

MEETING OF THE ETCHILHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 JULY 2016 at 8.15pm in the VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mrs Bridewell, Mr Holgate, Mr Nash, Mr Smith and Mr Woods (Chairman)

Apologies:

In attendance: Mr & Mrs Freeman

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Mrs Bridewell and Mr Woods declared interests in Item 8 – Planning 16/04842 and 16/02344 & 16/02349 respectively and were granted dispensations.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising

- Play equipment:
 - The thank you event for Bishops Cannings PC and Mr Eric Clark attended by Councillors had been enjoyed by all.
 - The question of a circular bench seat round the oak tree was considered and it was agreed that it would be better to locate a seat just away from the tree. Mr Holgate suggested a semi-circular seat and this was agreed. Mrs Bridewell would take the suggestion to the Social Committee which would purchase it.
 - Mr Woods reported that the oak tree was now growing over Mr Hopgood's garden. It was agreed that Mr Smith would contact tree surgeon, Mr Ian Pocock, for an assessment and quote, including any requisite planning permission.
 - Safety Inspection. A copy of the contract between Mr Roberts and Bishops Cannings PC was awaited.
- HM Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday – following the Council's agreement to purchase commemorative medals, Mr Woods would distribute these. Mrs Bridewell agreed to see if the Social Committee would donate the cost of the medals to the Council.
- Defibrillator – Mrs Bridewell reported that Mr Hopgood wanted to attend the next Social Committee meeting to discuss who else could do the regular checks of the defibrillator. It was suggested that Mr Roberts might be interested.

4. Points from the public

Mrs Freeman asked about the possibility of e-mailing PC meeting notices to interested parishioners not living close to the notice boards.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr Nash reported

- a. Balances: Lloyds Bank - £572.08
 Nationwide - £146.11

- b. Payments authorised/ratified:
 - Mr D Stevens – grass cutting £295
 - Queen's Birthday Medals £128.40

- c. VAT refund - £320.05 had been claimed

6. Highways

Concrete slab near Manor Orchard – Mr Smith reported that this had not yet been fixed.

7. Correspondence (see Annex) – to discuss and agree action

- Devizes Area Board Minutes of 16 May 2016 were tabled – NFA
- Other items were on the agenda separately

8. Planning Applications

- 16/04842/FUL – Wayside Lodge: Extension to existing residential dwelling. Mrs Bridewell declared her interest as a neighbour and her dispensation was applied. The Council had no objections.

- 16/02344/FUL – Manor Farm (All Cannings): To build below ground clay lined lagoon for storing dirty water associated with the dairy unit of the farm and extension to existing farm track.
- 16/02349/FUL – Manor Farm (All Cannings): To build a concrete pad for storing silage and extension to existing farm track.

Mr Woods declared his interest as an adjoining land owner and his dispensation was applied.

The Council considered both applications, which overlapped and were revisions of previous versions, very carefully. Both were

considered totally unacceptable. They were inaccurate, lacking in information, technically deficient and ill founded. Further no public notices had been displayed at the existing track entrance to the sites and no real attempt to address road safety.

The Council found it quite extraordinary that in the light of its original very strong objections the applicants had not moved all their proposals away from Etchilhampton but had actually moved them to the proposed new ultra-sensitive environmental location. They ought to go to brownfield or greenfield sites closer to Manor Farm All Cannings where they would be much more suitably located. As proposed the applications were an outrage to Etchilhampton and its residents as well as completely unjustified.

Draft objections were agreed for submission subject to refinement and finalisation by Mr Woods.

Mr Woods would write to Mr Philip Whitehead, Wiltshire Councillor, asking him to object and call in the applications for Committee hearing. Mr Woods would try to obtain more information about the proposals and their background and seek out the views of third parties to enlist their support for the Council's objections.

It was agreed that the draft objections would be circulated by Councillors to residents whose e-mail addresses they had. Mrs Freeman would supply further e-mail addresses. All addressees would be asked to support the Council's objections.

9. Reports of meetings

- Annual Parish Meeting held on 31 May – Mr Woods reported on the meeting which Councillors had attended. A written report from Wiltshire Police had been received and Councillor Mr Philip Whitehead had reported Wiltshire developments and discussed at length the problems with the recycling depot on the A342. He had said that most of the concerns should be addressed in due course as part of the planning permission conditions. As Highways Councillor he was alert to the road problems being created on the A342.
- Devizes Area Board – Mr Woods reminded Councillors that Councillor Whitehead had been appointed Vice-Chairman.

Mr Woods himself had been surprised that the Board had appointed him a member of DCATG.

10. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed.

ANNEX

1. 16/02344/FUL – Manor Farm (All Cannings): To build below ground clay lined lagoon for storing dirty water associated with the dairy unit of the farm and extension to existing farm track.
2. 16/02349/FUL – Manor Farm (All Cannings): To build a concrete pad for the storage of silage and extension to existing farm track
3. 16/04842/FUL – Wayside Lodge: Extension to existing residential dwelling.
4. Minutes of the Devizes Area Board meeting held on 16 May 2016