

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday, 14 November 2016 at 7.45pm in the Sports Hall Classroom, Sibford School

Present at the meeting were: Councillors Tim Huckvale (Chair), Maureen Hicks (Vice-Chair), Peter Robinson (from 8.15pm), Ginny Bennett and Adrian Lamb, Anita Spencer (Clerk) (from 8.20 pm), County and District Councillor George Reynolds (from 8.30 pm) and seven members of the public.

The Chair read out a statement on the recording of meetings.

Apologies – Peter Robinson, George Reynolds and Anita Spencer would be late.

Declarations of Interest: None was declared against the items on the agenda.

Minutes of the previous meeting: the minutes of the meeting of 22 September were agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

136/16 The planning item, 16/02116/F 7 Walford Road - agricultural barn on agricultural parcel, was brought forward in order for members of the public interested in the application to make representations. All were opposed. It was agreed to object to the planning application on the grounds that:

- The proposed barn would have a huge impact on the valley within the Conservation Area.
- Historically, all planning applications in the Conservation Area in the valley between the two settlements had been refused, and this proposed development would create a precedent for future applications.
- The proposed barn would be visible from many points in Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower and Burdrop – in contradiction to the applicant's assertion on this point.
- Access to all the agricultural paddocks in the valley was from Mannings Hill. This access was restricted to mowing machinery, as shown in the residents' deeds, a restriction which was part of the original planning consent for the development.
- The proposed lighting to the barn would cause light pollution in the conserved valley.
- There are many springs rising in the valley and effluent from the development might affect water courses in the vicinity.

Five members of the public left the meeting after this item and were thanked for their attendance.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2/13 Ongoing – Superfast broadband for Sibford Ferris

TH confirmed that the latest estimated date for provision of superfast broadband was towards the end of 2017. **TH**

18/14 Ongoing – Affordable housing/Amenity land/TOE2 funding

MH advised that the developer had withdrawn the planning application for outline permission on the affordable housing project on the Hook Norton Road but believed that talks were ongoing. **MH**

19/14 Ongoing – Fitness equipment

Further to reports of black grease on the surfer, AL had kindly inspected the bearing and found it to be working correctly. It was agreed to monitor the surfer for further indications of wear. **AS**

20/14 Ongoing – Cotswold Close play area

AS had reported rot in one leg of the wooden seat next to the digger pit. AL kindly offered to repair the leg and it was agreed to accept with thanks. PR advised that the hedge trimming and crown lifting in the play area could be done within the next two weeks alongside School tree works. AS confirmed that the wood cleaning solution would be applied after the tree works were completed. **PR**
AS

30/14 Outstanding – Damaged bench on Hook Norton Road

AL would attend to repairs to the bench. **AL**

106/15 Outstanding – Assets of Community Value

TH advised that the meeting to discuss the possible purchase of the Pheasant Pluckers Inn was still to take place. There had been no further action on looking to register the shop as an ACV. **TH**

019/16 Outstanding - Revised Publication Scheme

TH would draft a Scheme for consideration by members.

TH

020/16 Outstanding - Footpath sign at the Brambles, Woodway Road

It was agreed to retain this item until the sign had been replaced.

054/16 Outstanding – Possible speed sign collaboration with neighbouring parishes

There had been a meeting on 11 October with the Highways Area Steward to discuss highways matters, including the issue of speeding, particularly on the Hook Norton Road.

The following was noted as resulting from the meeting:

- a) A Highways verges map had been received;
- b) Highways would cut back the overhanging vegetation opposite the shop and opposite the garden of Little London;
- c) The shiny road surface between village entrance and Wade Lane would need to be power-washed to remove excess tar but no date had been given for the work;
- d) The damaged surfacing by shop and Lanes End would require a road closure to repair but no date had been set;
- e) The request for a 'Road narrows' sign by Wayside Cottage could not be agreed as there was no money for signs;
- f) The repainting of white lines would most probably be held back until April 2017 when the new budget came in;
- g) A damaged kerb outside Anne's Cott had been identified as a slip hazard and had been repaired with tarmac;
- h) Re the extension of the 30mph zone southwards on the Hook Norton Road, the parish council had been advised the cost would have to be borne by the parish (around £3250) and the maximum permitted extension was thought to be 30 metres;

It was agreed to write to Highways to ask when the road repairs and line repainting would be carried out and also to enquire if it would be more economical to install a 'countdown' sign approaching the 30mph zone on the Hook Norton Road. AS agreed to follow up communications on the possible speed sign collaboration with neighbouring parishes.

