

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2017 in the Village Hall

Present:

Charles Mathew	(CM)	Chairman
Matthew Judson	(MJ)	Councillor- Vice Chairman
Jose Eaton	(JE)	Councillor
Colin Wells	(CW)	Councillor (Part)
Trudi Gasser	(TG)	Parish Clerk

In Attendance: 26 Members of the public

CM Welcomed all to the meeting and explained that he had called this Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting, due to an item being omitted from the Agenda of the previous meeting held on 6th February 2017.

MIN REF	ITEM	ACTION AGREED
17/026	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Graham Dixon-Brown (GDB) Councillor Joe Deane (JD) Councillor Steve Good (SG) WODC District Councillor Hilary Fenton (HF) WODC District Councillor	
17/027	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM owns property near the Leys, the Green and the School MJ lives near Butts Piece 	
17/028	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 6th FEBRUARY 2017	
	<p>CW disputed the accuracy of the minutes from the meeting held on 6th February. He gave the following statement:</p> <p><i>Chairman Mathew, as you already know I will dispute the accuracy of the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 January. Specifically I dispute the agreement recorded under Minute 17/017. I had moved a precisely worded proposition that there should be a Parish Meeting. Instead the following morning a summons was issued for a Council Meeting,</i></p> <p><i>Those who are not familiar with the legal difference between the two might not appreciate the important legal difference between the two. But with your meticulous knowledge you knew very well the difference, which is why you changed the record. But you had no right to do this. I therefore submit that if this meeting proceeds in accordance with the Agenda then it is out of order.</i></p> <p><i>I have attended this evening, as is my duty as a Councillor, in response to a formal summons from the Clerk. But, lest my continued presence might be adduced as evidence that I have accepted that this meeting is legitimate, I will now retire from the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>I will leave copies of this statement so that there can be no misunderstanding about its content.</i></p>	

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	CM explained that he had not called a Parish meeting, as business cannot be transacted at a Parish Meeting and a Parish Meeting requires a minimum of 6 days' notice. CM reiterated that he had called an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting in order to discuss the Airfield Environmental Advice issue, which had been deferred from the previous Monday Parish Council meeting..	
17/029	VILLAGE VOICE APOLOGY	
	<p>CM explained that following the recent article in Village Voice, which showed a picture of a resident's dog in a private garden and inferred that no one had picked up its pooh.</p> <p>The Editor (JD) had already written to the owner to apologise for any offence taken and in addition, an apology will be published in the next issue.</p> <p>All agreed this was a suitable course of action – TG to confirm to JD.</p>	
17/030	ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISE FOR AIRFIELD	
	<p>CM explained to all regarding the Airfield Planning Application for 50 houses and a number of offices.</p> <p>May 2016 : Planning Application lodged- PC objected</p> <p>October 2016: Revised Planning Application lodged – the PC objected</p> <p>November 2016: Airfield site and allocation of housing appeared in WODC's Draft Local Plan</p> <p>December 2016: Planning Application heard at Lowlands Committee Meeting – deferred pending site visit</p> <p>January 2017: Planning application heard at Lowland – passed by 1 vote.</p> <p>CM explained that when an application is passed, an appeal is not possible. As the WODC Local Plan is soon to be presented to the Inspector, CM suggested that the PC seek Expert Evidence to seek reassurance that the site is suitable for housing, as outline planned, due to its proximity to the Landfill Site.</p> <p>CM explained that Environmental Resources Management (ERM) had been asked to quote to provide advice, as they had helped enormously with the Tar Lane Appeal. The quote had been received:</p> <p>Phase 1: Desk study - £2,000</p> <p>Phase 2: Further work, more comprehensive study - £3,000</p> <p>Extra costs would be incurred to attend meetings.</p> <p>CM closed the meeting to take questions from the members of public present.</p>	
	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	
<i>MoP</i>	<i>Villagers deserve to know the dangers, especially following reports of Cancer risk from Landfill sites – it would be money well spent.</i>	
<i>CM</i>	CM advocated strongly this line of reasoning.	

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MoP	<i>Beware of data created – it could affect the value of houses. The date already exists in the Planning Application.</i>	
CM	CM stated that the price of housing was not a Planning consideration.	
MoP	<i>What is the cost in terms of overall budget?</i>	
CM	30% of the PC Budget.	
MoP	<i>Was the reason of the meeting to approve the cost?</i>	
CM	Yes, to approve Phase 1, should the PC go ahead, they would then make a future decision on whether to proceed to Phase 2.	
MoP	<i>I sat in on the first planning meeting and was surprised by the lack of awareness - the committee seemed oblivious to the risk of the Landfill</i>	
MoP	<i>What will the PC achieve from the Report?</i>	
CM	It will present a report to the Inspector to determine the suitability of the site for housing. CM explained that he felt the Inspector can't ignore the data if it highlights a risk or at the very least mitigation measures might ensue.	
MoP	<i>It was reported that the EA had not submitted full comments to the planning application, due to time constraints.</i>	
CM	Full comments would most probably be made at full planning stage.	
	It was suggested to take a poll of those present: 16 against 9 in favour	
17/031	CONCLUSION OF MEETING	
	CM re-opened the meeting and asked the Councillors for their views: MJ - summarised by stating that he wasn't convinced that it was the best way to spend money – not in support.– JE- this was something that the Pc needed to do- money well spent.- in support.	
	CM closed the meeting.	

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	NEXT MEETING The next Ordinary Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 6 th March 2017.	

Signed

Date