

Upper Deverills Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Upper Deverills Parish Council held at the village hall Kingston Deverill on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors Richard Cousens (Chair), Bridget Beattie (Vice Chair), and Colin Hirons

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Christine Fordham; 3 members of the public were present.

Public Question Time

A parishioner expressed her concern about the speeding problems through the villages.

1. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (046/16)

Apologies had been received from Cllr Louise Stratton and Richard Lucas, Cllr Robin Greenwood was also absent; all apologies were accepted.

2. Dispensations (047/16)

None requested

3. Declarations of Interest (048/16)

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in item 10dii) application to trim a yew tree at Merrow Cottage and Cllr Beattie declared a non pecuniary interest in item 10 b) refusal of planning permission for development adjacent to 81 Barn View.

4. Exclusion of the Press and Public (049/16)

No reasons were given to exclude the press and public.

5. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 May(050/16)

It was proposed by Cllr Hirons, seconded by the Vice Chair that the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council meeting held on 11 May 2016 be accepted as a true record; all were in favour and the minutes were duly signed.

6. Matters Arising(051/16)

The Chair advised that he had been contacted by the Deverills Festival committee to advise that one of their events had had to be cancelled. The Committee wished to know whether the Council wished them to refund an element of the grant. It was proposed by the Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Hirons that the Committee be allowed to retain the grant towards next year's events. The Chair would advise the Committee of the Council's decision.

7. Visitors (052/16) None

8. Broadband Action Group (053/16) – Update from Tim Watts

Mr Watts advised that a decision had not yet been made about how to use the gain share funding, so it was still possible that there might be an additional delivery phase which could include Brixton Deverill. Andrew Morrison MP was still anxious to meet with the BAG and WCC but the County Council were not willing to meet up until they had more information about the way forward. BT had offered a community funded solution, which would cost £35,720 for the 30 premises involved. The BAG recommended that at this stage the group continue to talk to BT and keep pressing the Council for action on Brixton Deverill. If no progress is made there might be an option to institute a formal complaints procedure against WCC. It was suggested that Wessex Water might be willing to provide some funding towards the cost of installing superfast broadband in Brixton Deverill.

There was also the issue of poor mobile phone reception in the area and on discussion Tim Watts agreed to be co-opted onto the Council in September as an adviser on how to improve reception.

9. Chairman's Announcements (054/16)

The Chair advised that he had been in contact with the Chair of Sutton Veney who had informed him that the decision on the planning application for the chicken farm at Sutton Veney had been postponed.

10. Planning (055/16)

a) TPO16/05966 – application for tree works at Kingston House, Kingston Deverill

No objections

b) Planning Inspectorate of 22.6.16 (15/1053)

The appeal against refusal of planning permission for a dwelling adjacent to 81 Barn View had been dismissed. The appellants had advised that they would continue to deal with WCC direct over the matter. The correspondence was noted.

- c) WCC of 31.5.16 15/07911 -Update on Hindon Rd Barn
WCC considered that they had taken all necessary information into account when approving the barn. The Council would continue to monitor the situation should any new information arise.
- d) Any Other Planning matters
 - i. WCC 16/00327 Full of 25.5.16 – Refusal of permission for 2 dwellings at Whitepits Kingston Deverill
 - ii. WCC of 8.6.16 - 16/05542/TPO application to reduce height and width of Yew Tree at Merrow Cottage 80 Monkton Deverill. No objections
 - iii. WCC of 10.6.16 – minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 18.5.16
 - iv. WCC of 21.6.16 – Agenda for planning meeting on 29.6.16.
 - v. WCC of 22.6.16 – Request to fell Ash Tree, reduce the crown of a Yew and Works to Sycamore at Kingston House, Kingston Deverill. No objections.
 - vi. WCC of 7.7.16 – Cancellation of planning meeting on 20 July.
 - vii. Summaries of 20.5, 27.5, 3.6, 13.6, 20.6, 27.6, 8.7.

11. **Parish Plan(056/16)** (*This item was taken after item 25 with the agreement of all Councillors*)

The Chair advised that there were 9 main issues to be followed up from the action plan; the objective was for an initial report to be made to the November meeting of the Council, with a full report on progress timetabled for the May meeting, as part of the Annual Report. The plan had originally been drawn up in alignment with the WCC Core Strategy and the target now was to identify the priorities, reflecting the communities perceived needs, harness local assets and address those action points that were the most achievable.

The way forward on the following action points from the plan were agreed:

Facilities and Services

No.3 - Providing facilities for children, young people and families.

The demographics in the village had changed since the Parish Plan was drawn up. The Chair would research current demographics and establish demand as well as ideas for facilities required.

Crime and Community Safety

No.4 - Maintaining current satisfactory situation

Cllr Beattie as NHW co-ordinator would monitor situation and report to the Council as necessary.

Culture Leisure and Resources

No.5 - Need for New ideas particularly for children and young people

The Chair would subsume this action point with item No.3, and would link with the village hall, as a member of that Committee.

No.6 Need for regular informal daytime gatherings

It was noted that this facility was particularly aimed at the elderly; a twice monthly coffee morning had been set up and Cllr Beattie would continue to support this and report back to the Council as required.

Local Economy and Tourism

No.7 Churches' renovations and resourcing

This item was dealt with by the PCC

No.8 Assisting the local economy, including encouraging tourism and No.9 Assisting economic growth

Michael M ? would be asked if he would lead on this item, and invited to be co-opted onto the Council as an adviser.

