

# Corsley Parish Council

## Minutes of the Occasional Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 November 2013 in the Reading Rooms at 19.30

Present: Neil Britten (NB) Chair  
Mike Bird (MBi)  
Robin Chapman (RC)  
Olly Hares (OH)  
Gill Parkinson (GP)  
John White (JW)  
Mike Butler(MB)  
Judith Helliard(JH)  
Simon Jasper(SJ)

In attendance: John Willcox (JDW) Clerk  
6 x members of the Parish

### **13/109 Apologies**

None

### **13/110 Declaration of Interests**

Olly Hares

Olly explained that he worked for the agent that had put together Planning Application No 13/04796/OUT, but that he had no material interest in whether the application was approved or not. Following discussion of the rules regarding Councillors' interests (Statutory Instrument 1159 Part 2) it was agreed that Olly's could be classified under those relating to "Personal Interest" and as such he could contribute to any discussion and vote that took place regarding this application.

### **13/111 Minutes of the Occasional Meeting of 23 September 2013**

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

### **13/112 Matters Arising from the Quarterly Meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

13/51 Royal Oak Green – It was reported that there appeared to be little information on the history of the green. It was agreed to take this item off the Agenda and for the Clerk to write to Wadworths confirming that the Green was in the Parish Councils ownership and that they had no objection to its use by the Royal Oak providing that it was kept in good order and that it was never totally enclosed.

### **13/113 Planning Applications**

**13/04796/OUT** Erection of 3 detached dwellings; at land at Squires Coal Services, Lane End, Corsley.

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The Chair summarised the application and the content of 2 written communications received from parishioners whose houses are adjacent to the proposed development

During the opening discussion Olly advised that the density of housing proposed was in line with Local Authority recommendations and also clarified what was being proposed with regard to drainage and sewage.

It was agreed that the members of the Parish who were present should be allowed to participate in the discussions.

The general feeling was that there was no objection to the use of the site for housing as opposed to its existing use but that there were concerns/reservations regarding the orientation of the houses on the site which, being on an elevated position would have significant privacy implications for these properties. Concern was also expressed about the drainage, there already being drainage issues in that area.

After much debate it was resolved that the Parish Council would support the application in principle but would expect to see in any subsequent detailed application consideration of issues of concern; drainage, intrusion on neighbouring properties and density – the Parish Council would be very concerned if any subsequent application was for more houses than is currently being suggested for the site.

**13/04996/FUL** Proposed new driveway access at Corsley House, Deep Lane, Corsley

Following discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council had no objection to this application.

### **13/114 Correspondence/Communication with Outside bodies**

**Material dumped at Deep lane.** The Chair had talked to the landowner who agreed to move the tree debris as soon as possible and the sand in due course. The tree had now been moved by the land owner.

**Widening of Bridleway** Gill had investigated and reported that there are no plans to widen the bridleway, but simply to clear it and take it back to its original width.

**Donation from Elizabethan Evening** The Chair reported that a donation had been received from the Elizabethan Evening which was to assist with the maintenance of the Old School Playing Field (OSPF). At the last PC meeting Mike Bird had agreed to look at the situation regarding the OSPF and to consider options and costings for same. Mike tabled a paper which it was agreed would be considered at the Quarterly meeting in December. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and thank the Elizabethan Evening for their generous contribution.

**CATG Meeting & Longleat Traffic Meeting** Details arising from these meetings had previously been circulated. It was reported that a further meeting was planned to discuss the Longleat Traffic, this had been scheduled for 27 November 2013.

Simon reported; that the A362 work is on track, that the contractor involved in completing the preliminary drainage work has been sent back in to complete the digging

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out of drainage ditches in adjoining farmland and putting additional pipework in the area of the Sturford Mead entrance. A362 work updates continue to be posted on the Bridge website. He has had a meeting with the Community Steward Coordinator and raised a number of tasks for completion by the Stewards.

**Meeting with Members of the Playing Field Committee** The Chair reported on the meeting with members of the Playing Field Committee where they further clarified the situation regarding their financial position and the basis of their application for an increased donation from the PC.

### **13/115 Footpaths**

Copies of the correspondence between the West Wilts Ramblers and Mr Burroughs of Cley Hill Farm had previously been circulated. Following discussion it was agreed that the PCs position is no different from when this was discussed before. The issue is between the two parties and until such time as agreement is reached the PC will not get involved.

### **13/116 Any Other Business**

**Drainage by St Margarets Church** Judith reported that the bollards by St Margarets Church that had been put there by the Highways authority to warn of the drainage issue were still there and nothing had been done to resolve the problem. Simon advised that the matter had been reported. Simon asked that if anybody does report anything via CLARENCE can they also keep him advised in order that he can follow up if necessary.

**Hedges along Huntenhall Lane** Mike Butler asked if the PC could ask Chapmanslade PC to look at the hedges along Huntenhall lane.

**Purchase of NALC Publication** The purchase of the NALC publication, 'Local Councils Explained' was approved.

### **13/117 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 19.30 – Quarterly Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.45

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