

DROXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Droxford Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 16 October 2014 at Droxford Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Pietro Acciarri, Barbara Chandler – Chair, Roger Foster – Vice Chair, Colin Matthissen, Janet Melson, Louise Withers

IN ATTENDANCE: Rosemary Hoile – Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: County Cllr Roger Huxstep, District Cllr Caroline Dibden,

145.14 Apologies for Absence: Jason Toman

146.14 Declarations of Interest regarding Agenda items: Cllr Acciarri declared pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8.1

147.14 Public participation:

No members of the public were present

148.14 County and District Councillors' Reports:

148.14.1 Cllr Huxstep reported the following since HCC Full Council meeting on 18th September:

- The result of the Ofsted inspection of Hampshire Childrens' Services was outstanding.
- HCC capital programme for major works and improvements in 2015/15 is £96m
- Hampshire Broadband - Droxford has been designated 'ES' (Exploring Solutions). It will be at least 18 months before BT put forward a proposal for Droxford. BDUK proposed that HCC, as the unitary authority find other funding resolution. Cllr Foster said that community funding could be considered. Cllr Huxstep said that there is an satellite based solution which is expensive, but could be taken up by individuals at a capital cost of £6K

149.14.2 Cllr Dibden reported:

- WCC has gone out to consultation on the Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) of the Local Development Framework (LDF). Although Droxford will be part of SDNP LPP2, there may be knock on effects associated with traffic and social housing.
- Intention to be present at the meeting at the SDNP meeting on 27th October. A new enforcement officer has been appointed.
- A response has not been received following her enquiry into closing dates set before parish council meetings not being extended to enable Parish Council comment. She said some parish councils resolve to delegate the decision to a planning working party in such situations.
- She is a member of WCC Flood Scrutiny Group and to report any problems experienced as a result of flooding this year to her by 23rd October.
- The number of residents with a connection to Droxford on the social housing list was confirmed to be 2, which excludes those who have not put their name down. The other 7 had connections to 5 surrounding villages.

150.14 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 16th September 2014: APPROVED

151.14 Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting not elsewhere on the agenda:

- Defibrillator: An order has been placed with South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.
- Noise infringement: Cllr Gary Evans, Chairman of Winchester District Association of Local Councils has not received a response to his enquiry from Police and Crime Commissioner. WDALC is pursuing the matter.
- New noticeboard: A wall mounted traditional oak noticeboard has been offered to the village by Mark and Mary Hornby Patterson for £50. Cllr Chandler proposed the item be assessed for refurbishment and addition of legs by a working party. ACTION FOR ROLLING ACTION PLAN. BC to ask Peter Moore and Jason to cost. RF will also get a quote
- Status of Village Tree Warden: The WCC Tree officer had responded to say that WCC have no particular policy in place and has forwarded correspondence to the head of department. The Landscape Officer had stated regret at the apparent breakdown of communication with Alan Hibbert and will speak to the Tree officer about the matter. Alan Hibbert has since resumed his role as Village Tree Warden. Cllr Withers said her enquiry last year as to the TPO status of the

lime tree in the Park did not receive a response, and whether a TPO had or had not been agreed, the Parish Council is entitled to be notified.

152.14 Rolling Action Plan: Reviewed and updated.

153.14 Planning Applications:

153.14.1 SDNP/14/04418/FUL Demolition of the existing hotel and ancillary buildings and construction of 20 no residential dwellings to include 7 no affordable dwellings, landscaping, private amenity space, access and parking. Uplands Park, Garrison Hill, Droxford, SO32 3QL
Cllr Acciarri advised that, compared to the existing footprint the footprint had been increased by 15%, the floor space increased by 81% and the volume increased by 64%. Affordable homes make up 40% of proposed dwellings. All were in favour of residential building, but there was some concern regarding the total number of dwellings and impact on the surrounding area; also concern as to what the public response would be to the largest development in over 30 years in addition to the Townsend development at the same time. Cllr Withers said that the status quo is due to SDNP having dictated what they considered acceptable; which the developer has accepted in lieu of their original proposal for 5 luxury houses. All considered it important to encourage young families; that character and setting was important to the village, particularly seen from Brockbridge. It was noted the size of the development was small compared to Townsend and preferable to any alternative which could arise. Inconsistencies between contributions to Highways and social housing provision required by the Planning Authority from the two developers were disparaged. The Chair disagreed with the inclusion of maisonettes, describing the design as outdated and urban. Also two different generations living on over/under the other as impractical. Cllr Foster said the Parish Council should be party to the Restrictive Covenant to ensure maximum protection against further development of the open space.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED TO SUPPORT** the application by a majority.

