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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th August 2016 at 7pm in Atworth Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs. Effie Gale-Sides (Chair), Arnold Snowball, Alan Bagnell, Richard Clark, Alan Lee, Maureen Weston and Phil McMullen (Clerk)

Ref. **Agenda items**

82/16 **1. Welcome**

Effie welcomed those present to the meeting of the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting.

83/16 **2. Apologies for absence**

Phil reported that apologies had been received from Charles Boyle due to ill health. Ros Cooper had also tendered her apologies this evening.

84/16 **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no relevant declarations of interest expressed on this particular occasion.

5. Closure of meeting for public participation

The meeting was closed in order that members of the public could raise issues of concern

6. Public question time

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

7. Reconvene meeting

The meeting was reconvened.

85/16 **8. Planning Applications**

8.1. Reference: 16/05799/FUL
Application details: Stonar School Coombe Lane Atworth Wiltshire SN12 8NT
Demolition of existing two storey accommodation building and erection of single storey classroom building with associated services and landscaping. Change of use from Residential Institution (C2) to Non-Residential Institution (D1)

Effie asked if everyone had taken the opportunity to study the plans online. Further time was taken looking at the plans and photographs to hand. It was noted that the exterior (Cedar cladding) is to be cream and grey and not bright orange as shown in the drawings. Furthermore it was remarked that the redevelopment would look a lot better than the existing buildings.

The buildings were hidden away and wouldn't be visible from the road. Alan Lee noted that there would be no impact on our precept.

There were no further comments.

Action on the Clerk to notify Wiltshire Council (the Planning Authority) of the Council's view on this Planning Application.

86/16 9**. Finance**

i. Approval of Payment Schedule to date and authorisation of cheques.

There were no cheques presented for reimbursement at this meeting.

Direct Debits were submitted for approval as follows:

Approvals for month ending July 2016

Payee Name	**Gross £**	**Payment Details**
Philip McMullen	283.68	Salary and office allowance July 16
HMRC	70.92	HMRC income tax for wages
P. McMullen - Amazon refund	31.59	Amazon refund for defibrillator pads
P. McMullen - WALC refund	54.00	New Clerks training course Oct 16
Gary Gale-Sides - Amazon Refund	4.60	ID card holders
Gary Gale-Sides - Amazon Refund	5.99	Lanyards
P. McMullen - SLCC	48.00	SLCC annual membership

Maureen Weston proposed and Richard Clark seconded that the Payment Schedule was a true record and that payments were made as per the schedule. This was agreed by all of those present. The schedule was accordingly initialled.

87/16 **10. Any Other Business**

10.1 Arnold Snowball mentioned that he had emailed Effie (c/c the clerk) asking about a planning application regarding a new frontage on an original stone building in Atworth. Effie explained that application (reference W/15/11032/FUL) this had been considered at the meeting held on 18th November. No comments had been submitted. The Clerk confirmed that Arnold Snowball had submitted his apologies at that meeting. A revision to the application (reference 16/06046/FUL) for the erection of a two storey extension to front elevation and raise roof over existing single storey kitchen, a resubmission of 15/11032/FUL at 38 High Street Atworth, had been considered at the July 2016 meeting, at which Arnold had been present, and again no comments had been submitted.

Arnold Snowball then questioned whether we should have planning meetings separately or not. Effie explained that the decision had been taken to hold monthly meetings with all present rather than hold separate planning meetings, as all councillors should be included and be equally responsible.

Alan Lee reminded the meeting that there had been occasions when not all planning committee members had been available (through ill health etc) so it made sense to move the process to the full council meeting. He did feel that Arnold had made a valid point in that it was unhelpful to hold the planning item deep into the agenda, however. Effie agreed that the Planning section could be held within the Public Participation section of the agenda. Planning had been moved to an earlier part of the previous meeting.

Action on the Clerk to ensure that planning is raised to a higher point in the agenda in future.

10.2 Richard mentioned that the gate to the Rec still hadn't been erected.

10.3 Effie mentioned that regarding the school sign, Sarah Horrell, Chair of ATAG had written to say that " it really is much improved !"

10.4 The Give Way sign at the top of Neston Lane towards the junction of Bath Road is obscured by branches.

Action on the Clerk to notify Highways of the issue

Post Minute Note: SERVICE REQUEST # 764807 submitted 16/08/16

10.5 Effie remarked that the two cars parked partly on the footpath outside the Bear Garage were obscuring the sign pointing to Melksham and Bath when leaving Neston Lane. Arnold Snowball has spoken to them about this. He also commented that the large Coffee sign there should be moved. It was suggested that the Clerk introduce himself to the Manager to discuss these.

10.6 People in Mead Park are disappointed that the double yellow lines have not been extended further. Alan Bagnell said that Terry Chivers had been invited to see the situation and had promised action. This resulted in the original consultation which showed the proposed restrictions as much further into Mead Park. Following Wiltshire County consultation, there were concerns from the public and Highways. In April 2015 the outcome was that Wiltshire Council decided to significantly reduce the yellow lines proposed by the Parish Council. Effie remarked that the new lines at Mead Park do at least protect the junction and is in accordance with the Highway Code, but unfortunately the footpath is still subject to more vehicular damage.

10.7 Alan Bagnell said that the bales of hay which are being moved are not covered. The hay is going everywhere collecting in the gutters. It seemed that contractors were at fault. Effie said that we have looked into this before – mud is seen as hazardous, insecure loads are seen as hazardous, but there is nothing against some loose hay and straw being shed.

10.8 Regarding the letter to Wiltshire Council from a resident concerning an uneven tree cut on Bradford Road referred to at the July meeting – Atkins (consultants for Wiltshire Council) had sent a reply which referred to entirely the wrong tree.

10.9 Alan Lee remarked that at the July CATG meeting, Wiltshire Highways had offered to locate a new School Sign near the corner of Coronation Road if the Parish Council were willing to pay 50% of the costs (rather than the third which is normally required) – the cost being £250 of which we would need to find £125. Effie asked whether there were any other costs involved, whether there was an installation cost, and confirmation as to whether this proposed sign location was legally within the specified distances as given in the Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 4.

Action on the Clerk to seek more information

Clerk to remind people on Facebook to use the Wiltshire Council reporting app at

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirereport.htm

Post minute note: action completed 16/08/16

88/16 **11. To Confirm the Date of the Next Meeting**

21st September 2016 at Atworth Village Hall.
19th October
16th November
21st December (Community Resilience Meeting)
18th January 2017
15th February
15th March
19th April

Signed……. **Date …….**