

Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting 2016/9 held in St John's Church, Little Wilbraham at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th December 2016.

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

In Attendance: District Cllr R Turner, Elizabeth Smith (Clerk), members of the public

Apologies: R Chennells, County Cllr J Williams

16/159: Public Forum

Due to the number of members of the public present and the cold weather this item was taken first. It was emphasized that this was not a meeting about broadband.

Susan Lee said she was delighted with the improvements to the Church Green and said she had put up some bunting to protect a seeded area. DH thought the one removable post gap looked a bit narrow but the Chair indicated it was 3 metres wide. **Claire Daunton** agreed with Ms Lee but asked about the left hand boundary. The Chair said there was doubt as to ownership but if it were Alex Wright he would be unlikely to do anything. A new bench could be considered at a later date.

John Bramwell advised that when the rededication of the Gt Wilbraham Memorial Hall took place it was realized that the only names on the Roll of Honour were from Gt Wilbraham. The Trustees felt it appropriate to add a second board for Lt Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom and would do so regardless of whether a financial contribution was made by the Council. They are currently trying to differentiate between those who served and those who died and it is hoped to have a final list by March 2017 with a view to dedication on Armistice Day 2017. It is being regarded as an opportunity to update generally though the Hall Trust itself is geared to WWI and there is little appetite for updating post WWII.

GC referred to the project to landscape and refurbish the Six Mile Bottom War Memorial. It has Lt Wilbraham names on it as well; a total of 31. She is liaising with the War Memorials Trust regarding this. The Chair stated the Parish would like to be involved but would like more information regarding funding.

Action: EB to keep in touch and report back.

The Chair indicated that though the planning application in respect of **The Bungalow, London Road, Six Mile Bottom** would be debated by the Council later, this seemed to be an appropriate time for members of the public to make their comments.

Emma Morgan, a neighbouring resident, outlined the effect works at the property had had upon her family over the past year. The initial application for a large chalet bungalow had been refused in January on the grounds of poor design and the impact it would have upon neighbouring properties, but since an amended application had been granted in March works on site had been carried out outside of the parameters of that grant, confirmed by piecemeal retrospective grants, to the extent that the developer had more or less achieved his original intention. Ms Morgan outlined the contact she had had with SCDC and confirmed that works were not being carried out within the agreed traffic management scheme. **Mark Murray**, another neighbour, confirmed what Ms Morgan had said and added further details of breaches.

GC had concerns about this development and that retrospective applications appeared to be made whenever issues were raised. There will have to be further such applications to address further breaches. PL stated that the development was definitely excessive and invited District Cllr Turner to speak.

Cllr Turner said he had received the emails and other correspondence from residents and has responded. He wished he had been involved sooner, and advised developers know just how to operate the system as it stands, so they obtain piecemeal permissions thereby obtaining what they want. He undertook to speak with the Enforcement Team at SCDC and to arrange for a site visit ASAP. He confirmed that given the evidence, SCDC can prosecute, and confirmed, in answer to a question from the Chair, that a Stop Notice can be served in the course of such a site visit. He also agreed to address the failures of SCDC officers to respond.

TS confirmed that this was not a general broadband meeting but that he had been in contact with both BT Openreach and Connecting Cambridge, and that works were to be started very soon that would ensure the service came onstream as scheduled on 31st December. The original electricity source has had to be reconsidered but this has been resolved and preorders can be placed for the service once the Cabinet goes live. He confirmed, in answer to a question, that the transition would be seamless.

EB shared that he had been notified of a Christmas Party to take place on 17th December at the Memorial Hall, and did the Council wish to be involved and to contribute financially? The Chair felt that it was rather short notice but that it was a good idea. GC said that the Johnson Bede Lane Trust might possibly donate to the cost of the party on the same basis as to the Over Sixties Club, namely that Lt Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom residents were invited to participate.

16/160: District Cllr Report

Cllr Turner delivered a brief report. SCDC had voted in favour of the local devolution deal and Mayoral elections would take place next year. Local Plan hearings were continuing into March.

He indicated he would be meeting with Heidi Allen on Saturday regarding the failure of developers to deliver the amount of housing required in South Cambridgeshire. It was down by 50% on last year and there were plans to secure delivery through use of S106 conditions.

As he had another commitment elsewhere, Cllr Turner left the meeting and many of the public similarly did so.

16/161: To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd November 2016

The Minutes for 3rd November were approved and signed by P Lambton (Chair) with amendments/corrections.

MATTERS ARISING:

16/122: War Memorial in Six Mile Bottom

GC had been in contact with the War Memorials Trust (WMT). They could give some help with cleaning and she had obtained the application form, but approved contractors must be instructed and the nearest is based in Peterborough. She had admired the landscaping around the Duxford Village War Memorial and wondered if the contractor involved could be instructed. The Clerk advised that it was possible the Imperial War Museum (IWM) did the work in Duxford but would check.

There are various sources of funding other than the WMT and the existing S106 funding, including SCDC. The Six Mile Bottom War Memorial is not on their list.

The location of the Memorial is not ideal and it has already sustained accident damage. The Chair indicated that it is possible to move such monuments and should this be considered first? If so, to what location? This question could be included within a Village Audit.

