

COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 1st March 2016, commencing at 7.30pm. There were no public questions

Members Present: Chairman – Cllr P Hood, Vice Chair – Cllr R Angell,
Cllrs Bedi, Brooks, Bryant, Kinane, Jackson, Richardson and
Smith

Officers Present: Mrs K. Jones – Clerk and Financial Officer
Mr Paul Stimpson, - Planning Policy Lead Officer SBC

Members of the Public: 1

PC/15/105 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Cllrs Elum-Smith, Grewal, Laxman and PCSO Christopher Davies

PC/15/106 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

PC/15/107 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None.

The Chairman reminded members of the need to stay within the agenda and if anything arises where a member has an interest they are to leave the room and not take part in the discussions.

PC/15/108 LOCAL PLAN/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mr Paul Stimpson, Planning Policy Lead Officer from Slough Borough Council attended the meeting and gave apologies for Pippa Hopkins, Senior Planning Policy Officer SBC.

He outlined the background for the need for an updated Local Plan in that government policy had changed and there was the need to look at evidence to support the local plan. Although the housing market area was the same the need had be assessed as three times greater than before, now requiring 927 new houses a year. This means over the next twenty years half as much hosing again would be required (presently is 53,000)

The challenge is how to meet this housing need. The town has expanded outwards as far as possible so some Greenfield sites need to be released. The town centre re-development proposals also looks at flats on the top of the Queensmere. One response is for South Bucks to consider a northern expansion – a garden suburb. The present government policy of converting offices into flats would gain around 600/700 units but this would mean the loss of employment opportunities in the long term. It is proposed to shrink the town centre to a large district instead of a regional centre. The third runway would also have a massive impact on road networks, housing and employment.

They had spent a year getting to this stage and now the first stage of public consultation was being undertaken with the Call for Sites and realise that some unpalatable options had been put forward to meet the target.

It is proposed to assess options put forward in the call for sites in the autumn, however there are two outside factors; 1) if south bucks are willing to take up the northern expansion proposal and 2) the decision on the third runway.

A Local Plan enquiry cannot run alongside the Heathrow one so it may be written up as far as possible but have to wait until after Heathrow is decided. (2020)
SBC could claim exceptional circumstances preventing them from completing the Local Plan by the 2017 deadline.

A list of sites could be published without any comments to gauge peoples' views which then could be put into an urban capacity study which is evidence based.

The Chairman asked if SBC could go back to the government and say the area is already full to capacity and overcrowded with traffic and pollution issues. Paul Stimpson explained that the onus is now on individual councils. The population is already in Slough so the duty is to build for them there is no mechanism to reduce 'need'

Cllr Bryant asked

- Out of the existing 53,000 homes how many are empty?

Reply – 2%

- Make the shopping centre better before bigger

Reply – Re balancing the town centre with homes for workers stressing it is a good place to live with good links. Diversify age and class to revitalise the centre.

- Loss of greenbelt and wildlife

Reply – The loss is far higher if you intensify the suburbs than if you build on low value Greenfield sites.

- Area is already struggling to cope with doctors, schools, hospitals and police.

Reply – All based on the current population projection not bringing people in.

Cllr Jackson asked about Colnhenge – could SBC get this sorted for housing.

Reply – In this case the works cannot be guaranteed so it would be best knocked down. SBC looking at a 'Use or lose' clause for planning permission this would free up sites for housing

The Chairman asked in regard to the parishes Neighbourhood Plan whether the parish could input into the Local Plan as another way of doing this working together to produce something that everybody was happy with.

Paul Stimpson advised that firstly you need to ask what you are trying to achieve. Do you want to build houses, if so a neighbourhood plan is a way to do this? If you want to control other issues like traffic there are other ways to do this rather than a neighbourhood plan? There may be a better way to achieve objectives. SBC could offer more help and advice on issues like traffic control and the conservation area. Probably about 80% of issues could be resolved by working with SBC.

Cllr Jackson stated that as the parish council had started the process and the fact that residents know this meant that they should be asked what they want included in a Neighbourhood plan. The council would get criticised if it did not ask residents for their input. He suggested asking residents to come to meetings. Cllr Bryant suggested using the drop in sessions.

Paul Stimpson advised that requests had to be realistic as if not the plan could not be delivered. It is not as simple as asking what residents want there have to be

parameters. He would be happy to meet with the councils working group (Cllr Grewal and Elum-Smith and Mike Nye) to discuss the way forward.

Cllr Smith referred to the Call for Sites and advised he had circulated a list asking for members comments by 02.03.16. in order for this to be return by the deadline of 04.03.16

PC/15/109 SERVICES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th February 2016 were submitted by the Chairman **RESOLVED**: - that the minutes be received and approved, and that the recommendations made be ratified.

PC/15/110 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

i) The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th February 2016 were submitted by the Chairman **RESOLVED**: - that the minutes be received and approved, and the recommendations made be ratified.

ii) List of Payments:

The list of payments in the sum of £6,816.55 (Inc. vat) from 16th January 2016 to 16th February 2016 was received. **RESOLVED**: - that the list of payments be confirmed and approved.

