

Minutes of a meeting of Yeovilton Parish Council held on Tuesday January 9th 2018 held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Yeovilton at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs. R.S. Jones, Chair, Mr. P. Browncey, Mr. D. Board, Mr. A. Elliott, Mr. M. Lewis, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. Robert Graydon, CRO RNAS, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Eleven members of the public attended.

103. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. B. Barlow & PCSO J. Winfield.

104. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were signed as correct.

105. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interests.

106. Open Session

Mr. Capozzoli provided a leaflet, and spoke on proposals to create a Garden Town on either side of the A.303 from Podimore to Babcary consisting of some industrial units & some 15,000 dwellings. Mr. Capozzoli highlighted that insufficient houses are being built at present within SSDC area, and this would go some way to supplying this number. It was noted that any comments on these proposals have to be with SSDC by noon on January 11th. The Chair took a straw poll of members present, and ten were opposed with two abstaining.

Questions were asked reference funding, employment, A.303, flooding impact and time line on these proposals.

Mr. Emilio Pimentel-Reid asked the Council to support his request that as there is only a 30 MPH speed limit for part of Bridgehampton, he asked that the whole of Bridgehampton is subject to the 30 MPH limit.

Mr. R. Crang informed the meeting that when the speed limit was first discussed, County Highways had rejected having all of Bridgehampton within the Order, despite the Parish Council asking for it.

Mrs. Hickman stated that there has been no decision on her application 17/04126/FUL on land rear of the Rectory, Pyle Lane, Yeovilton for change of use of land and formation of riding arena and erection of 2 no. field shelters.

Mrs. Hickman strongly expressed her concerns at the reasons given by SSDC Area East in granting, at Committee, application 17/03792/FUL for Mr. & Mrs. N. Hardy at Weir Cottage, Weir Lane Yeovilton for the erection of a dwelling, as this had indicated that there were facilities in the area, to justify permissions to build in Yeovilton village and this could well open up much more development within Yeovilton village. Mr. Capozzoli stated that he had taken the application to SSDC Area East Committee and on a vote had been granted.

Mr. David, adjacent neighbour, stated that he had been harassed over his views on the application. This was noted.

Rev. J. Webb highlighted the flooding at the end of Church Street, Podimore, and was informed by Mrs. Jones, that County Highways have Emailed to confirm that works are on the list to be done by County Highways to remedy the issue in 2018.

Mr. A. Hickman informed the meeting that there had been flooding at Bridgehampton.

107. RNAS matters, Police & Community issues & Church matters

Mr. Robert Graydon, CRO gave his report & highlighted the following issues -

a) The flooding issues at Stockwich / Bridgehampton. Mr. Graydon stated that he has consulted the MOD reference the flooding issues, & DIO had stated that there had been no flooding since 2014. This was challenged, with DIO stating that their policy is to only react to issues. This was not well received. It was highlighted that there is a trash screen in the river Cam at Bridgehampton, which needs to be cleared of rubbish to prevent flooding.

b) Gate opening- traffic issues. Mr. Graydon stated that the build up of traffic was due to greater security checks, and also RNAS have given support to the request for the 40 MPH speed limit from Ilchester to RNAS on the B.3151.

& c) There has been some embarrassment that the old picket fencing at the end of the runways, which has yet to be replaced, blew down in the recent high winds, ending up all over the Yeovilton Road, resulting in Mr. Crang's sheep having some extra grazing.

Mr. Lewis, County Councillor asked if RNAS had given an opinion on the Garden Town proposals, to which Mr. Graydon replied that he was aware that the Member of Parliament, Marcus Fysh had met with the Commodore, and he would report back at the next meeting.

The Council noted that RNAS Air day will be held on July 7th.

The Council noted the apologies received from PCSO J. Winfield & the Emails received from the Police via Farm Watch.

Rev. B. Faulkner stated that he had no issues to report on behalf of the Church.

