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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday 24th February 2022 7:30pm – Village Hall (Parish Room)

036/22 Public Forum

There were approximately 25 members of the public present. Most had attended to listen to the Taylor Wimpey presentation (041/22) and others had come to speak against, or in support of, the change of location of the community shed at Cherry Tree (042/22).

Community Shed (see also 042/22)

Concern was raised by near neighbours regarding the relocation of the shed and that it was not simply a shed. Safety was raised as a concern with the use of power tools being used outside as well as concern regarding dust and the hours and times of use. The neighbours asked that the council did not vote the change of location through.

There was much support on the night for the community shed from residents of the parish. In particular, mention was made of the need to provide a meeting place for those who feel isolated and would welcome some company; the Football Club Secretary described it as a Youth Club for the elderly. Another gentleman described the 'shed' as being an excellent opportunity for those who may access the facility and as a result may help with mental health issues.

Taylor Wimpey (see also 041/22)

Members of the public spoke on the following:-

- Recognising that the site is in the Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan attention must be given to: -
 - Parking in the area;
 - Hayes Lane - the state of the road/highway and surrounding area;
 - Sustainability i.e. that the site is environmentally friendly;
 - Community benefits i.e. the provision of a long awaited Scout Hut and some allotment space on the site, (a Community Shed was also mentioned but this already has a planned location)

037/22 Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Those present: Parish Councillors N Beer (Chairman), C Casdagli, N Griffiths, E Grundy, A Roberts, J Slipper, P Smith and N Smith. Also present the Clerk Mary Burroughs.

Apologies Parish Councillors D Estyn-Jones, C Leyland and H Sherwin-Smith.

County Councillor Mitchell was not present but provided his report for the month by email; this was circulated to council members in advance of the meeting. District Councillor Youtan was not present at the meeting and sent her apologies following the meeting. Cllr. Ritchie sent his apologies before the meeting commenced but these were not noted in time for the start of the meeting.

038/22 Declarations of Interest and Notification of Change to Members' Interests

Cllr. Roberts declared a personal interest in matters relating to Six Acres. There were no other Declaration of Interest or changes to Members' Interests.

039/22 Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** proposed and seconded Cllrs. Roberts and Beer that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 27th January 2022 be accepted as a true record. All in favour.

040/22 Clerks Report on Matters Arising from previous council meetings

Parish Council Meeting – January 2022

027/22 – All planning feedback sent to Horsham District Council (HDC).

027/22 iv. Land at Lower Broadbridge Farm – Slinfold Parish Council's (SPC's) response was sent and circulated as agreed.

027/22 v. The Taylor Wimpey meeting has been organised (see 041/22).

027/22 vi. HDC has been advised of the inactivity on the Holmbush site.

029/22 - Broadband - the position regarding the latest responses has been shared with residents that were interested in joining a scheme. Feedback is being collated by Cllr. Leyland but it is not looking hopeful that a scheme can be offered for Slinfold.

032/22 – Charging Points - Cllr. Griffiths has circulated a paper 'for comment' by council prior to giving feedback to WSCC. *Councillors have been invited to comment.*

Previous Meetings – Update and Outstanding

- 104/21 – Cllr. Smith - Working Group, to be rearranged following further information coming forward from HDC on the local plan. In light of Taylor Wimpey proposal meeting to be arranged.
- 023/21 - Slinfold Emergency Plan – to be presented by Cllr. Roberts at this meeting

041/22 - Taylor Wimpey – Presentation on the Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) site scheme for Hayes Lane from:-

- i) Stuart Oldroyd – TILCo
- ii) Jen Samuelson – Barton Wilmore Planning Consultants
- iii) Elliott George – Taylor Wimpey

A scheme of some 47 dwellings was presented to the Parish Council by the representatives above regarding the development of the SNP site in Hayes Lane. Reactions and comments from the Parish Council relating to the presentation follow: -