Education and Communications

No.10– Keeping education of children under review

The Chair would ask a local school Governor if she would be willing to advise the Council on this item.

No.11 Improve Communication of Parish Council Activities

Cllr Hirons would investigate use of social media and the website and the Chair would speak to the editor of the Parish News.

No.12 Need for improved broadband

The Broadband Action Group were dealing with this.

No.13 Improved Mobile telephone services

Mr Watts would investigate current provision and possible improvements.

Environment and Countryside

No.14 Maintain support for conservation and restoration in villages and countryside

Cllr Stratton would be asked for an update on the Stratton Farm Development. It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Hirons that the Council would not investigate further the production of a village design statement as existing WCC development policies already gave adequate protection to the built and natural environment

No.15 Meet concerns about the River Wyllye

It was agreed that the flood wardens would walk the river, accompanied by Mr Goot, who would be co-opted onto the Council in September as adviser on water and drainage in the area. The Clerk would contact Wessex water for information as to who they have recorded as Flood wardens for the area. Concern was expressed about the state of the culverts in view of possible winter flooding and the Clerk was asked to contact the Parish Steward to arrange a meeting to discuss the issue.

No.16 Improve knowledge and understanding of Rights of Way, their use and accessibility.

Richard Lucas was advising on rights of way, but the Clerk would contact the Ramblers Association to help understand the restricted byways in the area.

Health and Social Care

No.17 Improve support to older people

This linked to item 6 and Cllr Beattie would pursue.

Transport and Traffic

No. 20 Gather evidence to affect change

Cllr Beattie had taken the lead on this and new SID posts were due to be erected. The Clerk was asked to contact the Parish Steward to arrange a meeting to discuss speed related issues and the possible weight restriction on the listed bridge. These issues were particularly relevant given the concerns expressed at Public Question time. The Chair and Vice Chair would share the lead on this item.

Councillors and contributors were asked to report to the November meeting on any progress made. Advisers would be co-opted at the September meeting.

12. Parish Steward (057/16) Highways Report

The Clerk was asked to make contact with the new Steward.

13. Speed Indicator Device and Associated Highways Matters(058/16)

The Council expressed their thanks to Cllr Beattie for all her work on the new SID posts which were due to be installed once the invoice had been paid.

14. Monkton Deverill(059/16) –proposed metro count on B3059.

It was proposed by the Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Hirons that Cllr Beattie request a metro count; all were in favour.

15. Rights of Way (060/16)

Cllr Stratton was due to liaise with the land owner about the permissive path.

16. Unity Trust Bank (061/16)

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Hirons that Cllr Beattie and the Parish Clerk (Mrs C D Fordham) be given internet banking access Cllr Beattie would be given authority to view and authorise, and the Parish Clerk view and submit; resolved and signed. The Clerk would submit the paperwork.

17. Payments (062/16)

Payee	Description	Amount £	Cheque No.
HMRC	PAYE for Sarah Jeffries	Total 8.00	300054
Ringway	Installation and Traffic Management of 3 new posts in the Deverills VAT	621.05 124.21 Total 745.26	300055
LexisNexis	Local Council Administration	Total 115.00	300056
Mrs CD Fordham	Reimbursement for purchase of new laptop VAT	337.52 67.51 Total 405.03	300057

Under the Local Government Act 1972 (Sch 2) the signing of the cheques, was proposed by Cllr Hirons seconded by Cllr Beattie, all Councillors were in favour and the cheques were duly signed.

18. Clerk's Report (063/16)

There were no additional items to report.

19. Correspondence (064/16)

- a) WCC of 25.5.16 – Consultation on Community Asset Transfer
- b) CAB of 12.5.16 – Appeal for donations.
- c) WCC of 6.6.16 – Notes from CATG meeting on 31.5.16
- d) Learn Direct of 10.6.16 – Details of new NEET scheme and invitation to refer suitable candidates.
- e) WALC of 15.6.16 – Pink Ribbon Walk update.
- f) BAG of 22.6.16 = Update on funding for Broadband at Brixton Deverill.
- g) Mr G Ellis of 4.7.16 – Bus user survey. Some Councillors had completed this survey.
- h) WALC of 4.7.16 – July Newsletter and Good Employers Guide.
- i) Wiltshire Highways of 7.7.16 – Parish Steward Scheme and the need to identify top 5 priority works by September. Clerk to contact Highways
- j) Deverills Performing Arts Society of 9.7.16 – Information about change to schedule and funding (see item 6).

20. Weed Cutting in the River (065/16)

The Chair would ask for the item about weed cutting in the river to be included in the newsletter again. Flood wardens would be asked to monitor the situation.

21. Transparency Fund Grants (066/16)

It was proposed by the Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Hirons that the Council request a grant for reimbursement for the cost of the laptop; this was agreed. The Clerk would apply for the grant.

22. VAT Claim(067/16)

The Clerk would apply for a VAT refund when appropriate.

23. Audit on the condition of the Council's assets (068/16)

Councillors were asked to inspect any Council assets in their villages

24. Annual Parish Newsletter (069/16)

This item would be considered at the September meeting.

25. New Clerk's training and costs to be approved (070/16)

There were no courses available at the time; the opportunities would be monitored.

26. Items for Parish Newsletter and Notice Boards (071/16)

The Chair would send the article about weed cutting.

27. Date of next meeting (072/16)

The next meeting of the Upper Deverills Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 14 September at 6.30pm in Kingston Deverill Village Hall. Cllr Hirons advised that he would arrange a visit to the new Wessex Water facilities in September.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date:

Signed:

Cllr R Cousens
Chair