Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting**

**held by video conference at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st October 2020**

**Present:** Cllr McCubbin, Cllr Lane, Cllr Cody, Cllr Humphrey (chair), Cllr Gill, Cllr Carter, Cllr Tilbrook

District Councillor Claire Daunton

Graham Cone

Hayley Livermore-Clerk

**71/20-21: Open Forum** –

2 residents spoke in objection to the planning application featured later in the minutes.

**72/20-21: Apologies for Absence**- None

**73/20-21: Declarations of Interest**- Cllr Tilbrook for item 78, 79 and 86

Cllr Gill for item 76 and 89

**74/20-21: District councillor reports-**Circulated before the meeting

**75/20-21: County Councillor report-** No report sent and Cllr Williams not in attendance

**76/20-21: 6 Station Cottages London Road Six Mile Bottom**

**Reference: 20/03788/HFUL-**

PC object to planning application asthe original planning application for the site in 2018 (which included the building of No.6), made four references to restoring the chimney on the end of the terrace therefore rebalancing the building as part of its case. This new application goes against some of the original reasonings and case given for building No. 6, removing but not replacing the chimney leaves the terrace looking unbalanced. Proposed by DG, seconded by AC.

**77/20-21: PC rep for memorial hall-** Cllr Humphrey approached by chair of the memorial hall to ask for a representative from LW and SMB PC for the memorial hall committee. Cllr Humphrey volunteered and all were in favour.

**78/20-21: Little Wilbraham church request for donation-** PC has received a letter from the churchwarden asking for a donation towards the church roof repairs. Whilst we realise that the church is used for village activities as well as worship the law permits us from donating towards the fabric of the church; funds can only be used for grounds maintenance. DH to respond.

**79/20-21: Anglian Water treatment plant- Joint villages objection**- Noted that LW and SMB PC signed the joint villages letter of objection to the move of the Anglian water treatment plant. All were in favour of signing this other than DG who objected and HT who abstained due to an interest.

**80/20-21: Allotment membership-** It was agreed not to take a local authority membership with the allotment association. Clerk to notify all allotment owners that they do not have allotment liability insurance and give details of where to obtain this should they wish. Allotment rent will not be raised in 2021 as planned as we are no longer paying allotment society membership.

**81/20-21: Website-** New regulations came into force in September which means that all parish council websites must comply with Website Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AA rating so that websites meet Accessibility Guidelines as set in the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility regulations. Our website does not meet these requirements. A statement to this affect and detailing what we are doing to rectify the situation will be added to our website. The clerk will arrange a meeting with GW parish council to discuss.

**82/20-21: Defibrillator-** Cllr Gill approached the Spar shop in SMB who were happy to have the defibrillator moved there following the closure of the social club where it is currently sited. Agreed a budget of up to £400 for electrical work. DG to progress with Spar.

**83/20-21: Covid19 Village support-** Group is not needed much at present but is on stand-by should there be a second wave or a local lockdown and the need for people to isolate again.

**84/20-21: Local plan call for sites-** SMB have released details of all sites that have been put forward for possible development following the call for sites. There is one site in LW and one very large site in SMB. These will be evaluated and many sites will be dropped from the list, therefore the PC will keep an eye on developments regarding this going forward**.**

**85/20-21: Cricket pavilion-** We have been approached by a cricket club who are interested in using the pavilion and grounds for matches. Clerk has given them the name of the contact in SMB who deals with the pavilion. It may also be worth trying to re-engage with the land owners of the cricket pitch- SMB estates. Clerk to follow up.

**86/20-21: Necaap consultation-** Necaap consultation closes on Monday 5th October. All to respond with comments which will be collated by DH and sent to the clerk for submission.

87/20-21: **Clerk pay increase**- In line with NALC guidance clerk has been given a 2.75% pay increase which will be backdated to the 1st April 2020.

88/20-21: **Finance**

**Cheques since the last meeting (signed by Cllr Carter and Cllr Humphrey)**

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| 794 | CGM | Grass cutting | £549.60 |
| 795 | H Livermore | Wages | £310.29 |
| 796 | MiJan Limited | Audit | £70.00 |
| 797 | H Livermore | Wages | £346.57 |
| 798 | HMRC | Clerk tax | £9.60 |
| 799 | CCC | Street lighting | £146.47 |
| 800 | Red Shoes accounting | Payroll | £45 |

**Bank reconciliation and budget update**

Clerk unable to do formal bank rec as bank statement not arrived. As of 9/8/20- 26,290 in the bank. Since then we have written cheques to the value of £700, taking balance down to £21600.

**89/20-21: 20/03526/HFUL The Mayfair London Road Six Mile Bottom-**

As the amendment to the previous application has only changed the description, the same objections to the original application apply. The council objects to the planning application for the following reasons. Proposed by DH seconded by DG.

Loss of privacy
The site elevation drawings imply that only sheds and a greenhouse are visible on the horizon but 1 Station Cottages and Station House (incorrectly marked as New station house) are affected.  No 1 Station Cottages in particular will suffer from overshadowing. The windows of any new building must all face away from other properties (i.e. only facing the field and No. 7) to maintain privacy. On the plans both a ground floor and window and a skylight face back towards 1 Station Cottages and the garden of 2 Station Cottages.
Loss of light
In addition to No1 Station Cottages as a house suffering loss of light, the gardens of No2 and No3 will also suffer from loss of light and overshadowing.
Parking situation**-** The parking area is a concern as residents feel it is already cramped, and are concerned for emergency vehicle access. There are also concerns that the parking arrangements which were given permission for in 2018 on this site has not been followed to the letter which has created parking problems.
Layout and density- It is yet another dwelling on a site which is becoming cramped. Design and appearance- It appears to be what is essentially a 1 bedroom standalone residence with 2 floors, rather than an annexe. It is also very high for an annexe, the height is more in keeping with a house. Noise- Issues with noise from gravel in nearby houses. If this was to be approved, please ensure noise cancelling gravel is used.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th November at 19:30 via video conference.

The meeting closed at 21:15

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ LITTLE WILBRAHAM & SIX MILE BOTTOM PARISH COUNCIL**