Action: Clerk to contact Peterborough contractor, the IWM, and if necessary, Duxford PC.

16/162: Traffic Working Group.

The difficulty goes back to a 2011 recommendation from SCDC when planning permission was granted to Camgrain, allowing for a further extension to their operations. The Parish Council had requested the imposition of a traffic management scheme as a condition of the grant and a map was produced showing the prohibited routes. It essentially directed HGVs onto the A11 but Wilbraham Road was not included in the prohibitions. The problem was that this scheme was not being adhered to. In 2014 a further application for expansion had been made and at that time it was argued that the restrictions made no real difference.

The Clerk advised that ultimately the practical responsibility for the enforcement of traffic management schemes rested with the Police and they did not give it a high priority.

Action: Clerk to have a look at the planning permissions and advise as to enforcement possibilities.

16/154: Council Email Addresses.

Members were asked to liaise with DH if they were experiencing difficulty in getting their new addresses up and running.

Action: Everybody.

16/156: Banking

The Clerk confirmed that the change of mandate documentation had been completed and sent to the bank and an application for internet banking services made, but that only individuals would be granted this facility immediately and as of right.

Action: Clerk to progress

16/156: Street Lighting

DH confirmed he had looked at the www.lightingcambridgeshire.com website and that there was nothing that could be done save for purchasing extra lighting which is expensive.

16/162: Budget

The Chair circulated the following documents:

a) Updated version of a spreadsheet created by the former Clerk

b) New format for the following financial year.

He reminded everyone that the precept had to be in by 3rd February 2017 and that they should give this matter full consideration. However, there were some points to consider now:-

Shooting Rights – the PC owns a field which is let to the Quy Shoot for £800pa. The rent has not been adjusted for some years and the land is currently managed by Carter Jonas.

Action: Clerk to make contact to introduce new Council

Warbler – quarterly item.

Grass cutting – primarily done by a commercial contractor though there is a volunteer at Six Mile Bottom.

This is an increasing expense as is the cost of the Clerk.

Donations – the Clerk advised these were annual payments which had apparently not been adjusted for many years.

The Chair commented that there was a reserve of £26,000 and that members should consider discretionary expenditure and projects, and come to the next meeting with proposals.

16/163: Planning Application S/2419/16/FL – The Bungalow, London Road, Six Mile Bottom

The Chair stated it was clear the developer had done as he pleased and that no meaningful enforcement action had been taken. It was agreed that this latter would be left with District Cllr Turner but that the PC would formally object to the current application.

Action: Chair and Clerk to write to SCDC.

16/164: Bridleways

DH had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding the condition of Long and Short Drovers. They are impassable for horse and foot traffic it was suggested the shoot goes part way down and causes considerable damage. The gamekeeper protects the fields but does nothing about the paths. The Chair stated he had registered a formal complaint on 30th November via the Highways website and that they would contact Quy Estate as landowner; however, the tenant farmer had been rather more helpful.

Action: DH to have an informal discussion with the tenant farmer, Chris Butler.

16/165: Affordable Housing

The Chair stated this issue had first come up in summer when Alex Wright had applied for planning permission for one large market house and 6 small affordable dwellings, but this had fallen through due to sustainability objections. There had been a subsequent meeting with SCDC but that this had not been particularly productive, though it had given him an appreciation of the difficulties of such projects. A survey had been done and circulated to the membership, but it was accepted that this was not particularly helpful, and though Alex Wright was still willing to talk to the PC he needed to take a commercial view.

The Clerk advised that the membership needed to be clear that unless there was a Rural Exceptions Scheme (as operated by ECDC) in place mandating a strong local connection to the Parish, and/or key worker status, then SCDC could nominate anyone they wished, on the basis of that person's needs, to a funded affordable dwelling; and that this was why communities objected to affordable housing.

The only way to control occupancy was for the scheme to be private and a new scheme with narrow criteria would not obtain charitable status. Reference was made to existing schemes in Norfolk.

Tied agricultural dwellings are private housing and have their own statutory regime.

It was agreed further discussion would be deferred.

16/166: Governance

The Clerk advised there were arrangements in place but that they were not necessarily suitable. The Code of Conduct is non-negotiable but the Standing Orders are based on a NALC model designed for a larger Council and probably could be reduced to fit. It

was agreed the Clerk would review the documents in detail and that the matter would be deferred to the next meeting

Action: Clerk

16/167: Website

DH advised he had made modifications to the website and had cleared it of outdated and unhelpful material. Gt Wilbraham would like it to be more interactive which is why they want to change to a provider giving more support, but it was his view that given the level of footfall it received it was fit for its purpose. It was agreed to accept this advice but would keep the matter under review.

16/168: AOB

The Chair indicated he wished to refer to an action list rather than have many matters arising and referred the Council to one produced and circulated.

A grant of £50 for the provision of daffodil bulbs had been made by the Common Rights Committee.

A Six Mile Bottom Village Audit would be carried out on 8th January 2017 starting at 10.00AM.

16/169: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Members were referred to a list circulated in advance. The question of alternative venues in Six Mile Bottom and elsewhere was canvassed and it was agreed GC would speak with the Social Club regarding dates when the bar was not open.

16/170: Meeting Closed

10.11PM.