

# **OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Oldbury

## **PRESENT**

**Parish Councillors:** Mr B Turner - Chairman, Mr M Riddle, Mr A Knapp, Mr K Sullivan and Mrs. J. Hales.

**Clerk:** Mrs D. Bramley **Public:** None

## **397/12 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr G Poole and Cllr M Baker.

## **398/12 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Sullivan – Old Stores Site and Cllr Riddle – Park Farm Development

## **399/12 Public Forum**

None

## **400/12 Approval of Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Riddle; seconded by Cllr Knapp and resolved by all that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 are signed as a correct record with the following correction:

Item 384/11 Planning Enforcement Should Read: Cllr Riddle has been in contact with *Mr Cooke*

## **401/12 Planning**

### **Planning Applications – To Discuss**

PT12/0583/F – Linden Lea, Shepperdine Road – Erection of two storey and single rear extension to form additional living accommodation. **Council Response: No Comment**

PT12/0359/LB – Willow Farm House, Kington Lane – Internal alterations to include creation of 2no. ensuite shower rooms. Alternations to windows. Demolition of outbuilding. **Council Response: No Comment**

### **Previous Applications – No Comments Offered / Consultation Period Expired**

**Refused** - PT11/3143/F - Quarry Farm, Kington Lane - Erection of single storey side extension to facilitate conversion of existing stable to ancillary domestic accommodation.

**Refused** - PT11/3144/LB - Quarry Farm, Kington Lane - Erection of single storey side extension to facilitate conversion of existing stable to ancillary domestic accommodation.

### **Planning Notices – Noted**

**Permitted** - PT11/3303/F – Cross Barns, Cross Hands Barn, Kington Road, - Erection of first floor side extension over previously approved single storey extension to provide additional living accommodation

### **Planning Appeals**

APP/P0119/A/11/2154175/NWF – PT10/2399/F Wind Farm at Stoneyard Lane (4 Turbines and an Anemometer)

The Planning Inspector dismissed the Appeal on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012. Cllr Turner read part of the Appeal Decision report:

“There is a balance to be struck between the need for renewable energy and the environmental costs associated with its production. The balance for the Council and for the PLG is negative whereas the balance for the Appellants is positive; but for me the balance is negative”

The Appellants can still appeal the Planning Inspectors decision.

### **Planning Application Update**

Park Farm (Thornbury Development - PT11/1442/O & PT11/1441/O)

Cllrs Riddle and Turner will be attending a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> March with the Environment agency in Bridgewater to discuss the development. The developers also want to start the development but South Gloucestershire Council are waiting for the Core Strategy to be agreed before determining the planning applications.

### **Planning Enforcement**

Old Stores Site, Chapel Lane - PT11/0738/O

Cllr Turner has spoken with Mr Cooke who stated that the land owners have been in contact with the planning department about a proposed application but no further details were available.

Cllr Riddle has determined that the site was left to a relative who has subsequently died and to determine who the site now belongs too would require a further application to the Probate Office.

The question was asked that as this is an enforcement issue, which has been on going for a number of years, is it South Gloucestershire Councils duty to clear the site and then recover the costs from the land owner especially as the site is decreasing the volume on a flood plain. It was agreed that Cllrs Turner and Riddle would pursue this matter formally.

#### **402/12 Finance**

- a) The progress regarding purchasing of Tables and Chairs was discussed. Cllr Turner has looked at various tables and chairs and confirmed their cost.

The type of table has been agreed so Cllr Turner will purchase 25 collapsible tables (6 ft x 2.6 ft) at a cost of £29.48 + VAT each plus a storage trolley. The total cost including delivery is expected to be £1352.40

There was some discussion about the type of chair that should be purchased which included weight limits, suitability for external use and light damage. Mr McDonald has found a 'Skid' chair at a cost of £18 + VAT each which met the requirements. Cllr Turner stated that 80 chairs can be purchased with a storage trolley and that he is trying to get a chair to view before purchasing them.

Cllr Turner will ensure that there is enough storage space for the equipment, before purchasing it, at the pavilion and see if any of the older equipment needs removing.