108. Planning matters

The Council noted that there was still no decision by SCC to date, reference SCC application 17/01166/CPO at RNAS for the construction of a 360 sq.m. Waste Transfer Station to replace existing Recycling & Waste Management Centre.

Mr. Capozzoli reported that application 17/03792/FUL for Mr. & Mrs. N. Hardy at Weir Cottage, Weir Lane Yeovilton for the erection of a dwelling had been considered at SSDC Area East Committee, at his request and had been granted by the Committee. The comments made earlier were noted.

The Council noted that there was no decision to date for application 17/04126/FUL for Mrs. C. Hickman on land rear of the Rectory, Pyle Lane, Yeovilton for change of use of land and formation of riding arena and erection of 2 no. field shelters.

The Council noted that there have been no applications received from Mr. Mark Stevens, Stockwich Farm, Stockwich to erect agricultural storage building or from Mr. M. Edwards for Manor Farm, Yeovilton.

In the absence of Mr. Barlow, there was nothing reported reference the reasons given from SSDC Area East in granting of application 17/03792/FUL.

The Council considered the proposals for the Garden Town and after discussion, it was agreed to highlight potential flooding impact on the Parish, particularly Podimore and its impact on the local Communities, due to the number of dwellings being proposed, these comments to be sent to SSDC Planning Policy officers.

109. Financial matters

The Council noted that the balances at 31/12/17 were Current a/c £267.81p & Business a/c £3,515.61p
Payments received - nil

Payments

09/01/18	100377	£57	HMRC paye
09/01/18	100378	£20.18	P. Horsington expenses

The Council approved the payments & the cheques were signed.

The Council discussed the Budget & Precept, and on the proposition of Mr. Board, seconded by Mr. Browncey, unanimously agreed to add £250 to the Precept making the amount required £2,750, noting that there is no longer any Council Tax Support Grant, and there will be now a minimum external audit fee of £200.

110. Highway matters

It was noted that the request for the 40 MPH speed limit from Ilchester to RNAS Yeovilton is progressing.

The Council noted, that following the Working party looking at the West Camel proposals, it had been agreed not to continue with the joint approach at this point, as their proposals greatly impacted on Podimore village. Mrs. Jones stated that there is to be a meeting of the Council, with representatives of Highways England at the end of the month, from which she will report back.

Mr. Browncey referred to an Email from the Camel Expressway Steering group, with Mr. Lewis giving the background to the group. This was noted.

The Council noted that County Highways have now confirmed the works with the flooding issues at the end of Church Street, Podimore, is on their list of works for 2018.

The Council considered & fully supported the request to include all of Bridgehampton within the existing speed limit, this being from the village sign at the Chilton Cantelo direction.

111. Flooding issues

The above issue at the end of Church Street, Podimore was noted.

112. County and District Councillors' reports

Mr. Lewis, County Councillor reported that Highways England were only concerned with the A.303 & it was County Highways that are responsible for all other classes of roads.

Mr. Lewis informed the meeting that it was expected that the County Council will increase their Council tax rate by 2.99%. The Police & Fire service have a separate figure. Also Adult services have a separate allocation from Central government.

Mr. Lewis reported that there will have to be 12 – 16 new Schools built in Somerset to deal with future numbers of pupils. This was noted.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor, stated that he is to attend SSDC Area East Committee, otherwise he had nothing else to report.

113. Tree matters

Mr. Elliott stated that there were no issues to report.

114. Rights of Way

No issues were reported.

115. Correspondence

The Council noted the correspondence from the Yeovil Town Running Club giving notice of two events being held on Wednesday April 11th & Easter Monday. Clerks Direct was also available.

116. Items for report, or for the agenda of the next meeting

There were no matters raised, except to note that Mr. Browncey will chair the next meeting.

The Council confirmed the date of the next Parish Council meeting for Tuesday February 13th 2018 at St. Bartholomew's Church, Yeovilton at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending, and closed the meeting at 8.54pm.

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