

COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 2nd June 2015, commencing at 7.30pm. There were no public questions.

Members Present: Chairman – Cllr P Hood
Vice Chair – Cllr R Angell
Cllrs Mrs Bedi, Bryant, Elum-Smith, Grewal, Kinane, Laxman, Richardson and Smith.

Officer Present: Mrs K. Jones - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Thames Valley Police: PCSO Christopher Davis and Sgt Daniel Burt

Members of the Public: 5

PC/15/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

PC/15/25 MINUTES

i) The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

ii) The minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th May 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

iii) The minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 19th May 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

PC/15/26 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

PC/15/27 COLNBROOK CUP 2015

The winner of the Colnbrook Cup for 2015 is Mr Laurie Paseno.

Before the awarding of the cup Cllr Smith gave a resume of why the winner for this year was a fitting and worthy recipient. He was a stalwart of the community and a hands on business man. He had owned the garage on the Colnbrook by-pass for many years and was a local entrepreneur who had, in recent years, diversified and done good deeds for the community. He had tried to re-introduce small scale farming and agriculture on the old 'Spital Farm' site with an orchard and a community farm which had been used by local primary school children and children with special needs. In a suburban environment this had been very difficult. As he was retiring this year it was a fitting tribute to mark his achievements both personally and for the village. Cllr Hood also mentioned his tireless efforts with the Colnbrook Football Club.

The cup was then presented to Mr Laurie Paseno.

PC/15/28 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk circulated to all members a copy of the recommended changes to the council's standing orders made at the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Council 19th May 2015. **RESOLVED that the amended S.0.16 be adopted as follows:-**

S.0.16. PHOTOGRAPHS OR RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS

1) Any person wishing to make pictorial or sound recordings of any proceedings of the Council should make it totally clear that they are doing so, for the benefit of councillors and members of the public alike.

PC/15/29 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATE FOR 2016

The Council **RESOLVED** to the recommended changes made at the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Council 19th May 2015, whereby the date of the Annual Parish Meeting be different to the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Council. The Clerk and Chairman to set a date between the two regular meetings in April, to be confirmed at the next meeting

PC/15/30 END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2014-2015 & ANNUAL RETURN

The Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer referred to paperwork sent out to all members relating to the end of year accounts and the Annual Return. She advised that the Annual Accounts had been returned by the Internal Auditor together with his report stating the following;

- i) The VAT should be recovered on a more timely basis.
- ii) That the clerk review the cash book heading structure.

Subsequent to questions raised and answered it was **RESOLVED** that;

- 1) The Internal Auditors comments be noted.
- 2) That the Accounting Statements for 2014/2015 be accepted and approved.
- 3) That the Internal Auditor continue for a further two years as per existing arrangements.
- 4) The Annual Return be approved and signed off by the Responsible Finance Officer and the Chairman, and be submitted to the External Auditors.

PC/15/31 PLANNING

There were 3 deferred applications for consideration at the meeting and no new ones. The outcomes being;

Planning Application Ref: P/11031/001

Registration Date: 12-May-2015

Application Type: Full Planning

Main Location: **2, Fawsley Close, Colnbrook, Slough, SL3 0QA**

Proposal: Construction of a first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage to gym.

Members made the observation that this application may be considered as overdevelopment with the loss of the garage leading to insufficient onsite parking which would in turn increase the pressure on parking in the road.

Planning Application Ref: P/16167/000

Registration Date: 13-May-2015

Application Type: Full Planning

Main Location: **6 Ryefield Terrace, Mill Street, Colnbrook, Slough, SL3 0JN**

Proposal: Construction of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension.

Members agreed to leave this to neighbours observations / comments

Planning Application Ref: Y/16169/000

Registration Date: 01-May-2015

Application Type: **Permitted Development with Consultation** (May 2013)

Main Location: **9, Brands Road, Slough, SL3 8QP**

Proposal: The erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.7m, with a maximum height of 2.9m, and an eaves height of 2.9m

Members agreed to leave this to neighbours observations / comments

Planning Application Ref: P/10199/009

Main Location: **Golden Cross Service Station, High Street, Colnbrook, Slough, SL3 0JZ**

Proposal: Demolition of existing flat roof side extension and construction of a new two storey side extension and internal alterations.

Since plans were now available for this application members wished to add to the previous comment made that this site is currently overdeveloped and any further alterations would cause yet more problems at an already congested and difficult road junction. As such Member's strongly objected to this application. In the event of any development be permitted by the Borough a section 106 condition should be in place to ensure the improvement of the road junction which causes traffic chaos and obstructions.

Members noted the decisions made by the Borough Council on the pink planning addendum list read out by the Clerk.

The Clerk then invited the PCSO present to give his report, a resume of which is attached.

PC/15/32 CHAIRMANS CORRESPONDANCE

The Clerk informed members of the consultation received from the Highway Authority regarding the M4 Smart Motorway proposal. The Chairman asked for a volunteer to review this proposal on behalf of the council. **RESOLVED that Cllr Elum-Smith review the proposals and draft a response on behalf of the council.**

The Clerk advised that a letter had been sent to the Airports Commission regarding the recent consultation on Air Pollution. A copy will be made available on the web site.

