

OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Oldbury

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr B Turner (Chairman), Mr P Feltham, Mr A Knapp, Mr M Lynden, Mr A Pearce, Mr G Poole

Clerk: Ms S Bailey **Public:** Ward Cllr M Riddle (from 7:30pm), Mr C Fairhead (PFC)

287/11 Apologies for Absence Cllr Hales

288/11 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda none

289/11 Public Forum none

290/11 Approval of Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Poole and seconded by Cllr Feltham and **resolved** by all that minutes of meetings held on 4th January 2011 are signed as a correct record.

291/11 Planning New Applications

PT11/0488/F 16 Westmarsh Lane – erection of two storey front extension to form additional living accommodation. It was agreed to make no comment on this application.

The following applications were noted but no comments previously made.

PT11/0211/F – Helensglade Shepperdine Rd – erection of two storey side & rear extension to form additional living accommodation. Erection of detached garage.

PT11/0188/F The Bungalow Shepperdine Rd – change of use of land from residential curtilage to keeping of horses

PT11/0120/F Inglewood Shepperdine Rd – erection of two storey side & rear and 1st floor rear extension to provide additional living accommodation

PT11/0155/LB – The Barn Kington Lane – alterations to internal floor plan layout

PT10/3534/F – Upper Farm Cowhill – conversion of outbuilding to 1no. holiday let, retention and recladding of Dutch barn for use as stables, retention and continued use of large barn as workspace & outbuilding as a store & retention of block paving

Planning notices:

Refusal - PT10/3520/F Land to West of Westmarsh Lane – Change of use of Land from Agricultural to keeping of dogs. Erection of dog runs & dog shelters (retrospective).

Permit – PT11/0120/F Inglewood Shepperdine Rd – see above

Withdrawn - PT10/3409/F Millers Cottage Kington Lane; erection of two storey and single storey side and first floor rear extension to form additional living accommodation

Permit – PT10/3086/RVC – Quarry Farm Kington Lane – Variation of Condition 8 attached to PT09/5006/F to not permit occupation of new dwelling prior to access completion

PNA Applications – Cllr Riddle updated the Council on his findings regarding how PNA applications are relayed to the public. The discretion is usually left the Planning Officer on how to consult and South Glos Council appear to advise more than most other Councils and more than is required by law.

292/11 Finance

a) It was requested that the PFC Constitution is discussed on the next agenda regarding how they are allowed to set fees. Chairman of PFC explained how the Busy Bees playgroup had been working with PFC to set appropriate and sustainable fee structure and improve facilities ready for usage by young children. The proposal was to currently charge Busy Bees £10 per session for using every weekday, to be reviewed in June and reconsider when winter fuel rates were more evident as charges would be higher then, proposal supported by Cllr Turner seconded by Cllr Feltham and agreed by all. It is felt that PFC should have more control over setting its fee structure – to be discussed in May.

b) It was proposed by Cllr Poole and seconded by Cllr Feltham and agreed by all to approve the following invoices submitted for payment:

<i>S.Bailey Clerk salary (1/1/11 – 28/2/11)</i>	<i>£ 333.33</i>
<i>S.Bailey Expenses (internet connection.£8,)</i>	<i>£ 8.00</i>
<i>Severn Estuary Partnership yearly membership</i>	<i>£ 50.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>£ 391.33</i>

293/11 Flooding/Drainage

Kington Rd – has now been sorted out, remove from agenda. Problems with ‘ponding’ at the Sheepwash and drainage problems in Ham Lane to be referred to SGC Streetcare Cllr Turner to action.

294/11 Recreation Cllr Knapp questioned whose responsibility it is to authorise the detailed construction works for alterations relating to Busy Bees – to be discussed on next agenda along with PFC constitution. The new PFC secretary is working out well.

295/11 Parish Property

Funeral Bier – work on the 4th wheel is still in progress. It could possibly be used as a village market centrepiece?
Remove Bier from the agenda for present time.

Old Stores Site – Cllr Turner complained to S.Glos Enforcement regarding their inactivity over the past 12 months and gave a detailed account of this using Parish Council Minutes as evidence. Regardless of the planning application, the site needs to be cleared of dumped debris as it is a health hazard. The mesh fencing around the site is also dangerous as it now leans onto the road.

Dogs at Westmarsh Lane – this application has been refused although indications are that the owner may appeal.

