

Sibford Gower Parish Council

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on **Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7:30pm**
via Zoom video conferencing

Present: Cllr Pidgeon, Cllr Mallows, Cllr Allen.

In attendance: 6 members of the public, Clerk.

Business

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Alan Berks.
2. **Co-option of new councillor due to the resignation of Lydia Thomas** – It was proposed and agreed to co-opt Vicky Pougatch onto the council. Vicky completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
3. **Members declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – None.
4. **To nominate a new Treasurer to the Town Estates Charity (TEC)** – It was proposed and agreed to nominate Brian Heather as the new Treasurer to the TEC.

Finance

5. **To retrospectively approve a payment of 8 hours overtime to the Clerk due to additional work created by Subject Access Requests and extraordinary meetings** – Proposed and agreed.
6. **Proposal to return the £500 donation received from the TEC in relation to the pond due to the Pond Group closure** – Proposed and agreed.
7. **To note and approve the following payments made since the last meeting:** Proposed and agreed.

02.10.20	Thomas Fox Landscaping	Church Yard & Burial Ground	£389.49
02.10.20	WC & EF Lovesey	Millennium Field	£72.00
02.10.20	Thomas Fox Landscaping	Church Yard & Burial Ground	£259.66
02.10.20	Kirsty Buttle	Salary Sep and backpay to Apr	£331.99
02.10.20	HMRC	Tax re Sep pay	£23.80
02.10.20	Roger Mallows	Printer ink	£13.50
02.10.20	Sibford Ferris PC	Burial fee share	£159.00

8. **To note receipts received since the last meeting** – Noted.

18.09.20	Cherwell DC	Precept (50%)	£4,675.00
25.09.20	Edd Frost & Daughters	Burial Fee	£318.00

1 member of the public left the meeting at 7:57pm.

Planning

9. **Planning applications received**

20/02545/F - Mawles Farm, Main Street, Sibford Gower. Conversion of existing barns to create 1 new dwelling; demolition of existing steel barn and erection of replacement ancillary outbuilding and associated works. **Support - In identifying the previous application (19/02700/F) and the current Enforcement 19/00180/ENF) as material considerations, we are pleased to note a number of significant changes: a) the removal of the Main Street access b) the retention of the historic boundary wall on Main Street c) the current application for a single dwelling.**

The sensitive renovation proposals for the redundant barns seek to preserve the character and integrity of this non-designated historical asset, located within its significant Conservation Area location.

The application addresses previous concerns in regard to the siting, scale, design, materials and purpose for the proposed ancillary outbuilding. However, we note that the proposed new building is variously identified as “ancillary outbuilding” and “ancillary accommodation”. Further clarity of purpose would be helpful.

In seeking to avoid any suggestion of the proposed ancillary outbuilding being identified as an independent new property, we would ask for an appropriate condition linking it to the converted barn.

While the application serves notice for the separation of the former farmhouse from the farmyard, further consideration could be given to the impact on the adjacent dwelling generated through the height and nature of the boundary wall, and the reinstatement of the roof connection.

We note that this proposal continues to deny off-street parking to the adjacent property (formerly Mawles Farmhouse), thereby resulting in significant additional on-street parking adjacent to the strategic cross road location.

10. Planning decisions received

20/01975/TCA - Greenacres And Buttslade House, Main Street, Sibford Gower. T1 x Norway Maple - Fell as outgrown location beside greenhouses and pond. G1 x Woodland group - Carry out thinning by removal of 1 x Bird Cherry, 1 x Sorbus and 1 x Cypress to allow space for more desirable specimens. **Approved.**

20/01748/F - Heath Barn, Sibford Gower, OX15 5HQ. Retrospective - Change of use of land and associated works to form a vehicular access and extension to residential curtilage associated with Heath Barn. **Approved.**

20/01917/TEL – Gautherns Barn, Colony Road, Sibford Gower. Install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus – 16 new poles. **Observation made by CDC that one pole is in the Conservation Area.**

Meeting closed @ 8:14pm

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