

COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 5th January 2016, commencing at 8.15 pm, following public questions at 7.30 pm. A summary of which is attached.

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

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

Members of the Public: 2

PC/15/84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Cllrs Brooks, Laxman and Elum-Smith

PC/15/85 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd November 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

PC/15/86 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None.

PC/15/87 SERVICES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th November 2015 were submitted by the Chairman **RESOLVED:** - that the minutes be received and approved, and that the recommendations made be ratified.

PC/15/88 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

i) The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th November 2015 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 £8,394.75 (Inc. vat) from 15th October to 11th November 2015 was received. **RESOLVED:** - that the list of payments be confirmed and approved.

PC/15/89 PRECEPT 2016/17

The Chairman referred to an email received from Slough Borough Council requesting that the council submit details of the precept level required for 2016/17 by the 14th January 2016.

He advised members that there were two options:-

- 1) It could be discussed and concluded tonight *or*
- 2) The council could decide tonight to delegate the decision to the Finance and Policy Committee which could be brought forward to meet on the 12th January to fit in with the time frame required by SBC.

A budget sheet listing the revised Budget Estimate for 2015/16 and an Estimate of the 2016/17 budget was circulated to all members for consideration. (Copy of which is attached)

The Chairman ran through the sheets and stated that the costs to date had been used to get a year-end projection and a revised budget for 2015/16. There was a likely overspend of around £4,000. This was only possible because of savings made elsewhere to cover the £6,000 plus, cost of the second election and assumed that the council would not do a Spring Newsletter. The deficit would have to come out of the reserves, which the council has. He asked members to consider that if money was taken from reserves the council could also do a smaller newsletter and add it to the deficit.

For 2016/17 the overall proposal was to raise the precept from £94,053.00 to £100,000.00. This represented an average rise of £3.30 per annum per household. With the average of over two people in each household being on the electoral role this would be £1.50 per electorate per year – or about 3 pence per week. (Around a 6% increase) This included for a sum to be put into election costs to build the fund back up for future years. He also asked members to consider if the council wished to continue to fund the PCSO post as this would be £34,065.00

Following further discussions on the details in the budget sheet provided the following comments were raised:-

Cllr Kinane felt that the funding of the PCSO post should go as the parish would still get the same level of cover from patrol cars.

Cllr Jackson spoke in favour of continuing to fund the post as although they may not be in the village 24 hours a day they are a presence and a lot of things have improved. The Chairman stated that crime figures have gone down in the community

Cllr Bryant pointed out that the council had approached SEGRO to help obtain support the PCSO post. He also asked if Colnbrook could split the post with Foxborough and was advised by the Chairman that the current agreement is that the post is designated to Colnbrook and the last meeting with TVP was very reassuring in that what they do, they do for Colnbrook.

Cllr Jackson said at the meeting he had meet all 6 PCSO's and the feeling was that if the council did not fund the post it would be to the detriment of the parish and problems would not be tackled effectively.

Cllr Jackson felt that although the proposed 6% increase to give a £100,000 budget for 2016/17, was not large it would be perceived as such by households. He asked if this could be justified.

Cllr Angell stated that the £6,000 plus, election cost shortfall had to be covered and the parish had been encouraged to engage more with parishioners so needed to do newsletters.

Cllr Jackson felt that since the Borough Council rate demand would give no explanation of the increase the parish needed to publicise it on the web site and in the Spring Newsletter beforehand.

The Chairman asked if members were happy for a newsletter to go out prior to the precept demand given that the 2015/16 budget was around £4,000 overspent without it and would be around £5,000 overspent if one was produced. He felt

there was still a duty to produce one to illustrate to residents what the parish council was doing for them.

The Chairman asked that following the discussion were members happy to conclude and approve the precept for 2016/17 tonight. All were happy to do so.