- There are too many houses proposed for this development, 18 was originally planned for the site; a scheme of this size never formed part of the plan voted for by the parish.
- The SNP as agreed by the residents of the parish showed a linear development opposite the existing housing in Hayes Lane, this may equate to around 20 new dwellings.
- The developer advised that the increase in numbers proposed is trying to help HDC meet their housing targets.
- Water Neutrality Statements – this is currently an issue and will take a while to resolve but it does allow the developer 'the time to get the scheme right'.
- The current lack of parking and the condition of the road was taken away as a matter to be considered as part of any forthcoming application.
- There is a large piece of green space towards the back of the proposed development; this will remain as green space and will not be built upon (**categorically confirmed by the presenters**).
- Scout Hut and Allotments – the provision of a long-awaited hut and some allotment space was a matter stressed by SPC that would provide significant community benefit. Taylor

Wimpey advised that a Scout Hut had previously been proposed and that they would take away the parish's desire to try to satisfy these requirements.

- Grey Water – a full statement of sustainability will come forward with the planning application.
- Future consultation – there will be an Open Day by the summer so that parishioners can look at the latest plans and comment on the same.

The Chairman thanked the Taylor Wimpey representatives for coming to the meeting. SPC awaits their further advices.

042/22 Community Shed at Cherry Tree

A discussion took place regarding the relocation of the shed given the information received from A2Dominion that it cannot be built on the previously agreed location. It was **RESOLVED** (Proposed Cllr. Grundy, Seconded Cllr Slipper (all in favour) that the shed will be placed at right angles to the Football Pavilion.

The comments made during the public session were noted and the following was agreed i.e. that the Management Committee being formed will include in their brief: -

- a. Health & Safety regarding the use of power tools.
- b. Dust Extraction.
- c. Keeping the area around the shed tidy.
- d. Monitoring times of use.

Near neighbours were invited to propose a representative to join the 'shed' committee. The Clerk will ask the neighbours to nominate a representative to be part of the committee.

043/22 Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Mitchell was not present at the meeting. His report to council had been distributed in advance. Clarification was given regarding the dropped kerb at the church and there were no further questions.

There were no questions for Cllr. Youtan or Ritchie.

044/22 Local Plans

- i. **The Planning Report** was presented to the Parish Council by **Cllr. Beer**. The report previously circulated was reviewed, approved and the Parish Council ratified the decisions made by the Planning Committee as appropriate. Details follow:

Planning Reference	Address of application	Nature of application	Comment
DC/21/2655 (amendments)	Lower Lodge Cottage, The Haven	Amendment to planning permission DC/19/0400 for the erection of a two-storey side extension and infill of existing covered porch, to include the conversion of an existing garage into a study with a link to the main house and the addition of a three-bay detached oak carport/ garage.	No Objection
DC/22/0079	Holmbush Manor Farm	Conversion of existing single storey stable building to form 2No. single dwellinghouses	Strong Objection refer to comments on the HDC portal
DC/22/0056	Chaldens Cottage, Guildford Road	Erection of a single storey rear conservatory (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed).	No Objection

DC/22/0180	Collyers, The Street	Demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of a new garage and office/dog wash/log store with accommodation above	No Objection in principle but concerns regarding garage becoming a separate dwelling (overlooking neighbours, water neutrality and parking)
DISC/22/0018	Crosby Farm, Lyons Road	Approval of details reserved by conditions 2 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) ,3 (updated barn owl report),4 (drainage strategy),5 (Surface water drainage),6 (contamination),7 (finished floor levels),8 (underground services) and 11 (materials and finishes) to approved application DC/21/0498 (24 dwellings, demolition of existing and erection of replacement cricket pavilion with associated storage and car park, accessed from Lyons Road, including all associated works)	Objections - SPC feel some conditions not properly discharged
DC/21/2139	Moorcroft Racehorse Centre, Huntingrove Stud	Conversion of an existing garage to provide additional staff accommodation.	No objection -but can the application be validated without a water neutrality statement as this is a new dwelling?

