

# **Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council**

**MINUTES** of the Parish Council Meeting 2016/8 held in St John's Church, Little Wilbraham at 7.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

**Present:** P Lambton (Chair), PCllrs, D Humphrey, T Stead, G Clifford, R Chennells, E Brunner.

**In Attendance:** A Carter, DJ Lomas (Applicants for co-option as Cllr), 3 members of the public, Elizabeth Smith (Clerk)

## **16/148: Co-Option of Councillor**

Item 5 of the Agenda was taken first to accommodate Professor Lomas request to leave early. Both candidates made a short presentation to the Council and were asked identical questions by the membership. They and the public were then asked to withdraw and after discussion it was resolved to co-opt Andrew Carter to the Council. He accepted office and was invited to join the membership immediately. It was agreed that the Chair/Clerk would notify Professor Lomas by letter.

## **16/149: Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

## **16/150: To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

The Minutes for 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October were approved and signed by P Lambton (Chair) with amendments/corrections.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

### **16/122: War Memorial in Six Mile Bottom**

The amount of the S106 ring fenced contribution was confirmed as being correct. This money must be utilized by 2018. The cost of landscaping around the War Memorial could come from this fund with additional monies from the War Memorials Trust for refurbishing the memorial.

*Action: Cllrs Clifford and Chennells to take this forward.*

### **16/144: Planning Application ref S/2419/16/FL – The Bungalow, London Rd, SMB.**

The Chair stated that he had viewed the application and had asked SCDC for an extension of time for consideration. DH had contacted Chris Morgan in planning there and according to their website the matter was still under consideration. GC stated that she believed that some works had already been carried out and the Clerk advised that if so, the Planning Enforcement team should be contacted, and that SCDC only knew what they had been told. The Clerk also confirmed Members were free to complain in their personal capacities.

### **16/151: Public Forum**

A member of the public commended to the Council a leaflet distributed by County Councillor Williams regarding the HGV traffic problem at Little Wilbraham Road. He felt the Parish Councils should present a united front in seeking a weight limit and volunteered to assist in taking this forward.

The Chair stated that the interests of the Parish councils do not necessarily co-incide and that this Council should do its own research and formulate its own position statement.

*Action: Cllrs Brunner and Clifford agreed to form a small working group to take this forward.*

**16/152: Payments to the Parochial Church Council**

Andrew Collins on behalf of the PCC has asked whether the Council would be willing to make a contribution to the cost of heat and light in the church concerning Council meetings. It was confirmed Ray Tilbrook had agreed that since the Council pays for some works to the church grounds, this seemed to be a fair quid pro quo.

**16/153: Village Email List.**

Currently does not exist. GC reminded everyone that the Warbler is due out at the beginning of December (copy deadline 11<sup>th</sup> November) and an article could be put in asking people to register on the website. It was suggested that since the response following the broadband meeting had been so poor that an invitation to register should be included upon everything put out by the Council.

The Clerk advised Members that there were Equalities implications in using just e-communications and that both the Warbler and the notice boards should remain in full use.

**16/154: Council Email Addresses.**

This facility can be available for £5 per address per year. Six additional addresses would therefore cost £30.

Members resolved to follow this up. The Clerk advised that the local government convention for such addresses was "Cllr(Name)@wilbrahams.co.uk"

*Action: David Humphrey*

**16/155: Declarations of Interest**

None

**16/156: Any Other Business.**

**Banking** – The changing of the signatories on the bank mandate is proving to be a drawn out process.

*Action: Clerk to pursue.*

**Six Mile Bottom Social Club** – The Clerk reported a telephone call from Geoff Woods of the Club. Their constitution has to be changed before they can receive any assistance from the Council and this has already been explained to them.

GC advised that the Pavilion there had been vandalized and she had contacted the Police.

**Gt Wilbraham Memorial Hall** – John Bramwell has written stating that at the last meeting of the Trustees of the Memorial Hall, when discussing the rededication of the memorial board, it was realized that the board only includes Great Wilbraham residents. The old commemorative plaque making no mention of either Little Wilbraham or Six Mile Bottom residents. It was agreed that since £35,000 had been contributed by the Parish plus private donations making a total of over £50,000 then there should be some mention of the two villages, it was noted that both villages do have War Memorials. Action: The Chair will look at the existing board and reply to John Bramwell. EB confirmed he was happy to accept an invitation to represent the Parish on the War Memorial Hall Trust and it was agreed he would do so.

*Action Ed Brunner*

**Hills Developments** – The Chair reported that Glynn Mutton of Hills had written again with regard to their request for a further meeting. He was reminded that the Council had declined such a meeting by 3 votes to 2 and that the support Hills Developments were referring to in their correspondence was from individuals acting on their own account. It was resolved that the Chair would reply to Hills latest correspondence following previous resolutions.

**Six Mile Bottom Notice Board** – GC reported that this had now been erected and that when SCDC came to look at the board they had fixed the bin as well.

**Street Lighting Little Wilbraham**– DH said that some roads in the villages were unsafe as a result of reduced levels of street lighting. PL confirmed he had asked the engineers installing the new lights at the time of installation, they had confirmed the spacing conformed to European standards.

**Police** – No longer attend meetings because of cutbacks. Members were encouraged to register with e-Cops; the local liaison officer is Kelly Hanigi at Linton. There has recently been a spate of burglaries in Six Mile Bottom.

**Fireworks** – RC expressed concern as to the length of the “firework season”. It was agreed that next year the Council would place a warning about the safety of animals in the Warbler. The Clerk advised concerns about the burning of industrial waste should be reported to Environmental Health at SCDC or ECDC depending on the location of the miscreant.

**16/156: Resolution**

Under S100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that Agenda Item 11 involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Part 1 of Schedule 12A as amended to the Act

**16/157: Contract of Employment of the Clerk**

Agreed that the Chair would line manage the Clerk and that he has delegated authority to agree terms and conditions with the Clerk.

**16/158: Next Parish Council Meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm at St John’s Church, Little Wilbraham

**16/147: Close of Meeting**

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