Bus shelter rebuild – Cllr Knapp produced a job specification and has invited tenders to be submitted to the Clerk by mid March. The decision on a litter bin will be made when bus shelter is built.

Residential Caravans in Hill Lane – a planning contravention notice was served at the end of January requesting response within 21 days. We have been told that one caravan is removed that had been used for soil testing, the second will be moved soon, but no mention of the third. It is also rumoured that the stables have been converted into living accommodation. Need to monitor. The subject of Applestone Barn was brought up and Cllr Riddle agreed to enquire about permissions needed for its various uses.

Red Phone Box – repairs to be considered soon.

296/11 Highways

Parking on pavements – await bus shelter rebuild. Parking on the bend by pond is a problem and a sign is maybe needed here. Firstly the police should be asked for advice.

Church Rd improvements – the head of streetcare at S.Glos is meeting Cllr Riddle this week to discuss the Pill Head. A new pavement is on the task register but would be helped in impetus with mention on Parish Plan.

Speeding on Chapel Rd – S.Glos speeding monitor data was analysed and appears acceptable as 85th quartile is at 32mph. The camera will be moved to the opposite direction.

Streetlighting – 15 bright lights at school appears excessive and not needed but maybe on a different control system?
Cllr Lynden to refer to S Glos. Remove this from agenda.

297/11 Footpaths/Bridleways

Could the Parish Council offer to buy part of the Lagger as a walk to school route – Cllr Turner to contact the owner.

298/11 Proposed Power Station & Other Power

Nuclear - there have been no meetings of note lately regarding nuclear power. S Glos cancelled the initial meeting of Shadow Review Group and rescheduled 4th April. Very little news from Horizon on new build.

Wind Farm - Cllr Turner gave an update on application at Hill. S Glos planners have not yet received geological survey report and are also waiting for an independent noise assessment. The Stinchcombe wind farm application nearby has been deferred. Also a four turbine application has been refused in Dorset for the 2nd time. If officers at S Glos suggest approval and this is agreed by Committee then our option is to request a judicial review but this would cost. A PC cannot get legal aid for this however an individual on benefits could..... A London barrister has been contacted and it appears that we have a good case since the applicants have not done their original reports as prescribed. S Glos Council have been contacted a number of times by Oldbury on Severn Parish Council and constantly refuse to supply information or co-operate on discussions – yet they converse with the applicant freely. Very difficult to understand who S.Glos planning department is actually representing? Cllr Riddle was asked to directly contact the case officer and the Head of Planning to formally ask for data which has been refused so far. We would like to work together yet find this difficult when dialogue is refused.

Cllr Feltham left the meeting at 9pm

299/11 Parish Council Administration

New website www.oldburyonsevern.org.uk is looking good and continues to be updated. Cllr Riddle enquired how to find it on google – our IT provider is trying to move it up the search engine criteria.

The Clerk's resignation was noted and regarding new PAYE rules – it was noted that every Parish Council must now register. This should be the first item on the new Clerk's agenda. Ms Bailey has agreed to provide an interim admin service for the Parish council until the appointment by end of May.

300/11 Long Term Future of Parish

Affordable Housing & Parish Plans – nothing to note.

301/11 Correspondence

Elections timetable from SGC circulated along with contact information

302/11 Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including;
Newsletters from NHS, Senior Citizens Forum, Clerks Direct, SGC network news, SSCG report, Rural Parish Matters

303/11 Minor matters or items for next agenda

- Next meeting will be after the election and the Hall availability needs to be checked.
- Kington Lane will be closed in July for up to 6 weeks due to a wall repair
- Westmarsh Lane 20mph speed limit – could this be easier requested due to Busy Bees use of Pavillion?
- PFC electricity cut off – can they claim against EON for being cut off? PFC to investigate.
- Cllr Lynden attended a consultation on decommissioning nuclear power stations in London which was very interesting giving lots of details on the methodology for the next 100 years.
- Westend Lane sign was knocked over by Hunt – could this be reinstated?
- The Joint Local Transport Plan draft is to be published soon.
- Cllr Lynden asked if the Parish Council could be involved or instigate getting our own energy supply guaranteed into the future by harnessing Severn tidal power for the benefit of the village – and also maybe work together with other partners in doing this?

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at 9:55pm Next Meeting Tuesday 17th May 2011 at 6.30pm

Signed by Chairman

17th May 2011