The PC received a copy of the February 2022 planning report which highlighted all planning applications currently outstanding awaiting a decision as well as decisions made by HDC during the month.

Other Planning Matters

- ii. Other applications received since the publication of the agenda – None
- iii. **The Planning Report** it was **RESOLVED** to approve - proposed and seconded Cllr. Beer and Roberts; all in favour.

045/22 Finance and Establishment

- i) **Monthly Payments** – it was **RESOLVED** to approve payments totalling £5,447.36 (as circulated and reviewed by the members' present, proposed Cllr. Beer, seconded Cllr. Roberts, all in favour) for **February 2022**. Councillors reviewed and approved the payments as listed. Cllr. Sherwin-Smith will release the online payments as approved. Details of salaries are available upon request.

Payee	Particulars	£
Mrs M Burroughs	Feb-22	
Mrs M Burroughs	Home phone, Broadband, Travel etc	£100.10
Mr J Pilkington	Feb-22	
Mr T Harrison	01/02/2022 (Hours in hand)	£0.00
WSCC Pension	Feb-22	£375.04
Southern Electric	Jan-22	£76.57
Slinfold Village Hall	YC £114 (1454), PC 32.25 (1447)	£146.25
Grasstex Ltd	Side up pavement	£295.14
A W Spiller	Desktop/Monitor/Speakers and Webcam for Home Office (BALANCE)	£772.99
Horsham District Council	Feb-22	£16.10
ADK Professional Builders	Materials and Base (55%)	£2,282.50

TOTALS**£5,447.36****046/22 Slinfold Emergency Plan**

Cllr. Roberts provided an update on the Slinfold Emergency Plan. The new plan has been refreshed and simplified and is currently in draft pending completion. Cllr. Roberts informed council about the Major Emergency Team (MET), how escalation procedures and contact will work and what the team will consider in terms of communications and actions. Further work is required to recruit volunteers and complete the plan so that it can be circulated to council. **It was agreed that the MET will meet to progress this further at a date as advised by Cllr. Roberts.**

047/22 Announcements**Chairman**

Vanderbilt and the Six Acres Balancing Pond - Cllr. Beer provided council members with an update on the recent communications between Slinfold Parish Council (SPC) and Vanderbilt regarding the adoption of the balancing pond. Southern Water has stated that they will not adopt the pond. SPC has advised Vanderbilt that they may wish to propose options for a way forward, bearing in mind the indemnities already in place in the signed licence.

Queens Green Canopy - Cllr. Beer advised that as part of Horsham District Council's commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, HDC are supporting a Queen's Green Canopy initiative. HDC propose to donate a free specimen tree to each of the District's Parish and Neighbourhood Councils to mark the occasion. This tree can be planted in a suitable location on either District or Parish Council land. It was agreed to suggest two possible locations i.e. the Lowfield green and the KGV Green space as options and that a Mulberry Tree be planted.

Clerk – None**048/22 Updates from Outside Bodies - None****049/22 Articles for the next magazine** – Annual Meeting of the Parish**050/22 Next agenda** – Football goals for Training area at Cherry Tree (Grant)**051/22 Date of Next Meetings**

Day	Date	Info	Meeting Start	Venue
Tuesday	29-Mar-22	FINANCE	6:00pm	Cherry Tree, Tennis Club
Thursday	31-Mar-22	PARISH COUNCIL	7:30pm	Parish Room, SVH
Thursday	14-Apr-22	Recreation & Environment	6:30pm	Cherry Tree, Football Pavilion
Thursday	14-Apr-22	Highways and Byways	7:30pm	Cherry Tree, Football Pavilion
Friday	22-Apr-22	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	7:00pm	Main Hall, Village Hall
Tuesday	26-Apr-22	FINANCE	6:00pm	Cherry Tree, Tennis Club
Thursday	28-Apr-22	PARISH COUNCIL	7:30pm	Parish Room, SVH

Meeting closed 9:50pm