The Chairman advised the council that the clerk had written to Slough Borough Council regarding the failure to complete the Acceptance of Office by two of the recently elected councillors, namely Mrs A. K. Cheema and Miss J. Cheema. The Clerk had sought advice on the situation from both NALC and BALC (National, and Berkshire Association of Local Councils) as the governing bodies for town and parish councils, and from Mr Paul Clayden, a legal expert and the Chief Executive of the Local Councils Advisory service. The result being that the Returning Office at the Borough had be asked to issue a Notice of Vacancy for two positions on the parish council, dated 2nd June 2015.

Cllr Elum-Smith asked for confirmation on the matter and was informed that this was the correct procedure under Local Government Election Law.

The Chairman explained that this had put the council in a difficult position since the cost of another election, so close after the last one, would have to be met out of the council's precept and could potentially cost £10,000. (10%) The best option would be for the parish to Co-Opt as there would be no cost, but this will only happen if, after 14 days, an election has not been called. Cllr Grewal asked if the two Councillors involved knew about this and the clerk confirmed that they had been written to.

PC/15/33 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Smith informed members that at the recent Planning Committee at SBC, application P/16138/000 by Miwa Ltd at 9-11, DAVID ROAD, Poyle, for a new two storey building for use as a store and preparation centre in connection with the neighbouring bakery, had been discussed and insufficient car parking for staff had been raised. He had pointed out that a lot of the workers either use public transport or walk and as such he had suggested that under the section 106 agreement improvements to the footpath network and access to the site be implemented with a view to adoption by the Borough. Not only would this encourage more people to walk it would also discourage fly tippers. He asked the council to support this and put the proposal for adoption to the Borough, especially as Savio De-Cruise had mentioned the possible adoption of footpaths at his last meeting with the parish. **RESOLVED that this be an agenda item for the next Finance & Policy Committee.**

PC/15/34 MAGNA CARTA

Cllr Laxman circulated the notes from the working meeting on Saturday 30th May. There had been a good turn out and he thanked all those who had volunteered to come and help on the day and dress up for the occasion. The Chairman thanked Cllr Laxman for all the hard work he had put in and said that the event had been well promoted. Local schools had been involved with the design of shields and costumes for the day and had great enthusiasm for the event. He asked everyone to assemble at King John's Palace at 2.00pm for the procession to commence at 2.30pm lead by King John on horseback, with the Mayor of Slough in full regalia.

PC/15/35 WEB SITE

The clerk advised that the new web site was ready to be launched along with the Facebook page and asked everybody to look out for and use this facility.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

SIGNED: DATE

Subject: Report by PCSO Christopher Davis on Tuesday 2nd June 2015

Overall there had been a 50% decrease in crime which was at its lowest rate since 1973.

1. Burglaries

There was a slight increase in burglaries but again these were lower than at this time last year 2014.

2. Traffic

The pro-active campaign at Brands Hill was continuing to warn drivers who were double parked and who were turning into the BP garage. Section 52 notices and warning letters had been issued and they were working with the shops to enforce this.

The double yellow lines had been installed and this now was the jurisdiction of SBC traffic wardens and the camera cars but TVP would help enforcement if resources were available.

3. Fly Tipping

Two fly tippers had been caught and under section 73 of the Environmental Health Act. SBC to enforce. This had come about through information received from the public. TVP had also been stopping vehicles to see if they had the correct licence for what they were carrying i.e. tree cuttings, scrap metal. NAG are to get involved.

PCSO Christopher Davis introduced Sgt Daniel Burt to the meeting who would chiefly be involved on the Poyle Industrial Estate.

4. NAG

PCSO Christopher Davis reported that these meetings were now going well and all were welcome. This group was replacing the old neighbourhood watch and involved the parish council and the SBC highways team tackling problems in the area.

Cllr Kinane asked, with regard to the statistics given last time, were warehouses included in the figures of burglaries from sheds? This was because the warehouses at Brook Farm had been burgled at least three times to date from access through the recreation ground and over the ditch. PCSO Christopher Davis advised probably not as these were from residential statistics and not commercial.

Cllr Elum-Smith enquired as to 'Hot Spots' and PCSO Christopher Davis advised they were none it being opportunist in nature with no particular area targeted. He encouraged the public to report to them and discuss home security.

5. Other Matters

Cllr Smith asked if Fly Tipping was on the increase. PCSO Christopher Davis advised that it was and they were leafletting houses asking for them to report incidences to them. Cllr Hood informed members that SBC were looking into an initiative to reduce the cost of special rubbish collections for larger domestic items which should help to reduce the problem. NAG were working with them on this.

Cllr Smith asked if cameras could be used in hot spots to catch offenders. PCSO Christopher Davis advised this was very expensive and they needed evidence to enable installation. The cameras installed at present were ANP and not CCTV.

Cllr Kinane raised the point of HGV's blocking the road up to the central white line when waiting to fill up at the Golden Cross Garage. Cllr Hood agreed and stated there were many other issues with HGV's in the village which needed looking into.