AS

081/16 Outstanding – Dead horse chestnut tree on Hook Norton Road

There had been no action to date. The condition of the tree would be monitored.

087/16 Outstanding – School hedge overgrowing Main Street

PR agreed to request that the hedge was cut back at the next visit from the School's contractor.

PR

110/16 Outstanding - Chairmanship Training 13 July Report

TH would present suggestions for improved communication with the parish for the next meeting.

TH

134/16 Ongoing – Car Parking Issues in Sibford Ferris

A notice had been placed in the November Sibford Scene requesting residents with parking facilities to use them more but there had been no improvement. The situation would be monitored.

137/16 Cherwell District Council Parish Liaison Meeting, 9 November

Two items from the Liaison Meeting were identified for the village:

- The BT phone box was marked for removal but could be purchased for a £1. It was agreed there would be no objection to its removal.
- The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 – Partial Review: Oxford's Unmet Housing Need – Options Paper consultation was open until 9 January 2017. It was agreed a representative should go to the workshop on 12 December. There were two proposed sites in Sibford Ferris but Cllr Reynolds advised that more southerly sites were likely to be favoured. The Local Plan Part 2 consultation would commence in the new year.

Correspondence

138/16 23.10.16 Letter from 'Hands off the Horton' advising of national policy to close local hospital services.

Finance

139/16 Bank Transfers since the last meeting – none.

140/16 Cheques agreed and signed at the meeting

- Cheque No. 100693 Thomas Fox Landscaping £36.00 for mowing at Cotswold Close play area against invoice 21194
- Cheque No. 100694 Sibford Gower Parish Council £569.00 for contribution to burial ground maintenance.

141/16 Receipts since last meeting

- 24.9.16 Sibford Gower Parish Council burial ground fee £100.00
- 17.10.16 HMRC VAT repayment £134.61

142/16 Bank reconciliation to 14 November 2016

The bank reconciliation was checked against the payments and receipts records and the bank statements, and was agreed and signed by GB.

143/16 Budget/Actual Comparison to 14 November

The budget/actual comparison sheet was reviewed and agreed.

144/16 2017/18 Draft Budget

It was agreed to maintain the precept at the current level of £6858. The Clerk would present the draft budget for final agreement at the next meeting.

AS

Planning

145/16 Terms of Reference of Planning Committee

The Terms of Reference were being considered and would be presented for approval at the January meeting.

TH
AS

146/16 Planning Meetings held since 22 September

There had been a meeting on 31 October. The minutes were agreed by those present at the planning meeting, were signed by the Chairman and would be attached to these minutes.

147/16 Planning Applications received since the last meeting

The following applications had been received:

- 16/000308/TCA Swallows Cottage 1 x cherry – fell. It was agreed there were no objections.
- 16/02116/F 7 Walford Road – agricultural barn on agricultural parcel – discussed at 136/16 above.
- 16/02030/F The Pheasant Pluckers Inn, Burdrop – erection of a single-storey building providing 3 no. en-suite letting rooms. Although this item had been missed from the Agenda, as it had been deferred at the Planning Meeting on 31 October for discussion at this meeting, it was agreed that it could be discussed. It was agreed to object to the application on the basis that the economic viability of the public house had not been demonstrated and that a building on the car park would detract from the ability of the business to be viable.

148/16 Notices of Decision received since last meeting:

- 16/01834/Q56 Parsons Barn Farm – change of use of existing cart shed – permission refused
- 16/01563/F Demolition of an existing dwelling and a range of large-scale equestrian buildings and the erection of a replacement dwelling including associated works and landscaping (resubmission 15/0193/F) at Muddle Barn Farm, Colony Road, Sibford Gower – permission refused
- 16/00276/TCA 1 x sycamore – crown raise to 5 metres over garden boundary, The Small House, Sibford Ferris – permission granted
- 16/00280/TCA T1 x Lawson – remove secondary stem to clear neighbouring property T2 x yew – cut back by up to 2.0m from property, Malvern House, Sibford Ferris – permission granted

All

Any Other Business

149/16 A complaint had been received by a local farmer about the state of a bridleway gateway.

150/16 Cllr Reynolds advised that a planning application had been received for a phone mast on the B4035.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 16 January 2017 at 7.45 pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.