- b) The donation of £500 from Magnox Socio Economic Fund for Jubilee Gifts for the Children was noted and has been used to purchase the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Mugs.
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Riddle; seconded by Cllr Hales and **agreed** by all to approve the following invoices submitted for payment.

<i>Gifts Galore – Queen's Diamond Jubilee Mugs – Cheque already written (09/02/12)</i>	£	471.02
<i>D Bramley - Clerk Salary (01/01/12 – 28/02/12)</i>	£	401.00
<i>D Bramley - Admin / Office Expense (£20.00 Office)</i>	£	20.00
<i>Total</i>	£	892.02

- d) The increase in Memorial Hall rental from £15 to £20 for a 3 hour session was noted and Cllr Turner will inform the Memorial Hall Treasurer if the meetings are only 2 hours.
- e) The Nat West Review of Customer Information Form was noted and the Clerk will submit the information.
- f) The Change to NS & I Account - Postal Account from 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 was noted and it was agreed to get the interest added to the account.

#### **403/12 Flooding/Drainage**

##### Flooding at Ham Lane

The grips appear to have been incorporated and scalplings will be laid in the summer months.

##### Flooding at Church Hill

Cllr Riddle has been in contact with South Gloucestershire Council Streetcare Inspector Keith Falkingham who has had some work carried out on Church Hill which includes clearing all of the gullies except for the Lagger gateway and the top of the hill. They also still need to jet the whole drainage system to look for any blockages and remove the soil from the road at the bottom.

#### **404/12 Recreation**

##### Playing Fields Committee (PFC) Reports and Updates

Cllr Baker along with Craig Tilton, have completed 3 full length applications for funds plus one to South Gloucestershire Council and are now waiting to hear back. They were turned down by the FA who want them to try other avenues first.

Cllr Turner will raise tidying up and repairs to the play equipment at the next PFC meeting.

##### Oldbury on Severn CE School Report

Cllr Hales reported that there are now 55 children attending the school. Four of children won South Gloucestershire's Councils 'Name the Gritter' Competition with the name "SS Great Gritter". The school hall has been repaired, the installation work has been completed and 6 oak trees will be planted in the grounds on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Ofsted has also set up a website for parents to submit their views about the school. The Safer Route to School meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> Feb was well attended.

##### Broadband and British Telecom (BT)

Nothing to report

##### Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

Two meetings have taken place with 18 people attending the first one. Lots of ideas have been suggested which include: a gift for the children; a permanent boundary stone; a picnic with optional fancy dress and local entertainment; lighting an official Beacon; best dressed door, porch, window or gateway competition and a Souvenir 4 Ward that includes events and parish people since 1952.

The Jubilee Cups have been purchased for the children with the donation from Magnox. The cost and location of a permanent boundary stone is being looked at and Mr Lynden is organising the Beacon.

#### **405/12 Parish Property**

##### Replacement Bin for Church Road Bus Shelter

The green dustbin was installed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012.

##### Red Telephone Box Repairs

An article was included in the 4 Ward asking for any suggestions about how the Red Telephone Box could be used but no suggestions have been received.

Cllr Hales has downloaded the cost of parts and along with Cllr Knapp have looked at the box. Cllr Knapp stated that the cost, if the parish Council did the work themselves, would be approximately £300 and it was stated that it is part of the village scene. Cllr Hales will talk with Mr Eddie Clapham to see if he would be interested in helping to renovate the red telephone box.

##### Asset Register – Insurance Update

The Clerk stated that the insurance will be updated when the dustbin and tables/chairs have been purchased so that it can be updated all at once and therefore only incur one administration fee.

##### Land Registration & Ownership Documentation

Cllr Turner distributed a list of the land owned by the Parish Council and any information that he had been able to acquire e.g. dates of purchase and land registry references. It was agreed to prioritise the items for further investigation starting with the playing fields.

#### **406/12 Highways**

##### Parking on Pavements

This item will be covered as part of the Parish Plan Actions

##### Speeding on Chapel Road

This item will be covered as part of the Parish Plan Actions

##### Speeding on Westmarsh Lane

This item will be covered as part of the Parish Plan Actions

##### Trees on Pickedmoor Lane

Cllr Riddle stated that one of the smaller trees has died; it appears that several of the larger trees are unsafe and branches are overhanging the road. Cllr Turner agreed to obtain an opinion of the work needed from Mr J Dicker.

