

## DROXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Droxford Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 15 May 2014 at Droxford Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Pietro Acciarri, Barbara Chandler – Vice Chair, Roger Foster, Colin Matthissen – Chairman, Janet Melson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rosemary Hoile – Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** District Cllr Tony Coates (for District Cllr report only prior to leaving early for another engagement)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Cllr Caroline Dibden, Mrs Myrna Coates, Mr Nick Fletcher, Mrs Susie Fletcher.

**68.14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Jason Toman, Louise Withers, County Cllr Roger Huxstep

**69.14 Declarations of Interest regarding Agenda items:** None

**70.14 County and District Councillors' Reports:**

70.14.1 Cllr Huxstep was not present.

70.14.2 District Cllr Coates reported a quiet month; he had attended a meeting on the Silver Hill development.

Due to Cllr Coates's intention to depart early, the Chairman brought forward Agenda Item 7.5: Townsend - To consider WCC response to letter of complaint. Cllr Coates posed the question that if the Planning Inspectors in all four appeals had been aware of the letter from Adkins (agents for Southern Water) to Odyssey Consulting Engineers (presumably retained by Kebbell Homes) in 2008, stating that the waste treatment works on Chestnut Rise was at full capacity being built for only twelve residential units, would they have come to the same conclusion, particularly at the 3rd and 4th applications. The papers should have been in front of Inspectors as material consideration. He advised the next step should be to write to the Planning Inspectors drawing their attention to the letter. He does not know where from whence the letter came but ask why the letter only came to light when a change of access was sought in the latest application to modify the entrance. The only way to overturn the decision is to seek a High Court Judicial Review.

**71.14 Public Forum:** Nick and Susie Fletcher were present regarding Super Fast Broadband.

**72.14 Chair's Announcements:** the Chairman thanked Cllr Coates for his guidance and contribution to planning issues, and not least the quality of brevity in his summing up. Cllr Coates was presented with an Abutilon and planter. He left the meeting with the Council's best wishes for his retirement

**73.14 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014:** Approved

**74.14 Matters Arising:**

74.14.1 Zip Wire: Hardwood poles and fixings have been delivered. A start date to dig the footings and put the structure up is required. **ACTION – Cllr Toman to liaise with volunteers and the Clerk**

74.14.2 Superfast Broadband: A fibre optic connection has been identified along the A32. A relatively simple inexpensive link to Droxford Exchange is thought to be 'do-able'. Michael Peagram had informed the Council that nevertheless, he was still waiting for BT to supply a final costing planner to enable communities not in the 90% or 95% coverage category to consider alternative means of delivery or sources of funding. **ONGOING**

74.14.3 Parish Notice Board: Cllr Chandler had submitted a Small Grants Application to WCC.

#### **75.14. Planning Applications:**

**75.14.1 SDNP/14/02303/FUL.** Cross Lanes Farm Park Lane, Swanmore, SO32 2QQ  
Erection of dwelling for agricultural worker (**RESUBMISSION**)

This application was first submitted in July 2013 and withdrawn in the November. There is currently a mobile home on the site for which planning permission was granted in 2007. In July last year the Council neither supported nor objected to the application but requested that a rigorous financial appraisal was undertaken to ensure an unwelcome precedent was not set. An agricultural tie was also requested. A report from Bruton Knowles acting as agents for Winchester City Council (shown on the website) concludes that the application does not meet the criteria required for a permanent dwelling (see report on website).

**THE COUNCIL RAISED OBJECTION** and re-iterated:

1. There should be a rigorous financial analysis into the business case.
2. Evidence of criteria to warrant an employee living on site full time produced.
3. Consideration should be given to an agricultural tie.

If SDNP are minded to approve, the Parish Council should be consulted on design, lighting and fencing matters  
**ACTION – Cllr Withers/CLERK**

**75.14.2 Planning Correspondence: SDNP /14/00884/FUL** Townsend, Northend Lane Droxford SO32 3QN  
Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of 10 no. dwellings; 6 no. three bedroom and 4 no. two/three bedroom dwellings, revised vehicular access of the A32 High Street, car parking provision, landscaping and replacement front wall.

