**SMARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14th MAY 2018**

Present: Mark Wilson, (Chairman), John Lowings, Clifford Ridley, Jo Morton, Pete Watts, Sarah Ellison, Marion Hudson, Jocelyn Craig, Brian Bristow and Catherine Stanley (Clerk).

**1. ELECTION**

John proposed Mark as Chairman. Sarah seconded. Mark was duly elected as Chairman.

Marion proposed Jocelyn as Vice-Chairman, Sarah seconded. Jocelyn was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

**2. APOLOGY**

None

**3. LIST OF THE DEPARTED**

Robin Ledger

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th APRIL 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of 9th April 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman and publication on the website agreed.

**5. PLANNING**

Sarah advised that there has been a meeting with ABC and Countryside last week and it is hoped that the proposed dwelling near Weathercock be moved. Sarah urged objections and comments to be sent to ABC.

**Application No. 18/00170/AS**

Proposal: Change of use of part of the garden to 2 detached pods/cabins for holiday lets

Location: The Cloth Hall, Water Lane, Smarden TN27 8QB

Comments: Object, over intensification of a site which has already had significant development. Adjacent to a conservation area and listed building. Should it not have a Listed Building application too?

**Application No. 18/00587/AS**

Proposal: Oak framed open garage to side of existing house and new driveway (revision to planning permission 17/01062/S)

Location: Burnt House Farm, Bedlam Lane, Smarden, Kent TN27 8PG

Comments: No Comment

**Application No. 18/00623 & 18/00613**

Proposal: 1. Roof alteration to lean to on north elevation 2. Roof alteration to lean to on north elevation; new external door

Location: Langley Farm, Bethersden Road, Smarden TN26 3HF

Comments: No Comment

**Application No. 18/00645**

Proposal: Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building and land within its curtilage to dwellinghouse and associated operation development (Barn A)

Location: Barn A, New Langley Farm Buildings, Bethersden Road Kent

Comments: No Comment

**Application No. 18/00605/AS**

Proposal: Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building and land within its curtilage to dwellinghouse and associated operational development (Barn B)

Location: Barn B, New Langley Farm Buildings, Bethersden Road, Smarden

Comments: No Comment

**Application No. 18/00614/AS**

Proposal: Construction of 20m x 40m manege and new access and driveway

Location: Langley Farm, Bethersden Road, Smarden TN26 3HF

Comments: No Comment

**Application No. 18/00576/AS**

Location: Land between Smarden Charter Hall, and Weathercock, Pluckley Road, Smarden

Proposal: Reserved matters application relating to the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission granted under 16/00045/AS (proposed outline application for up to 50 residential units with all matters reserved except for access)

Comments: SPC request that House No. 7 is moved from adjacent to the pond on the land of Weathercock House which is of significant ecological interest. Ensure adequate parking is given and no parking to be allowed on access road. Ensure that the Local Green Space is fenced or staked so incursions by motor vehicles is not possible.

**Application No: 18/00666/AS**

Proposal: Removal of Conditions No. 3 and 4 on planning permission reference 10/01687/AS

Location: Burnt House Farm, Burnthouse Lane, Smarden TN27 8PT

Comments: Object on the basis these conditions have not been in place for very long and were imposed for a reason. If Conditions can be removed within a short period of time it makes conditions an irrelevance. If conditions are imposed as part of planning permissions they should be respected.

Sarah advised that the s.106 monies (from the Gladman site) have to specifically clarified. The resurfacing of the tennis courts and the MUGA is a sports provision.

The Post Office fund is different from this and at a late stage so funding for this is unlikely to be achieved.

Mark thanked Sarah for her efforts.

**6. BURIAL GROUND**

Nothing to report.

**7. POST OFFICE**

Jocelyn reported that there have been conversations with the landowners of the overflow car park.

Joel Arnstein is leading the Action Group and is in contact with individuals who contributed to the survey so that a Business Plan can be put together.

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**8. MINNIS and CORNES MEADOW.**

The rota for inspections was agreed.

**8. HIGHWAYS and LORRYWATCH**

Brian dealt with those points raised at the APM.

The bridge at Vesper Hawk – KCC could contribute but need to visit first

The verges edges in Water Lane and the pot holes in the verge all need earth and hardcore to fill them in.

More potholes have been reported.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report

**12. FINANCE and MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

Accounts – Catherine presented the account for April and the items of expenditure for May were approved.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS**

The draft article for the Parish Magazine was approved.

**14. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED/FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Nothing to report

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Antisocial behaviour has been reported at a property on Water Lane. The occupier of this property has been seen speeding in The Street by a number of individuals.

If this is witnessed it can be reported to the Housing Officer.

John thanked the Councillors for the picture given to him in recognition of his years as Chairman of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.