It was proposed by Cllr Angell and seconded by Cllr Bedi and **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2016/17 be set at £100,000 with the proviso that the council produce a spring newsletter to go out to all households giving an explanation of the rise. **All in Favour.**

It was proposed by Cllr Angell and seconded by Cllr Bedi and **RESOLVED** that the revised budget for 2015/16 be approved with the agreed overspend of around £5,000 including the cost of the spring newsletter. **All in Favour.**

PC/15/90 PLANNING

There were 5 new applications for consideration at the meeting. The outcomes being;

Planning Application Ref: **P/16358/000**
Registration Date: 19-Nov-2015
Application Type: Full Planning
Main Location: **23, Willow Road, Poyle, Slough, SL3 0BS**
Proposal: Alterations to frontage to form front projection and raised roof from front to rear.

Members had No Objections.

Planning Application Ref: **P/02239/003**
Registration Date: 01-Dec-2015
Application Type: Full Planning
Main Location: **1-10, Disraeli Court, Sutton Place, Slough, SL3 8XE**
Proposal: New brown PVCu windows composite doors. Replace fascias, soffits and guttering PVCu.

Members had No Objections.

Planning Application Ref: **P/15632/001**
Registration Date: 01-Dec-2015
Application Type: Full Planning
Main Location: **49, Crown Meadow, Colnbrook, Slough, SL3 0LJ**
Proposal: Construction of a single storey side conservatory and a part single, part double storey rear extension.

Members agreed to leave this to neighbours comments.

Planning Application Ref: **P/10012/007**
Registration Date: 01-Dec-2015
Application Type: Submission of Details
Main Location: **Poyle Quarry, Poyle Road, Colnbrook, Slough, Berkshire**
Proposal: Submission of Details pursuant to Condition 8 (bailey bridge details), Condition 10 (surface water disposal), Condition 11 (colour of processing plant), condition 15 (processing plant equipment), condition 17 (external lighting), condition 24 (wheel wash) of Planning Permission P/10012/004 dated 17th March 2011.

Members noted these details.

Planning Application Ref: **TPO/2015/22**
Registration Date: 10-Dec-2015
Application Type: Tree Application for Works

Main Location: **470, London Road, Slough, SL3 8YW**

Proposal: English oak (T43) - Remove deadwood due to existence of moderate sized deadwood. English oak (T42) - Remove deadwood due to existence of dead limbs over car park

Members noted these details.

Members also noted the decisions made by the Borough Council as listed on the pink addendum sheet as read out by the clerk.

PC/15/91 HIGHWAYS

Cllrs Bryant, Angell and Hood had met with SBC and walked around the parish to look at the conditions of the roads, drains, litter issues, bollards, overhanging trees, lighting, speed bumps and cobbles. It was noted that some areas were an extreme health hazard. SBC were interested in sorting out the problems but had budget constraints so pressure was needed to be put on those higher up at SBC to deal with matters.

Cllr Smith inform members of a serious accident on the A\$, where a boy of 14 had been hit by a bus as a direct result of the three lanes of traffic. Despite the SBC scrutiny committee stating the road was not fit for purpose no one was taking this up and it will continue to be a danger until the road is changed. There are still concerns over the narrowness of the junction of Laburnum Crescent onto London Road and the opportunity was missed at Christmas to widen this when the utility companies had it dug up.

Cllr Bryant stated that the bus shelter still had not been relocated to the new bus stop.

PC/15/92 LOCAL PLAN/ NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman asked if anything had happened in regard to the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Smith advised that he had no feedback from the group.

The Chairman advised that the Local Plan is being prepared by SBC and it will be written without Colnbrook's Neighbourhood Plan input if it is not completed. SBC planning will be at the Parish Forum Meeting on 30th Jan and will advise how parish neighbourhood plans will feed in.

Cllr Jackson stated that Cllr Elum-Smith had been given leave from the Village Hall Trust to concentrate on this and a starting point was needed.

The Chairman advised that funding had been available to assist in the production but it may be too late now.

The Clerk to email Cllr Elum-Smith to find out the current status.

PC/15/93 CONSERVATION AREA

The Chairman had forwarded concerns to SBC. The last Conservation Area Statement was dated Feb 1997 and back then it talked of listed buildings under threat but no notable actions have been taken by SBC.

Currently 3 listed public houses are threatened. The Red Lion, The Star and Garter and The George. He felt owners of listed buildings need guidance and help from SBC.

Other issues include Bollards that need repairing, dirt, litter and weeds that need a different cleaning/maintenance regime.

