AONB

Mr. Robins explained that he lived adjacent to the site and received complaints weekly about the original buildings which had been previously approved and erected at Kingsdown Farm. He felt that further development would be out of place in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and that the area should be safe-guarded. He was especially concerned about the use of builders waste and topsoil to raise the levels and the impact on the Fifth Milestone bridleway if used for large vehicles. Mr. Robins also asked if there was anything the Councillors could do about the use of Chinese Lanterns, which were causing problems for farmers and householders in the area. The Councillors agreed to discuss the matter later in the meeting.

Cllr. Withey thanked everyone for their comments all of which would be helpful when the application was discussed later in the meeting.

742 Declarations of Interest. Cllr. Withey and Cllr. Marshall declared an interest in planning ref W/10/02609/S73 Renewal 121 Clay Street Crockerton.

743 Minutes of the meeting held 5th. July 2010 were confirmed and signed.

744 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere. Nil

745 Planning Matters.

- 745-1 6a W/10/02338/FUL Access Green Farm Crockerton
 - 6b. W/1002064/ FUL 68 Jersey Hill Crockerton
 - 6c. W/10/02273/FUL Green Farm Crockerton
 - 6d. W/10/02258/FUL 38 The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill
- Consulted via envelopes, some comments but all support.

745-2 W/10/02377/FUL Kingsdown Farm

After much discussion, it was felt that the new application was a significantly better scheme and that agriculture should be given as much encouragement as possible. It was proposed by Cllr. Minter and seconded by Cllr. Algar that consent should be given, subject to certain conditions.

1. The increased landscaping should begin as soon as possible and definitely within the first planting season after commencement of work.
2. The development should be solely for agriculture.
3. The Council would not want to see any further development of the site.

All Councillors except Cllr. Read in agreement, Support

745-3 Cllr. Hurd took Chair, Cllrs. Marshall and Withey left room.

W/10/02609/S73 121 Clay Street Renewal Support.

745-4 Cllr. Withey in Chair.

W/10/02769/FUL Field Barn Farm, Lords Hill. Barn over grain dryer. Support.

745-5 Hollow Hill Farm. Wiltshire Council have agreed to monitor the site to ensure that the homeless gentleman living there at present does not remain indefinitely. He is also meant to be tidying the site for the owner, so hopefully there will be some improvement.

745-6 Cllr. Manfield had requested information concerning a large static caravan which appeared to be used for living accommodation at the livery yard in Bradley Road. Wiltshire Council will investigate.

745-7 Councillors were advised that planning permission has now been given for the Nursing Home in Longbridge Deverill.

746 Parish Budget and Payments made.

746-1 The Current Account stands at £1937.20 Cheques raised included £204 for Clerk's fees and expenses, £36.00 for Longbridge Village Hall hire 3 Months, £250 Crockerton Village Committee. These were all agreed previously Clerks fee for the last two months is £279.47 and Mazars Audit fee £141 . Proposed by Cllr. Marshall and Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Pidgeon that these are authorised. Agreed unanimously.

746-2 The Deposit Account stands at £8474.11.

The Mazars audit has now been returned with no problems. It has been on the notice board for the designated length of time and is now completed for 2009/10 Cllr. Marshall was thanked for his assistance.

747 Councillors Reports.

747-1 Parish Hall. Nothing to report from Councillors.

747-2 Police A successful NTG Meeting was held at Longbridge Parish Hall, Police are concentrating on speeding in Chittern and Maiden Bradley and cycle thefts from Center Parcs. A statement has been received from Councillor Tonge of Wiltshire Council, confirming their commitment to Community Speedwatch

747-3 Highways and Parish Steward. A letter has been received from Wiltshire Council confirming that the speed limits will remain the same along A350. Unfortunately we do not fulfill the criteria for a 30m.p.h limit through the village.

The Clerk will again check on the progress of re-surfacing in Hill Deverill

The Steward will be asked to clear the footpath alongside the Nursing Home and cut the hedge to improve visibility from Sand Street onto the main road. The Clerk was also asked to write to Longbridge Deverill House asking them to cut the branches over-hanging the footpath.

Jobs undertaken by the steward have been circulated to Councillors, but he has also cleared the footpath just after the garage in the last couple of weeks, following complaints .

748 Crockerton Village Committee Stones Cllr. Minter reported that the stone was now in place on the Green, under the Millennium Tree. Some disappointment was expressed on its' size and the difficulty in reading the inscription. Cllr. Minter agreed to raise the problems at their next meeting.

749 Clerk's Report and Correspondence Received.

All correspondence has been circulated when necessary. Holidays have caused a few problems, but all Councillors should have seen important issues.

An email has been received from the PCC inviting a Councillor to their next meeting. Cllr. Mrs Pidgeon indicated that she may be able to attend, Clerk to confirm details.

Upper Deverills Broadband Action Group, invite to join. No Councillors felt that they wished to join this group as most broadband speeds in Crockerton and Longbridge are acceptable.

No more has been heard about the litter pick from Hill Deverill through the Upper Deverills, but Clerk will advise when a date is announced.

Letter from St. John's Ambulance asking for donation. It was not felt that the Precept could be spent on this type of donation.

Emergency Warden. Caroline Sawyer from Longbridge Deverill has agreed to become the Parish Emergency Warden. She is already acting for the Upper Deverills and is attending a training session in Trowbridge soon. Hopefully Caroline can attend a Parish Council meeting in the next few months to update us on any assistance she may need.

750 Items for Parish Magazine. Clerk agreed to send an item regarding fireworks and animals, and the problems that could be caused by Chinese Lanterns in the countryside.

751 Any Other Business. Chinese Lantern problems for farmers and householders. See above.

Date of next Meeting. Monday, November 1st. 2010 7.30.

Meeting Closed at 9.15

Chairman

Clerk

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