

**MINTES OF SWAFFHAM BULBECK PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING NUMBER 438**

Held in the school on Tuesday the 3rd of May 2016.

Present: Ian Woodroffe (IW) (Chair), Sue Romero(SR), Mark Rogers(MR), Bill Wicksteed(BW), Robin Sewell(SR).

Members of the public: Bill Day, Bridgette Hudson-Farmer, Kate Hudson-Farmer, Josephine Day, Andrew Holland.

In attendance: Cllr Allen Alderson (AA).

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

4020 Election of Chairman:

For 2016/17, Ian Woodroffe nominated for Chairperson, no other nominations were received; Ian Woodroffe was duly elected Chairperson for 2016/17.

4021 Election of Vice Chair:

Mary Smith nominated for Vice Chair, no other nominations were received; Mrs Mary Smith was duly elected Vice Chairperson for 2016/17.

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson read the oath of office and signed the declaration of acceptance, countersigned by SR.

4032 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Lynn Reed, Gordon Reid.

4033 NOTICE OF VACANCY

Kate Ballard of Commercial End has expressed an interest in filling the vacant position on the PC.

4034 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

4035 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

•Andy Holland (AH); stated that he thought that the lack of a web link to the Lara homes development proposal in the Bulbeck Beacon was an omission. IW responded by stating that the Lara Homes proposal currently is not on the web and there are no plans as yet only a concept.

•AH suggested that there should be some information available at the Parish Council Annual Meeting.

•IW stated that he had heard that there could be a covenant preventing development of the fields.

•Kate Hudson-Farmer: Stated that covenants preventing development were in force on the sections of field sold to residents along Pound Way for garden extensions, but she was unsure if these exist on the fields.

•KHF states that the tone of the article in BB re Lara Homes concept favoured Lara Homes, was there a PC response?

•IW mentioned that East Cams District Council (ECDC) were currently assessing a significant number of development sites that have been proposed since the planning envelope was declared illegal, ECDC plan to finish this process and publish the preliminary results in August 2016 before starting a consultation over the various sites.

•IW stated that if the planning envelope is re-instated then the Lara Homes concept would need to be developed with a Community Land Trust (CLT).

- BW stated that a rural exception would be required to develop land being discussed.
- KHF asked if the CLT looks after the whole site or just the affordable homes
- KHF asked what decision making capacity does the CLT have
- IW stated that Debbie Wildridge CLT Adviser, ECDC will be attending PC annual meeting to discuss CLTs.
- KHF stated that the fields have been surveyed with theodolites.
- IW undertook to contact Lara Homes to seek clarification on why the site was being surveyed.

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- AA noted that his name was spelt “Allen” not Allan”.
- 4009 BW asked that “BW raised the matter that the grants were previously for projects but that changed after a meeting on 15th March.” be removed as he did not state that.
- 4013 BW asked that “agrees in principle towards the proposal” be removed and replaced with “thinks that the proposal makes commercial sense”.

It was proposed by SR and seconded by BW that the minutes of meeting 435 held on are approved and signed by the chairman subject to amendment.

4037 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT

Minutes of exclusion carried forward to meeting to PC meeting on 7th June 2016 as minutes not in document package circulated.
There was no Clerks report.

4038 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC David Brown was not present at the meeting and there had been no report circulated.

4039 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Allen Alderson read from his report giving an update on the Ely Leisure Complex and the East Anglia Development Agreement.

4040 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

4041 GUTTER BRIDGE WOOD MATTERS

RS stated that there had been a working party to clear the entrance area to the woods.

4042 RECREATION GROUND AND DENNY WOODS MATTERS

SR reported that the mats around the table tennis table were loose and the edges curling up, this may present a trip hazard and that there should be another two mats at either end of the table, IW stated that there had been but that they had gone missing.

IW stated that Fenland Leisure had submitted their annual inspection report, it was however completely unintelligible. IW has asked Fenland Leisure to resubmit a reformatted report for the 7th June meeting.

4043 CEMETERY MATTERS

IW stated that a large branch had fallen from a cherry tree in the cremated remains area and damaged a head stone, the family were greatly distressed by this, the PC have obtained a quote of £TBC from Ivett and Reed for the repair of the head stone.

Motion to approve payment was proposed by SR, seconded by BW

CARRIED

IW stated that the cherry tree is dying and needs to be removed the PC have received a quote from Hearts and Cam for the removal of the tree including stump grinding of £270+vat

RS volunteered to obtain a second quote for the tree removal.

4044 PAVILION MATTERS

BW asked if minutes from previous pavilion trust meetings could be made available so that newer members of the PC can understand the history of the pavilion redevelopment plans.

4045 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

Zebra Crossing

•Notices have been posted on lamp posts declaring the planning application for the zebra crossing.

•Highways have undertaken to consult with those households near the site.

Bus Shelter

•SR proposed and MS seconded that the bus shelter is removed.

CARRIED

•PC are to obtain some quotes for removal of the bus shelter.

•SR is to write a poster to stick to the bus shelter inviting suggestions from the public as to what is done on the street corner where the bus shelter is.

•PC to have a public consultation with regards to the bus shelter at the annual meeting on the 17th May 2016

Solar Park Update

•The PC accepts the conclusion of SR's report on the viability of a solar park and that currently such a scheme would not be viable.

Housing Update

•IW has spoken to Rebecca Saunt (ECDC Planning Manager) about the status of the Village envelope and what influence the Parish Council had in planning matters where an planning application had been made that was outside the Village envelope.IW stated that Rebecca Saunt (ECDC Planning Manager) is planning to come to the 5th of July 2016 meeting, to instruct the PC on planning matters and will receive written questions beforehand.

•IW suggested that someone in SBPC attempts to contact the CLT in Swaffham Prior to enquire about its set up and role.

•SR asked that if any member of the SBPC is approached by a member of the public then the content of that approach be circulated to the rest of the SBPC, so that councillors are aware of events.

•IW undertook to prompt Lara Homes into creating a direct contact for members of the public with queries.

4046 FINANCES INCLUDING APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS to 27th APRIL 2016:

- a) Financial report
Bank statements were circulated showing that the Lloyds bank account is now closed.
- b) To Approve Bank Reconciliation for April (Lloyds and Unity Trust)
IW to find out what some of the unidentified credits into the account are.

MS proposed, BW seconded that the bank reconciliation for February be approved.

CARRIED

c) Receipts
Receipts noted

d) Payments

Payments for tonight's meeting

MS proposed, MR seconded that the payments are approved. **CARRIED**

4047 DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 17th May

4048 Dates of Next Meeting:

17th May - 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting

7th June 2016 – 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

21st June 2016 – Accounts Meeting

Meeting closed at 10.00