

Misterton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2018 At 6.30pm, WI Hall, Misterton

Present:

Cllr Iain Rowland (Chair)
Cllr Abigail Rousell
Cllr Brian MacNeill
Cllr Graham White

Cllr Geoff Restorick
Cllr Carolyn Newbery
Cllr Vivienne Rowe
Cllr Paul Gillard

In attendance

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), Cllr A Singleton (SSDC)
5 members of the public

18/001. Public Open Session

Mrs D Bradly noted that SSDC's Area West committee would be hearing the planning application relating to Knowle Lane the next day. Members heard that the officer recommendation was for approval and Cllr Rowland agreed to attend on behalf of the PC if possible. Mrs Bradly also stated that she was intending to organise a meeting of the road group to look at the works around the Old Coal Yard development, with particular attention to the visibility splay. Cllr Rowland stated that he had tried to contact Andrew Gunn of SSDC about this, and would continue to try and do so.

Mr A Callow remarked that the site lorries parking at the crown of the hill at the bridge was dangerous. The Clerk was asked to write to the site manager and request that delivery drivers are advised to park up closer to the entrance to Broughtons Drive.

Mr B Rousell of Misterton Football Club requested the use of the Recreation Field for a charity event on 6th May. Cllr Rowland referred this request to the meeting of the Rec Field Trustees.

Mr A Callow also stated that the street light at the top of Silver Street had been removed and not reinstalled and that the pavement from Prospect Row to the pub was in a poor condition.

Mr L Schofield raised concerns about the problems with the MUGA lighting. Cllr Rowland clarified that an electrician had attended site that day and had hopefully rectified the timer situation, although this would be monitored. The other lights were also scheduled for repair shortly. Mr Schofield also raised concerns about dog mess at the Rec and transparency of the Parish Councils and Rec Field Trust. Cllr Rowland thanked him for his comments and noted that the Parish website would be updated as the new Clerk settled into the role.

Action: Clerk to contact site manager at Old Coal Yard development to ask that delivery drivers make arrangements to park up further away from the crown of the hill. Clerk to contact Cllr Best regarding street lighting in Silver Street and pavement condition between Prospect Row and pub.

18/002. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mike Best (SCC).

18/003. Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests

Dispensations for the setting of the precept and budget discussions were completed where necessary.

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18/004. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2017

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

18/005. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

18/006. Report from County Councillor

None.

18/007. Report from District Councillor

Cllr Singleton reported that:

- She would be attending Area West committee the next day which would hear the Knowle Lane application;
- Remedial works were apparently taking place at the Betterment development (Mr Schofield commented that some drainage works had taken place and one action relating to the junction remained outstanding. Cllr Singleton offered assistance if it was required.

18/008. Planning

a. 17/04648/FUL – Ducksfield Cottage, Seaborough Road

Following a site visit on 9th January, Cllrs Rowland and Restorick recommended to the Council that there were no reasons not to support this application.

Proposed: Cllr Rowland

Seconded: Cllr Restorick

RESOLVED: Approval

18/009. Finance and Procedure

a. To agree invoices for payment and to note regular payments

- i. Somerset Landscapes Ltd - £831
- ii. JRB (dog bags) - £70.20
- iii. Vodafone – DD
- iv. Misterton WI Hall rent - £45 - SO
- v. Eon £55.55 - DD

RESOLVED for payment

It was noted that the EON payments had increased significantly following the installation of a smart meter. It was agreed to monitor the situation at present.

b. To set the Precept and agree a budget for 2018-19

Members discussed a pre-circulated budget and precept proposal. Cllr Rousell queried possible funding required for MUGA lighting improvements but this was a matter for the Trustees' meeting.

A 0% increase was proposed, based on the increase in the Parish Council Tax Base.

Proposed: Cllr Rowland

Seconded: Cllr Restorick

RESOLVED unanimously

Action: Clerk to raise the precept, contact SSDC

18/010. Chairman's report

Cllr Rowland welcomed the new clerk to the Parish and extended the Council's thanks to Cllr Rowe for minuting the past few meetings. He reported that the Emergency Plan is nearing completion and data sheets and guides were currently being compiled. Once finalised it was anticipated there would be a presentation showcasing what measures would be in

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place in the event of an emergency. Cllr Rowlands asked that the Council gave some thought to fundraising for the cost of any items which may need replacing and to earmark these funds separately. The defibrillator had been installed and Cllr Rowlands asked members to agree to fund its installation until the grant was received to cover this expense.

18/011. Correspondence received

No specific correspondence was raised, but the Clerk was asked to draft a short piece for the Misterton Magazine to cover revised Parish Office details, precept and the possibility of a mobile Post Office van attending MJ's Café.

Cllr Rousell also requested that attention be given to the possible adoption of the Silver Street telephone kiosk. Cllr Rowland recalled that the Parish Council had previously declined to adopt it but felt it could be looked at again.

Action: Clerk to draft and submit article to MM by next week. Clerk to investigate current status of telephone kiosk in Silver Street.

18/012. Reports from Outside Bodies

a. To receive a report from the Recreation Field Trustees

It was reported that:

- The Charity Commission has been contacted regarding the new set up to seek approval that new arrangements are complying with the law;
- A letter to the solicitor regarding the uses of the Recreation Field has been drafted and would be sent around by Cllr Rowland
- A hole had been noticed in the fencing around the MUGA but the trustees would look at this in their next meeting.

18/013. Items for the next meeting

To be advised to the Clerk in advance of agenda publication. To include:

- Status and options regarding Silver Street telephone kiosk

18/014. Date and location of next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 20th February, 6.30pm, WI Hall

Dates for 2018 meetings were confirmed as:

20th March

17th April

15th May

19th June

17th July

No meeting in August

18th September

16th October

20th November

11th December

The meeting finished at 7.30pm.