

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Occasional Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 February 2014 in the Reading Rooms at 19.30

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

In attendance: John Willcox (JDW) Clerk
6 x Parishioners

14/01 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Mike Bird and Judith Helliar

14/02 Declaration of Interests

None

14/03 Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of 9 December 2013

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

14/04 Matters Arising from the Quarterly Meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

13/127 Little Cuckoos – The Chair reported that he and Olly had met with representatives of the The Little Cuckoos and that they had agreed to contribute to the maintenance of the OSPF. This payment had already been made.

13/131 Correspondence – The Chair reported that he had replied to the parishioner who had expressed concern about an advertising hoarding in a field adjacent to the A362

13/132 Any Other Business It was reported that the issue relating to the hedge along the A362 footway had been dealt with.

14/05 Planning Applications

It was proposed that the parishioners present be allowed to speak to the application re Squires Coal Yard when this was discussed. This was agreed.

13/06902/FUL Retention of stable block and change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use. (Amendment to approved scheme W/12/01492/FUL); at Gloworm Cottage Corsley Heath.

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The Chair took the meeting through the history of this application. The meeting felt that the applicant was making some attempt to address the concerns that had previously been raised and following discussion it was agreed that the PC would support this application.

13/07129/OUT Erection of 2 detached dwellings; at land at Squires Coal Services, Lane End, Corsley

A letter from the residents of an adjoining property detailing their concerns and suggestions to address these was tabled.

During a wide ranging discussion , opposition was expressed about the location of the proposed buildings within the site; one of the buildings was right up against the boundary and the height of the buildings which would mean significant privacy issues with the adjacent properties. (It was also noted that the position of one of the adjacent properties to the site was shown incorrectly on the plans submitted.) The point was made that this was an outline application and that given the nature of the site there could be a requirement to decontaminate it which would probably mean a reduction in the base level which would mean a reduction in the overall height of the proposed buildings.

The PC agreed to submit the following to the planning authority:

The Parish Council reiterate their previous decision to approve this application in principle and applaud the proposal to reduce the number of houses on the site. However there are strong reservations regarding the proposed layout and the height of the houses vis-à-vis neighbouring properties and the impact on the privacy of said properties. The council would wish these concerns to be reflected in any detailed application made in future. It was also noted that the position of at least one of the adjacent properties is incorrectly shown on the plans presented.

14/00430/TPO T2, T3 & T4 – Oak trees – remove dead wood on playing field side.

It was noted that this application now includes a Tree Surgeons' report. It was agreed the PC would approve this application.

14/06 Longleat Traffic

The chair reported on the various meetings that had taken place regarding this issue and sought the views of the PC on the next steps to be taken.

It was agreed that the next stage would be to seek the views of the residents of Whitbourne Springs, Longhedge and Knapps Gate. It was further agreed that the Chair draft a consultation letter, circulate for general PC comment and approval and then distribute the agreed document to all the affected residents.

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14/07 Parish Meeting

The Chair reported that following a discussion with our County Councillor it had been arranged for a member of the Planning Department with some experience of Neighbourhood Planning and Localism to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

14/08 Correspondence

The various correspondence was noted. The Clerk sought guidance on the volume and type of ‘correspondence’ that Councillors wanted to see. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward items received to the Chair who would take a view on whether it should be circulated generally.

14/09 Any Other Business

Steiner School A question was asked as to whether there was any news on the progress of their intended move at the end of the academic year. An incident was reported where rubbish had been swept out of one of the transport buses into the car park and just left. It had been reported to the administrator. It also does not appear that the Steiner traffic is operating the one-way system that had been agreed. The Chair agreed to follow up these matters in his next meeting with the Steiner School.

Street Scene Simon reported on his meetings with the Parish Steward (Imogen Dallimore) and the Area Engineer. He requested again that if defects are reported via CLARENCE could the reference number be advised to him in order that he can follow up if necessary.

Footpaths Gill reported that the County have agreed to provide items of equipment to achieve small improvements/repairs. She advised that she has a ‘team’ of regular walkers who have been asked to report issues.

14/10 Dates of Next Meetings

Monday 10 th March	Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 12 th May	AGM
Monday 9 th June	Quarterly
Monday 1 st September	Quarterly
Monday 8 th December	Quarterly

Their being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.50

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