PC/15/111 PLANNING

There was 1 new application for consideration at the meeting. The outcome being;

Planning Application Ref: P/09961/010

Registration Date: 15-Feb-2016

Application Type: Submission of Details

Main Location: **Brook House & Future House, Poyle Road, Colnbrook, Slough, SL3 0AA**

Proposal: Submission of details of condition 32 (surface water) pursuant to planning permission P/09961/005 dated 15/05/2015.

Status: Registered application

Members agreed to leave this matter to the drainage engineers at Slough Borough Council.

Members also noted the decisions made by the Borough Council as listed on the pink addendum sheet as read out by the clerk. The clerk also advised that the application for the re-development of Freemans Yard had been approved at Panel but the decision was yet to be listed on the planning portal at SBC. Cllr Smith confirmed this and that it had been agreed to delegate the decision on details to the Head of Planning.

PC/15/112 PLANNING GENERAL

Star & Garter – The Chairman advised that the applicant will continue to proceed with Costa Coffee proposal and will reduce the size of the extension and keep the car park as it is so that there are no implications on traffic. This would then eliminate the need for a full planning application.

Solar Farm – The applicants intend to appeal but still propose community funding, although this will be less that previously calculated and will be a one off payment.

PC/15/113 CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Cllr Bryant advised that Pippins school will be helping on Friday 4th March and that Esther Masters, Community Project Officer from SBC was helping by obtaining tools and equipment for the clean and Tesco's will be providing supplies. More help is still needed. The Clerk to advise the insurers on the event.

PC/15/114 CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of conduct training has been arranged for Tuesday 29th March 2016 in the Datchet Village Hall at 7pm. All councillors are asked to attend.

PC/15/115 PCSO CONTRACT

Cllr Hood advised that he had met with Inspector Sarah Cook to be introduced to the new Sergeant, Thomas O'Brien. The Inspector later then met with the Vice Chairman, NAG/CCA for the same purpose. At both meetings discussions ensued about the contract with the Parish Council. Combined notes for both meetings had been drawn up by Inspector Cook but these had omissions relating to the first meeting and did not properly reflect the discussions. The Inspector and others have been advised.

A letter had also been received from TVP Headquarters requesting a reply regarding renewing the contract. He read this out together with a non committal response and advised that the parish council should not agree to anything until the terms had been reconfirmed with the Area Commander. A meeting had been arranged for 15.03.16 to discuss this which the Chairman and Vice-chair would attend. Hopefully a new contract would be available to discuss at the next Finance and Policy committee meeting as an agenda item, with a view to renewing it or not.

PC/15/116 CORRESPONDENCE.

Berkshire Fire and Rescue – Integrated Risk Management Plan. Cllr Jackson to read and respond.

Heathrow Rail Link – Sponsors working on the Network Rail Western Rail Link to Heathrow project had requested to come to talk to the Parish about the project and the programme as well as the consultation. Agreed to invite them to the council meeting on 5th April.

PC/15/117 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Richardson commented on his concerns on the health and safety condition of Colnbrook Court. It was suggested that he contact SSE who would send an inspector down to this area.

He also advised that he had read that Aerospace UTC was going to close and queried a comment made that it would become another freight business.

Cllr Smith advised that he had attended the SBC budget setting meeting and that the Parish Precept had been accepted.

Cllr Hood commented on the following:

He had met with PCSO Christopher Davies on 17.02.16 and had conveyed the current perception of 'lack of visibility' of the service. He had reminded him of the requirement to meet with the council on a monthly basis. Issues including ASB, litter, Fly Tipping and traffic through the Village were also discussed.

He had attended the Good Neighbourhood meeting on the 23.02.16 where positive discussions took place regarding the launch of the volunteer scheme locally. A document to be available shortly.

SBC Integrated transport meeting 23.02.16. to discuss the 106 agreement highways works associated with DHL development on the Poyle Estate – The bus gate scheme was now almost ready for a safety audit. The scheme should help in reducing the unnecessary movement of goods vehicles in predominately residential areas.

He had attended a meeting in the Mayor’s office to discuss the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations and deliver Parish Newsletters.

Attended a NAG meeting on the 24.02.16, minutes will be made available.

He had met with Lanz regarding Clean for the Queen, they will provide help to support the community and collect litter at the end of the day. Discussions also touched on planning issues and Lanz confirmed their current plans remained as:

- Modernising and improving their waste sorting facility with a new building which they consider would be of benefit to near neighbours
- Continuing with the use of the land adjacent to the gold driving range as a car park area as has been the case for decades
- Allowing Network Rail temporary access to an area on the golf range for bore hole drilling activity in relation to the Western Rail Link underground section

The Spring Newsletter had been printed, published and circulated.

The next parish drop in session will facilitate CPR training.

Cllr Bryant commented on the Parish Drop in Session and agreed with Cllr Kinane’s request for a printed pad for recording requests / issues bought up.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm

SIGNED:

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