##### School Road Safety

The Safer Route to School meeting was well attended with some of the main issues being walking to school safely and parking at school, although this does slow down the traffic. A build up of soil is also making the road narrower. A number of ideas were discussed and included making better use of the land at the church; improving the car park possibly by laying grasscrete and erecting a fence. Improvements to the Church car park will also benefit the Church. Cllr Riddle is meeting with Tracey Hamblett on the 16<sup>th</sup> March at the Church.

Mr Malcolm Lynden has written to the South Gloucestershire Council planning department to see if there is anything they are able to do with regards to the Lager footpath and is awaiting a reply.

#### **407/12 Footpaths/Bridleways**

Nothing to report

#### **408/12 Proposed Power Station & Other Power**

##### Horizon Consultative Group & Other Power Related Meetings

The last meeting has been cancelled so there is nothing to report

##### Wind Farm Developments

Cllr Turner had circulated a letter to Cllrs about a Wind Farm Developer who is conducting feasibility studies to establish if land between the Sailing Club and the Power Station is suitable for a Wind Farm. A copy of the letter was also distributed to parishioners who live in the area so that they can raise any concerns. Cllr Turner has written to the company with a number of issues who responded stating that 90% of their feasibility studies go no further.

#### **409/12 Parish Council Administration**

##### Website & IT Development including PC Agenda and Minutes

Cllr Sullivan stated that after discussions with the web master the proposed changes have started to be implemented including the addition of contact links for other parish organisations.

##### Memorial Hall Constitution and Trustee Responsibilities

Cllr Turner has not had the opportunity to speak with Mr Belbin about this item.

##### Standing Orders Addendum - Planning Committee Terms of Reference

The Clerk sent Cllrs a draft copy of the updated Planning Committee Terms of Reference. Cllr Turner has made some amendments which he will circulate to Cllrs for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **410/12 Long Term Future of Parish**

##### Affordable Housing

Nothing to report

##### Draft National Planning Policy Framework (DNPPF) and Core Strategy

Cllr Sullivan has prepared and sent a response in conjunction with Cllrs Riddle and Turner which has been acknowledged. A request to speak at the Inspectors review was also included.

##### Oldbury Parish Plan

A great deal of work has now been completed and how to present the information is being looked at. Mr Dick Whittington is consulting with South Gloucestershire Council to obtain advice on how to best publish the Parish Plan. Another public meeting will be arranged in due course.

##### Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Village of the Year for 2012

Cllr Turner has had no interest from anyone about coordinating this event.

##### South Gloucestershire Big Spring Clean

Cllr Turner passed the details to Mrs Astle who was going to deal with it but has yet to receive any further information back.

#### **411/12 Correspondence**

Parish Charter Refresh – After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Riddle, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all not to sign up to the Parish Charter. ***Cllr Turner will respond to the Parish Charter Working Group with the Parish Council's decision.***

Invitation to the South Gloucestershire Partnership Conference 2012 on 30<sup>th</sup> March starting at 9.30 at Holiday Inn, Hambrook. RSVP by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – ***Cllr Riddle will be attending***

To Note - Neighbourhood Planning Event by South Gloucestershire Council on 19th March 2012 at Kingswood Civic Centre from 9:30-15:00 – ***Cllr Sullivan will be attending***

#### **412/12 Circulation**

The following items were circulated to Members:

Newsletters – Powerlines - News from Oldbury Station Issue 17 Winter 2011, SGC Sustainability Community Strategy 2012 and SGC Broadband News Issue 1 February 2012

#### **413/12 Minor Matters or Items for Next Agenda**

Cllr Sullivan stated that he had attended the Western Power Distribution Stakeholder Workshop in Gloucester

*This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at 9.30 pm*

*Next Meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012.*

*The Annual Council meeting will start at 6.30 pm and will include the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm*

Signed by Chairman

1<sup>st</sup> May 2012