

Minutes of Longbridge Deverill and Crockerton Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall on March 7th. 2011

Present Councillors K. Manfield Chair. P. Withey (Vice Chair) G. Read, T. Minter, W. Hurd, B. Marshall, J. Algar Mrs. E Pidgeon. County Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe
In Attendance, Mrs H Few Clerk.
Mr. D. Carr. Mr. M. Carr, Mr. & Mrs. I. Henson Mr. R. Chandler

Apologies. Nil

774 Open Session for members of the public.

Mr. I. Henson gave a brief outline to Councillors of the reasons for his planning application at Badger Hollow and Mr. D Carr gave the same for his application at The Bath Arms.

775 Declarations of Interest. Councillor W. Hurd declared an interest in application W/11/00593 Mill Farm Hill Deverill.

776 Minutes of the meeting held 4th. January 2011 were confirmed and signed.

777 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere. Nil

778 Planning Matters.

778-1 W/11/00378/FUL Badger Hollow Potters Hill Crockerton. Most Councillors felt that although this was a large extension, with the new building not being subservient to the old one, the fact that the site was not overlooked or seen from elsewhere meant that it could be supported. The AONB also felt that it would have minimal landscape and visual impact. Proposed by Cllr. Manfield that application be supported, agreed by other Cllrs. Cllr. Withey against.

778-2 W/11/00420/421/FUL/LBC Bath Arms Crockerton. Although there were some concerns over parking, Councillors were overwhelmingly in favour of this proposal. It was felt that the Bath Arms was an asset to the Village and a permanent extension would improve facilities and noise problems from the temporary marquee. A letter was received from the school, backing the application, Unanimously agreed by Councillors to support application.

778-3 W/11/00553/FUL New Entrance Kiosks Longleat Agreed unanimously to support, with the hope that it may improve traffic flow on busy days.

778-4 W/11/00593/FUL New Barn, Mill Farm Hill Deverill (Councillor W. Hurd left meeting.) After much debate it was felt that the new application would still have a detrimental visual impact on the village. Concern was especially felt for the residential properties nearby. Although the Councillors were aware that changes had to be made to adhere to new NVZ regulations, they were unable to support the application. Cllr. Algar abstained, all other Councillors against. Councillor Hurd rejoined meeting.

779 Parish Budget and Payments made.

779-1 The Current Account stands at £2827.42 Cheques raised included £216.42 for Clerk's fees and expenses as agreed previously. £860.79 to Wiltshire Council for traffic signs and £35.00 for Data Protection Act. All authorised at last meeting except Data Protection which was paid under the Annual resolution. Clerks fee for the last two months is £228.75 Proposed by Cllr. Manfield and Seconded by Cllr. Mrs Pidgeon that this is authorised. Agreed unanimously.

779-2 The Deposit Account stands at £5475.88 £3000 having been transferred to C/A

780 Councillors Reports.

770-1 Parish Hall. Councillor Read advised that the main hall had been decorated.

770-2 Police Cllr. Manfield has attended a meeting with other speedwatch coordinators to agree a timetable for the use of the equipment. It had been difficult to use during the darker winter months, but it was hoped that the team would be out again morning and evenings with the longer days. Complaints had been received about Beeline coaches speeding in Clay Street. Mr. Hayball agreed to remind drivers of the speed limit and asked to be contacted with any registration numbers of vehicles seen speeding.

781 Highways The Clerk and Cllr. Read met with Sally Barnett, the new Highways Engineer on 25th. Feb. 2011 Problems discussed included:-

Snow Clearance. Ms. Barnett could not understand why we had been told that we were unable to pay a local Council employed farmer if necessary. She agreed to make some more inquiries.

Posts outside The Brac Crockerton. Ms. Barnett agreed that a licence should be applied for and asked that the Parish Council write to the house holder concerned. Cllrs. agreed that the Clerk should do so.

Complaints regarding A350 Lords Hill. Mud and blocked gullies. This has already been seen and more drainage is needed. She will keep us informed of developments. The same parishioner was also not happy with the flooding on the B3095 in the dip towards Sutton Veny. The steward has looked at the problem.

Hedge Old Post Office. Ms. Barnett agreed to write to the owner as the Parish Clerk had no response. This has now been cut.

Duck Lane Crockerton. Cllr. Mrs. Pidgeon had had complaints about the state of this minor road and brought a letter and photographs to the Council meeting. Ms. Barnett agreed to look at the problem, but to date nothing has been heard. The Clerk will send copies of the letter and photographs to remind her of the problem.

State of road at Hill Deverill and flooding at Sutton End Crockerton. The Engineer had received a complaint through Clarence regarding both of these areas and was aware of the problems.

Councillors gave the Clerk details of the worst potholes in the villages and Highways would be informed.

782 Clerk's Report and Correspondence Received.

The Upper Deverills Litter Pick is planned for 19th. March 2011 Cllr. Withey agreed to find some volunteers from Hill Deverill and Cllr. Read wondered if some of Longbridge could also be cleared. Meet at Upper Deverills Village Hall at 10.00 for bags, jackets etc.

Community Emergency Plans. All parishes are being encouraged to form their own plans. The Clerk has arranged to meet Caroline Sawyer (our CEV) to discuss the way forward. Cllr. Read agreed to join the meeting if possible.

Best Kept Village Competition – agreed not to enter this year

Request for donation from West Wilts Portage service – declined.

Next Area Board meeting Thurs. 10th. March 7.00 Christchurch Hall Warminster

783 Items for Parish Magazine. None

The Clerk asked whether the Council had considered giving a donation to the Parish magazine for the use made of it. The Upper Deverills Parish Council give an annual figure of £100, but were considering raising it. It was proposed by Cllr. Manfield. Seconded by Cllr. Minter and unanimously decided to donate £120 for this year and surprise was expressed that nothing had been given before.

784 Any Other Business. Cllr.Hurd announced that the previous Clerk, Mr. Aplin, was now back home and recovering well.

Date of next Meeting. Tuesday 3rd. May 2011

Meeting Closed at 9.05

Chairman

Clerk

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