

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th June 2014 in the Reading Rooms at 19.30

Present: Neil Britten (NB) Chair
Robin Chapman (RC)
Mike Butler (MB)
Gill Parkinson (GP)
Judith Helliard (JH)

In Attendance John Willcox Clerk
Guy Marson Chair of Governors SAF for Agenda Item 4
3 x members of the public.

14/40 Apologies

Apologies were received from John White, Mike Bird, Simon Jasper and Fleur de Rhe Philippe.

14/41 Old School Playing Field (OSPF)

The meeting started at the OSPF in order that the PC understood the issues around the maintenance of said field.

It was agreed that essentially there are three issues; the grass cutting, both in the area where the trees are not planted and the area where they are; the trees themselves and the boundary hedge.

With respect to the grass cutting the unplanted area is straightforward, it is just a question of agreeing the periodicity of the cuts; in the planted area, the gaps between the saplings are not regular and in some parts the gap is insufficient to allow a mower through, thus making it more difficult and therefore more expensive to cut the grass to the required height. MBI has an existing agreement in place regarding the grass cutting. It was suggested that when this agreement finishes it should be reviewed, in particular the option of using the CMPF mower should be explored.

With respect to the trees; it is obvious that some saplings have died, others appear to be very close together. With the different mix of trees there is a question about the area required for the healthy growth of the trees as they mature. If this aspect has not already been covered by the discussions MBI has had with various parties it was suggested that Wiltshire Council have a tree advisor who may be prepared to help, or the Woodland Trust may be another organisation to approach. If the advice received is that it would be beneficial to move some of the trees it was assumed that this would be best done in the Autumn. At which time a fresh look could be taken as to where to plant. It was agreed that the previous Chair of the PC be approached to see if there is a plan of the original planting in existence.

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With respect to the boundary hedge; pending any views held by Mbi, the feeling was that nothing be done. This to be reviewed when more information regarding the area required by the trees growing closest to the hedge is available and/or when any decisions are taken on the moving of trees and their eventual placement are made.

14/42 Declarations of Interest

None

14/43 Steiner School

Guy Manson, Chair of Governors of the Steiner Academy Frome (SAF) was in attendance at the meeting and was invited to update the PC.

Currently the situation regarding SAF is a movable feast. They have been advised the old Frome Hospital will not be available on the date originally planned, the beginning of the academic year, 2014/2015. They are currently planning on moving in at the end of the mid term holiday in October 2014. They have negotiated an extension of the current lease with the owners of the Corsley Centre until the end of January 2015 subject to getting an extension to planning permission from Wiltshire Council. The planning application has not yet been submitted but it is imminent, they have been led to believe there will not be a problem getting such an extension. Thus, realistically they are hoping to get an extension until the end of the year but hoping to be in by the beginning of the second term. (They are meeting with the builders on 13 June to establish if there is any chance of getting in in September.)

They are expecting 26 more pupils at the beginning of the year, which will take them up to 180 in total. This will mean another classroom, their current approval makes provision for an additional area to be provided. It is not anticipated that the additional pupils will have a commensurate effect on traffic; 17 of the 26 are siblings. It is thought the remainder will travel on the school bus. In response to a request Mr Manson agreed to re-iterate to all users of the school the agreed traffic plan and to stress the concerns of the local community regarding the use of the routes to and from the school.

SAF will obviously be looking to extend the lease with the PC regarding use of the car park and access across it. The PC agreed to consider this when a planning application is received, it was further agreed that NB, OH and MB should be delegated to discuss the implications of this at the appropriate time and make a recommendation to the PC.

Mr Manson was thanked for his input and promised to keep NB apprised of developments.

14/44 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 12 May 2014

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

14/45 Matters Arising from the Annual General Meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

14/38 PC Meetings Schedule The Chair advised that he had not yet finalised his

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thoughts on this and would hope to report back to the next meeting.

14/46 Planning Application -14/03800/FUL

Following discussion, during which it emerged that the extended lease on the Corsley Centre by the SAF would go with the sale, it was proposed by JH and seconded by RC that the PC have no objections to this application. This was unanimously agreed.

14/47 Streetscene

It was agreed that in the absence of SJ, this Item be deferred.

14/48 Longleat and Caravan Park Traffic

The Chair reported on the meeting held on 3 June 2014 between members of the Caravan Club management, NB, RC, Mr M Taylor of Lane End and Mr J Phillips of Longhedge. It was established that Longleat estate control the ingress and egress of traffic onto the estate. Further that Longleat are responsible for the brown road signage and the implications these have for traffic flow and management. Following discussion it was agreed that the next step was to involve again the representatives of the Longleat estate.. The Chair to action.

14/49 Parish Accounts

Audit Report The Annual Return for the Financial year ended 31 March 2014 was approved

PC Accounts for Year ending 31 March 2014. A discrepancy was identified. The Clerk was asked to correct this. In addition the Clerk was asked to report on the background to the Len White Account at a future meeting.

14/50 Correspondence

- ≡ Splash Wiltshire Noted and agreed to put notice up.
- ≡ Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust Noted, agreed to pass to MBI
- ≡ Develop Enhancing Community Support Noted and agreed to put notice up.
- ≡ Wilts Clinical Commissioning Group Noted, JH advise that she planned to attend one of the meetings planned.
- ≡ Wilts Council - Request to discuss Affordable Housing Agreed that the Chair, RC and OH attend meeting planned for 23 June
- ≡ Wilts Council – First World War Commemoration Event Previously circulated to all PC members with a request to pass on to anybody interested.
- ≡ Wilts Council – Notification of training and update sessions on Development Management – Dates to follow. Noted and when dates received, to be circulated to all PC members

14/51 AOB

The Clerk reported that a planning application had been received that morning. As it had not been notified in advance it was not possible to consider it at this meeting. It was agreed that it be considered at a meeting on 30 June 2014

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It was reported that the Kissing Gate into the show field had been installed. The Show Committee to be asked if they want a plaque put on it at their expense. The Chair to advise.

14/52 Date of Next meeting.

Occasional Meeting - 30 June, 19.30. See 14/51 above

Quarterly Meeting – 1st September, 19.30 at the Reading Rooms

Quarterly Meeting – 8th December, 19.30 at the Reading Rooms

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