

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Occasional Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th April 2014 in the Reading Rooms at 19.30

Present: Neil Britten (NB) Chair
Mike Bird (MBi)
Robin Chapman (RC) Minutes taker
Olly Hares (OH)
Gill Parkinson (GP)
Judith Helliard (JH)
Simon Jasper (SJ)
John White (JW)
Fleur de Rhe Philipe (Wiltshire Council) (FdRP) part of meeting

14/11 Apologies

Mike Butler, John Willcox

14/12 Declaration of Interests

JH declared an interest in Planning Application 14/02545/FUL

14/13 Minutes of the Occasional Meeting of 18 November 2013

The minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated. They were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

14/14 Matters Arising from the Quarterly Meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

All actions not in the Agenda have been cleared.

14/15 Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

None.

14/16 Planning Application 14/1900/LBC

The plans were tabled with photographs. The Chair explained the application with particular reference that the footprint would not change and that the changes would be at the rear of the property. JW moved 'No Objection'. It was seconded by JP and agreed unanimously.

14/17 Planning Application 14/02545/FUL

The Chair explained the application and that it had a concrete floor. He doubted that a Full Application was necessary. JW moved 'No Objection'. It was seconded by SJ and agreed unanimously.

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14/18 Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chair reported:

i. Steiner School (SAF) traffic through Lyes Green. SAF were amenable to receiving a deputation from those who had been most vociferous at the APM and were prepared to arrange for some parents to be available. However, having spoken to Mrs BUTLER, it was evident that she did not want to be involved in a deputation, believing that sufficient had been said at the APM. She accepted that there was only one term left before they were due to leave the site, when the issue would go away. There had been no approach to the PC from any of the other protagonists at the APM. The action was therefore deemed to be closed.

ii. Neighbourhood Plan. The general conclusion of the APM was that to proceed with an attempt to generate a Neighbourhood Plan would result in expenditure of a lot of time and effort, unlikely to yield any useful results. The PC would proceed as agreed by some further confirmatory investigation on the specifics of how the National and Wiltshire Core Strategy affect and constrain what could be achieved and then file a reasoned and agreed position. OH said that the procedure laid down by the Government was too onerous.

iii. Old School Playing Field (OSPF). There are no plans to cut down the trees except as normal thinning. It was reported that Malcolm Holley is suggesting 17 oak trees be planted in memory of the 17 members of the Parish killed in the First World War. It was suggested that these oak trees be identified from the trees already planted. MBI said that Andy Brake, a tree specialist, has said that it is too late to lay the hedge on the north side. The people would be coming in Oct/Nov to trim or lay the hedge.

iv. Church First World War Memorial Service. It is believed that the PCC is to discuss a service to be held on the Corsley Memorial Playing Field.

14/19 Streetscene

The Chair reported:

i. Field access in the Hollow. The Wiltshire Council had issued a letter.
Action: SJ to check.

ii. Field access in Fuzzy Lane. The Wiltshire Co-ordinator had been contacted. David HELLIAR had written to the PC explaining the process they had undertaken to ensure that the new opening was within the planning rules. Through Longleat, their landlords, they understood that West Wiltshire, as it was at the time of their consultation, had indicated that this opening was a permitted development.
Action: SJ to check.

iii. Divers Bridge. Branches still require to be cut down by the contractors.
Post meeting note – the debris from the tree has now all been removed.

iv. Spoil heap at the bottom of Deep Lane. The PC had received an E Mail from Mrs da COSTA asking if the PC could arrange for the heap to be removed. She was

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anxious that the mature oak tree behind the heap could be harmed. On the previous occasion that this issue had been raised, it was the PC view that the land on which the heap was deposited was almost certainly owned by the Dyke family. An enquiry was made to the then Community Area Co-ordinator, but with no response. Gerald DYKE had agreed to move the pile when convenient. The previous agreement that the issue should be left to the farmer to carry out when convenient was re-affirmed. The Chair had advised Mrs da C. to contact Gerald directly.

v. Dog fouling notice. No further action required.

14/20 Footpaths and Kissing gates.