Cllr Foster asked if the letter had been seen, whether connection to the treatment works on Chestnut Rise would have been challenged on the grounds of a material consideration. As matters stood, the case officer had been told there was no problem by Southern Water; therefore planners had to accept what the water authority said.

**ACTION – Cllr Withers/ Clerk: Write to Planning Inspectorate.**

Does the design and density of the site allow for a treatment plant to be provided?

**ACTION – Cllr Withers/ Clerk: Write to Southern Water and Adkins** solely on the issue of foul water treatment.

**ACTION – Cllr Withers/ Clerk: Write to SDNP** to protest that the letter should have been taken into account; the content was a matter for material consideration.

**76.14 Planning Decisions:** See Appendix B attached

#### **77.14 Finance:**

77.14.1 Income Received: Precept and CTS £6457.50 Total £6457.50. Expenditure Noted: Droxford Community Project (Parish Plan) grant £500.00; Expenditure Approved: Estates Maintenance Services – April £300.00, Clerk's salary May - £413.52; Administration expenses £120.61; WCC Play Area Inspection Report £37.50; HCC Street Lighting £403.94; Portsmouth Water £14.01, Total £1289.58. Current Account £1349.72; Deposit Account £18197.95; Bonus Saver £1702.88; Total £19, 547.67  
**APPROVED**

Allocated Reserves – Zip wire: £3289.00, Cemetery £1,702.88; Unallocated Reserves £14555.99;

The Council approved Pimp My Paddock quotation for £60.00 to build timber/wire cage around Diamond Jubilee oak tree.

77.14.2 To approve Droxford Standing Orders - **DEFERRED**

77.14.3 A request for a grant to Life Education Wessex - **NOT APPROVED**

#### **78.14 Play Area, Recreation Ground and Cemetery and Allotments**

78.14.1 **APPROVED:** Quotation for £759.39 to supply/deliver and install replacement climbing frame net - **ACTION** - Clerk to order.

78.14.2 Play area routine inspection report: Cllr Toman was not present

78.14.3 **APPROVED:** Lengthsmen Agreement 2014/15

**79.14 Roads, Transport and Highways:**

79.14.1 It was reported that Police speed vans had been seen operating at the bottom of Midlington Hill. The Council should press for more presence. **ACTION - Clerk**

79.14.2 WDALC Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Whiteley Town Council Rooms, Whiteley  
Unsociable motorcycling: campaign to reduce speeds and noise. **ACTION Cllr Foster to attend**

79.14.3 On-line Consultation: Review of Local Bus and Community Transport Services 2014. **ACTION Cllr Melson**

**80.14 Parish Matters:**

80.14.1 Health and Safety Policy: **ACTION – Cllr Chandler / Clerk**

80.14.2 Parish Plan Open Day event: The display was well presented and the event was quite well attended. Participation by younger people and some groups who would benefit most had been disappointing. It was noted that the highest number of comments expressed were around the issue of speeding.

80.14.3 Droxford Annual Fair - Update on arrangements for the Square: Tim Crowfoot is writing the Health and Safety Policy. Insurance for public liability for steam engines and falconry display are in place.

**81.14 Correspondence:**

81.14.1 Mrs C Chappell: Complaint – play area facility in need of updating and repair. **ACTION – Clerk to contact Playdale**

81.14.2 Invitation to Chairman to attend WW2 Commemoration Day Service. **ACTION – Clerk to decline**

81.14.3 WCC – dog bin collection anomalies. **ACTION - Clerk to investigate.**

**82.14 AOB:**

The Village Hall Committee has approved installation of the public access defibrillator. They have approved cover of the annual running cost. The Parish Council will pay for installation. Cllr Melson asked when the sign directing delivery vehicles and visitors to the Close off Mill Lane was going to be put up. The Clerk said she had ordered fixings for the channels and will arrange to be put up.

**83.14 Items for the next agenda:** To approve revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

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