

Sibford Gower Parish Council

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7:45pm in Sibford Village Hall, Sibford Gower

Present: Cllr Jackie Noquet (Chairman), Cllr Geoff Noquet, Cllr James Garstin, Cllr Andrew Downes, Cllr Alan Berks.

In attendance: 3 members of the public, Clerk.

- 1. Public participation session** – A parishioner advised there has been a problem with a huge articulated lorry taking out around a foot of the grass verge near the pond on Main Street and wondered if there is anything that can be done about large vehicles driving down there. It is thought that these are deliveries to the farm. A Cllr advised that they don't believe it is illegal for these large vehicles to enter the village or that particular road but understands that it is not the most practical and it may be due to the fact that the only way the goods are economical for suppliers to deliver is if they are part of a large load/a number of deliveries on the same route hence the large vehicle. **Cllr Berks agreed to speak to the farmer to ask him if he could make the delivery companies aware of the narrow road and that they need to repair any damage they cause.** It was also suggested that the damage to the Highway verge could be reported on fixmystreet by the parishioner.

Business

- 2. Apologies for absence** – None.
- 3. Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – Cllrs G Noquet and J Noquet declared an interest in planning item 23/00662/F and will leave the meeting when that item is being discussed. Cllr Downes declared that he lives next door to the Pheasant Pluckers Inn but does not need to remove himself from voting as the Monitoring Officer's team has advised that it is not a registerable/declarable interest.
- 4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 23rd March 2023** – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.
- 5. Update re concerns raised by parishioners regarding bollards installed at the end of Bonds End Lane** – It was agreed that most of the proposals by Highways are fine but the PC would like to suggest some minor amendments. The proposals that the **Clerk should submit to Highways** are:
 - Two vergemaster posts to stay in, keep clear sign to be re-marked, the 140mm steel posts come out and the pathway be reinstated, with the Bonds End Lane sign relocated as per Highways proposal.
 - The vegetation to be cut around the signage would be better if the entire hedge was cut back not just the hedge immediately around the signage. The dog bin and grit bin are also situated within the foliage of this hedge and therefore clearing all the hedge back would improve access and visibility both improving safety.
 - Renewing junction road markings at the end of Bonds End Lane.
 - Keep clear road markings at the entrance to Ryehill Farm to be re-marked.
 - Crossroads near Main Street – Highways are proposing to put 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs up but there are already a number of signs at the entrances to the village that say this so it seems additional signs in the village would be unnecessary. It was suggested that alternative signs in that area of the village such as 'No turning space' or something similar may be more effective.

Finance

6. **Proposal to increase the Clerk's payscale to SCP 26 from 1st April 2023** – Proposed and agreed.
7. **To consider making a contribution to a pension scheme for the Clerk from April 2023** – It was proposed and agreed to contribute 5% to a NEST pension scheme for the Clerk to start in April 2023. Clerk to make appropriate arrangements.

Community Development

8. **Town Estates Charity (TEC) – PC nomination to the TEC** – It was proposed and agreed that Oswyn Murray be renominated to complete another term of up to 4 years as he is dealing with the acquisition of some land for the TEC. There are further vacancies coming up later in the year and adverts for applicants will go out at that time.
9. **Coronation Celebrations**
 - i) Update re insurance for the Coronation Celebrations in the parish – Sibford Ferris Parish Council will now be covering the insurance for the event.

Planning

10. Planning applications received

23/00727/F - Sibford Park, Colony Road, Sibford Gower. Change of use of land with associated treescape, arboreal trail and play equipment, together with the provision of a bocce court within the residential curtilage. **No objection provided there is to be no additional lighting associated with the application, in particular the Bocce Court.**

It was noted that the next planning application is no longer showing on the planning portal and Cllrs G and J Noquet were asked if they could update the PC on what is happening with this before they leave the meeting for the item to be discussed. The PC were advised that although the application is currently not showing on the planning portal Cllrs G and J Noquet have received a validation notice from Cherwell District Council (CDC) regarding this application and they believe that an application cannot be invalidated after validation therefore if CDC do not make a decision on the application before the original date agreed they will take it to appeal based on non-determination. On this basis they consider the application to still be active.

Cllr G Noquet and Cllr J Noquet left the meeting at 8:39pm

23/00662/F - The Pheasant Pluckers Inn, Burdrop. Change the Current Planning Use of Sui Generis (previously A4) to C1. **After some discussion it was agreed that due to there being insufficient information on the website when the application was visible, and the fact it has not been visible on the website for the last few days, the Clerk should request an extension of time for the PC to make its response. This would not affect the final determination date for CDC but would allow the PC a little longer to consider any additional information published by CDC. Dependent on CDC's response to this request the PC may choose to call another extraordinary meeting to discuss this application.**

11. Planning decisions received

22/00336/F – 1 Meadow Crest Cottages, Burdrop. Single storey rear extension and canopy over front door - re-submission of 21/00565/F. **Refused.**

Meeting closed @ 9:09pm

Date of next meeting – 24th May 2023

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