Cllr Kinane felt that if cars could be stopped from parking on the roads, and they were kept clear people from the hotels would come and use the village pubs.

The Chairman asked for other councillors to contact the Borough to press for things to be done.

PC/15/94 POTENTIAL HEATHROW EXPANSION

See under outside bodies.

PC/15/95 CHAIRMANS CORRESPONDANCE

A letter had been received from TVP asking the council to confirm its intentions with regard to continuing of the funding arrangement for the PCSO post.

A reply had been received from the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP Department for Communities and Local Government, stating that the cost of the second election was a local matter and should be resolved at a local level.

PC/15/96 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Richardson had attended the Slough Local Access Forum on 16h December and read out his report which was circulated to all councillors. Concern had been raised over the Old Slade Lane overbridge which would be closed for 12 months under the M4 Smart Motorway proposal. There was no realistic diversion. Cllr Smith asked that the council write to Highways England over the length of closure and ask for improvements to the temporary route. The council was advised that the Colne Valley Trust and Iver Parish Council had also written on this matter with the same concern. Copies to be forwarded. There was also concern over the broken fence in Pippins Park which represented a double danger because of the lake and the by-pass at the back.

Cllr Jackson advised of the NAG meeting next week

Cllr Bryant volunteered to replace Cllr Elum-Smith on the Village Hall Trust as the Audit & Corporate Governance Committee rarely needed his attendance.

Agreed

Cllr Bedi advised of upcoming meetings of the CCP, NAG and FAG – which was currently on standby. CCP had received funding from Tesco's for a trim trail in Pippins Park and turf and plants had be put into Pippins Park.

The Chairman advised of several meetings and actions which are listed on the attached addendum.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

SIGNED:

DATE

NOTES OF PUBLIC SESSION, TUESDAY 5th January 2016 7.30 pm

A resident stated that the west of the parish had been missed out on rubbish collections. Whilst red bins had been collected grey bins had not. Brands Hill had been left out over the Christmas period with no collections.

On Street View SBC give out a telephone number for residents to contact the contractor direct about missed collections but the residents feel that SBC should respond as the service provider.

The Chairman asked if residents had received the list of revised collections date and was advised Yes but they were still missed out. On the second occasion the contractor missed a whole week and the problem is not just a Christmas issue. The resident would follow up again with the contractor and the Chairman would speak to SBC.

Cllr Grewal asked the District councillors to take this up with SBC. Cllr Smith said that he had. The Contract with Amy had been extended as there had not been the time to go back out to tender and there were issues over what the contractor was expected to do. Cllr Bryant said that SBC say they will respond in 48 hours but they don't. Collection is very inconsistent.

The Chairman asked if a councillor would contact District Cllr Mrs Cheema and ask her to take the matter up on behalf of residents. Cllr Jackson agreed to do this.

The litter issue around the parish was raised by another resident, in particular the interchange and lay-by at junction 14 M25. He asked if the lay-by could be grassed over as it was an eyesore and was still being used as a tip. He personally had cleared 12 sacks of rubbish from the traffic island over the Christmas period and had forwarded photos to SBC. The whole approach to the village needs cleaning and shrubs/trees cutting back which would probably require the road to be closed.

The Chairman commented that the lights have also not worked for 2 years. Highways England had been chased up but nothing has happened. He had also asked SEGRO to take the issue up with Highways England via their consultant's contact.

Cllr Jackson would raise it at the next NAG meeting and hopefully SBC would chase Highways England

The Chairman would chase Hillingdon Council regarding their end as they were going to put this on a 2 week cleaning cycle and sort out bins by the bus stops.

He also advised that the issue of litter and flytipping had been raised on the walk-about with SBC inspectors but the parish needed more people helping to get the message across.

Cllr Angell asked the District Councillors to talk to SBC, and in particular that the labour councillors lobby SBC to take notice of the problems in Colnbrook and Poyle.

The Chairman advised that the deputy leader of SBC would be at the Parish Forum on 30th January and he would raise these issues with him along with the decay of the village Conservation Area.

Cllr Bedi volunteer to take up the issue of Junction 14 and would contact Highways England.

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