

Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting 2017/2 held at the Social Club, Six Mile Bottom at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 8th March 2017..

Present: P Lambton (Chair), PCllrs, D Humphrey, G Clifford, E Brunner, A Carter.

In Attendance: County Cllr J Williams (from 9.32PM onwards), Elizabeth Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: R Chennells, T Stead, District Cllr R Turner.

Declarations of Interest: Cllrs P Lambton and E Brunner in the planning application at 47 High Street, Little Wilbraham – live in close proximity to the property.

17/18: Public Forum

A ten minute presentation was made by Glyn Mutton of Hills Developments regarding their amended plans for development at Six Mile Bottom. He accepted questions from the floor and indicated that a further public consultation would take place within a 6-8 week time frame. This would be preceded by a leaflet drop containing plans and other information.

17/19: County Cllr Report

A written report was read out by DH. On his arrival at 9.32PM Cllr Williams confirmed that signage and road markings were the responsibility of County Highways, while speeding and other deterrence activity was that of the Police. He reminded those present that the police do run a quarterly forum and someone should attend the next one: he stated that responsibility for changes in speed limits rests with Highways, that Camgrain do have a S106 obligation in respect of traffic and undertook to forward to the Clerk details of a senior officer at Highways who might be able to be of some assistance.

17/20: To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2017

The Minutes for 11th January were approved and signed by P Lambton (Chair).

CLLR ACTION LIST:

17/10 : Notice Boards

The Clerk had contacted the supplier who had recommended prophylactic measures. This information had been passed to TS who was following their advice. In his absence no further information was available.

17/7: Play Area @ Lt Wilbraham

Notification had been received from RoSPA that the 2017 annual inspection would take place in April. It had been agreed that the Council would not pay the extra fee for a timed appointment allowing someone to be present.

Action: deferred till the 2017 report received.

16/122: War Memorial in Six Mile Bottom/Gt Wilbraham Memorial Hall.

The Clerk had spoken with Toby Owen at SMB Estate who had said that in principle there would be no objection to the moving of the War Memorial provided his employers did not incur any legal costs.

There was nothing to report regarding the Memorial Hall

Resolution: Proposer GC, seconder PL:-

That the Council seek grant funding additional to the S106 monies already held to enable the War Memorial to be moved and refurbished, to include seeking necessary consents and instructing appropriate contractors.

Carried unanimously.

Action: Clerk to progress.

16/162: Traffic Working Group.

The Group had met and had produced a draft document encapsulating a wish list. EB will create a document and distribute this and County Cllr Williams will be asked to become involved and to find a person in County Highways in a position to assist. District Cllr Turner would also like to become involved.

The Clerk stated that she had met with Philip Darke at Camgrain and that he had been adamant that neither SCDC had ever received any complaints and that if he did so, backed by evidence, then he would take action. The Chair confirmed he would take over liaison with Philip Darke but the problem would probably never cease and Gt Wilbraham too were trying to limit traffic.

Action: Chair to contact Philip Darke, EB to produce and distribute working paper.

16/164: Bridleways

DH reported on a meeting with the Pathways Officer, Peter Gaskin, and a representative from Carter Jonas. They had walked the pathways and it had been agreed that Carter Jonas would speak with their client and arrange for an annual hedge cut, the installation of groynes for drainage purposes and get permission for the pathways officer to fill the ruts in the pathways with chippings as and when a supply becomes available.

Action: DH to maintain a watching brief.

16/167: 'The Wilbrahams' Website

DH said that the team running the website wanted to change provider to one who would give more support and this would cost approx. £1000 PA. DH felt that the maximum contribution should be £300 and that apparently Gt Wilbraham would find the rest. He stated that a very cheap website could be set up for Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom but that unfortunately he would not have the time to maintain this. He mentioned that the Lt Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom domain names could be purchased very cheaply and recommended so doing.

Action: DH to purchase the two domain names but the status quo was to be maintained subject to a maximum payment of £300.

17/5: Councillor Training

There had been difficulties in arranging a suitable date.

Action: Clerk progress with Gt Wilbraham Clerk..

17/6: SMB and Lt Wilbraham Audits

GC to support RC in capturing the results of this, it was felt this should be completed ASAP. The Lt Wilbraham audit was confirmed for 9th April: apologies from EB.

17/8: Car Parking at Manor Close.

Deferred

17/9: BT Phone Box

Nothing has been heard from BT. An application for grant funding for a defibrillator has been submitted and a decision should be made in March/April. The Council will bear the cost of the monitoring, and the cost of installation depends on the supplier.

Action: DH to clarify BT's repair intentions/obligations.

17/21: Transparency Fund Computer

Defer.

17/22: Warbler Funding

PL had met with the Editor, Martin Gienke, regarding the "celebration" for the volunteers. It is now to include an element of training with a representative of the Cambridge news attending and on this basis the Council agreed to support them in the sum of £125. Their advertising income is in a slight surplus.

FINANCIAL

17/23: The Chair circulated a spreadsheet and stated that the finances need to be reconciled at either the end of this financial year or at the beginning of the next one. Everything had been paid by cheque so this would not be too difficult. The big expense is grass cutting and it was agreed CGM should be asked to provide a schedule of cuts.

Action: Clerk to progress

It was confirmed that the precept request had gone to SCDC. There is a need to find out what residents want in terms of projects and it was hoped the Lt Wilbraham audit would provide additional information.

The Clerk outlined the banking situation and that their requirements for e-banking are onerous. It was also agreed that the situation was hardly acceptable and that alternative arrangements should be sought.

Resolution: Proposer EB, Seconder PL

That the Council do apply for electronic banking facilities from Bank of Ireland.

Resolution: Proposer PL, Seconder EB

That the council do open an alternative bank account from a mainland UK provider the identity of which to be agreed at a later date.

Both resolutions were carried unanimously.

Action: Clerk to progress

PLANNING

17/24: Application S/2419/16/FL and S/0358/VC– The Bungalow, London Road, Six Mile Bottom – a meeting has been held at SCDC offices as a result of which the developer agreed to accept conditions that the garage has to remain a garage, that there were to be restrictions upon the opening and glazing of some windows and that there was to be no parking on the grass verge. It was agreed that the Clerk should request the minutes of that meeting from Chris Morgan but that in principle the Council would object to the application. *Action: Clerk progress*

Application S/0681/17/FL – 66 High Street, Lt Wilbraham – approve

Application S/0608 – 47 High Street, Lt Wilbraham – PL and EB declared interests as near neighbours of the property - no objection.

Action: Clerk to advise SCDC accordingly

GOVERNANCE

17/25: Resolved to adopt the Equalities and Safeguarding Policies previously circulated.

The Clerk advised that SCDC had now circulated the Order regarding their and the Parish electoral cycles and that the next elections would therefore take place in May 2018.

17/26: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday May 8th 2017 at 7.30 PM, venue TBA.

Please also note the amended dates of the other scheduled meetings for 2017:

10th May (Annual Parish Meeting)
12th July
20th September
15th November

Venues TBA.

17/17: Meeting Closed

9.20 PM.