There are 25 kissing gates and some may require repair. Mr Millard of Wiltshire Council was asked and said the Council would foot the bill. The Joy Hares's gate near St. Margaret's church was priority for repair. There is a meeting on the 23rd April with Mr MILLARD to discuss footpath issues and Wiltshire's position would be double checked.

14/21 Correspondence/Communications/Meetings with Outside bodies.

i. Longleat/Caravan Club traffic and 20 mph speed limit. The Chair reported that the access to Longleat and the Caravan Club via the White Hart and Geys Hill is closed until June due to badger activity. Further discussion will be taking place. At the same time he referred to the request by the Warminster Area Board for applications for 20 mph on any roads in Corsley. After discussion and advice from FdRP it was agreed that that there was no need for a 20 mph speed limit in the parish.

ii Road closure at Deep Lane. The Chair reported that a letter had been received from Wessex Water in response to discussions with him that Deep Lane would be open for traffic except from 0930 to 1530 each working day. The work will start on 22nd April and will last about six weeks.

iii Thoulstone Wind Turbine. A wide ranging discussion took place. The site of the proposed turbine is in the parish of Upton Scudamore. It is closer to the houses in Chapmanslade than Upton Scudamore. There was a meeting chaired by Julian Bower on Saturday 5th April when information and a committee was sought to oppose this application. The Chair and Vice Chair had attended this meeting. As the application will formally be submitted to Upton Scudamore PC it will be necessary for other PCs, such as Corsley and Chapmanslade to ask for the details of the application if the PC views are to be taken into account by Wiltshire Council.

Action required asking Wiltshire Council for permission for the PC to make a formal comment on the application.

FdRP said it would be very helpful if other PCs supported Upton Scudamore PC which she expects to oppose the application. She expected the National Trust to oppose because the Trust owns Cley Hill which will have a very clear view of any wind turbine erected at the site. FdRP said Wiltshire Council would welcome support in opposing the application.

All PC members confirmed that they had received the pre-planning information provided by Seren Energy and, on the basis presented in this documentation, expressed a general view against the proposal.

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There is meeting on Friday 11th April at the Manor Farm hosted by Chris da Costa on behalf of the “Stop the Thoulstone Wind Turbine Group” for all to attend and express their views. There will also be a “Community event”, on 28th April 1530 - 2000, at a place to be decided, at which the Applicant, Seren Energy, will seek support and consultation from the public. PC members agreed to make every effort to attend.

Post Meeting note – the meeting is confirmed as being in Chapmanslade Church.

iv The Bridge – Request for Financial Contribution Following discussion it was agreed that the PC would pay £120 for the financial year 2013/2014.

v. Sturford Lane fence. The Chair reported that he had contacted the owner of the property who agreed to check on the need for planning permission.

vi. Wiltshire Council – tick awareness campaign. The letter was given to JH and leaflets given to those who asked.

vii. NSPCC – Donation request for Child Line. It was agreed to take no action in line with Council policy on donations to organisation outside the parish.

viii. Steiner School – Request to use the car park and field on Saturday 10th May for a jumble sale. The Chair said he would check with David Carruthers if the Festival Choir or the Church required the car park. Subject to neither wishing to use the car park the PC had no objection.

Post meeting note – David C was informed by NB, but was nonplussed as to why he should have been ! SAF has been informed of the PC decision by NB

ix. Water Farm Bye-way. NB had been contacted by Mr da COSTA re the Bye-way 18, which runs past Water Farm across to Cley Hill farm. The new owners of land adjacent to this bridle-way wished to use it for heavy farm machinery to service the arable cultivation. On each side of the newly acquired land, were other areas owned by Messrs da COSTA, BALHAM and BURROUGHS. Their concern was to maintain the character and permitted use of the bridleway. They had developed an agreement, offered to NB for vetting, which they intended to get the new owner, Mr DOEL to sign. If signed this would preserve the rules for appropriate use of the bridleway.

x. Grant Thornton – Notice of Annual Audit of Accounts. This was noted and the Parish Clerk can take action.

xi. Thank you letter from Corsley and Chapmanslade PCC for donation. This was noted.

xii. Request to put up poster for the Sarsen trail & Neolithic Marathon. This was noted. A poster can be put up.

14/22 Date of Next meeting. 12th May 2014 at 19.30 in the Reading Rooms. It will be the Annual General Meeting.

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