ACTIONS – Cllr Withers/consultee response, Cllr Foster/restrictive covenant, the Clerk/letter to Eider Homes requesting written confirmation of Covenant

153.14.2 SDNP/14/03830/HOUS Kilnsey Cottage, Police Station Lane, Droxford SO32 3RF. Part garage conversion; elevational alterations and new porch.
Despite the Council's request to extend the comment deadline until after the Parish Council meeting, the request was refused and the application determined without Parish Council input.

153.14.3 SDNP/14/04223/TCA Northend House, Northend Lane, Droxford SO32 3QN
1 No cedar to cut the lower three branches to the base of the main trunk which overhang the A32. Cllr Acciarri had declared an interest, but explained that owners are responsible for tree branches overhanging a highway and have to take reasonable precautions to reduce risk to others.

REFERRED TO TREE WARDEN

153.14.4 SDNP/14/04058/HOUS Glen Dermot, Midlington Road, Droxford SO32 3PD
Proposed two storey rear extension; proposed front dormer windows.
The Council made **NO COMMENT**

154.14 Planning Decisions – Appendix B: NOTED

155.14 New Planning Appeals:

APP/Y9507/A2222707 Land adjacent to Hill View, Mill Lane, Droxford, Hampshire SO32 3QS

156.14 Planning Enforcement

Cllr Acciarri reported that David Townsend, the new WCC enforcement officer will take up his post on 27th October.

157.14 Finance:

157.14.1 Finance Statement - Appendix A: **APPROVED**

157.14.2 **RESOLVED** - to approve Risk Assessment. **ACTION – Clerk**, to complete Statement of Arrangements and Policy

157.14.3 Droxford Cricket Club quoted a grass cutting fee of £760 for 2015.

RESOLVED - to increase the annual fee charged to Droxford Cricket Club to £276.00. **ACTION – Clerk**

158.14 Play Area, Recreation Ground and Cemetery and Allotments

158.14.1 Zip Wire: Barrons Structural Engineers will inspect the zip wire on Tuesday 28th October

158.14.2 Play Area: To receive the Play Area Inspection Report: Cllr Toman not present to provide report. Cllr

- Chandler to obtain quotation to remove broken play equipment. **ACTION Cllr Chandler**
- 158.14.3 Pavilion Maintenance: the Clerk distributed a maintenance report. It was agreed that the blocked drain should be cleared. **ACTION - Clerk to contact drainage firm.**
- 159.14 Roads, Transport and Highways:**
- 159.14.1 SpeedWatch : Volunteers have reported the application process to be bureaucratic, complicated and intrusive. None of the 10 volunteers have taken the process any further. It was **AGREED** the Parish Council will not pursue the matter further at the present time. **NO ACTION**
- 159.14.2 Proposed meeting with HCC Highways: Cllr Melson spoke with Andy Smith and forwarded the summary of evidence gathered for the Parish Plan. A meeting date is to be set in November. The parish council is seeking to know what the scope of works would realistically entail and what would be required of the parish to support this; the timescale involved. **ACTION - Cllr Melson, Cllr Foster**
- 160.14 Footpaths**
Matters Arising: The clerk has not received any information regarding work to be carried out on damaged stiles. **ACTION – Clerk** to chase
- 161.14 Parish Matters:**
Parish Projects:
- Cllr Chandler had attended the HALC Charing Skills training course. She reported that councils are advised to consider the budget incorporating a strategic plan on a 3-5 year basis.
 - Neighbouring councils should consider how to work in collaboration
 - Local authorities have indicated that following budget cuts, the way forward is for parishes to eventually consider shared responsibilities for local amenities such as footpath maintenance.
- RESOLVED** – to set up a Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG) to consider a 3-5 year rolling plan: reference March minute 44.14.2.
RESOLVED – the (SPWG) to be made up of the full Council. **ACTION - the Chair**
- 162.14 Consultations and Meetings**
- 162.14.1 The Electoral Review of District Ward Boundaries parish consultation closes on 3 November. **ACTION - Cllr Melson** will respond on-line.
- 162.14.2 WDALC AGM 11pm Tues 25th Nov. Update re-structuring Hampshire Constabulary. **ACTION** Cllr Melson (will attend if possible)
- 162.14.3 **Invitation - SDNP Local Plan draft presentation to parishes:** Wed 12 Nov Meonstoke VH 6.30/7pm
ACTION – Clerk to confirm Cllrs Withers and Aciarri to attend
- 163.14 Correspondence - None**
- 164.14 Items for the next agenda: None**

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

Signed.....Date.....