

Minutes of a meeting of Holwell Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th. January 2014 in the Village Hall.

Present: Neil Peirson (Chairman)
Councillors Antell, Duncan, and Pearce
District Cllr. Chris Loder
Keith Budgell (Clerk)
7 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence – County Cllr. Michael Bevan.

Declaration of Interest

1893. There were none.

Minutes of Meetings of Nov.26th. 2013

1894. These having been circulated to Councillors, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

1895. The clerk reported that Holwell Parish Council had now been registered with the Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PMSA) which entitled it to use Ordnance Survey data so long as it is not for commercial gain or commercially competitive activities.

Planning Applications

1896. The chairman reported the following:-

- i) 1/D/13/000227 – Land at Blind Lane. Erect general purpose agricultural building and sheep milking parlour. Form access track and construct bridge over stream. No objections, subject to there being no domiciliary development. **Refused.**
- ii) 1/D/13/000463 – Holwell Manor. Minor amendment to PP. **Withdrawn.**
- iii) 1/D/13/000728 – Holwell Manor. Change external wall treatment to natural stone and add 4 windows to west elevation. No objections. **Withdrawn.**
- iv) 1/D/13/001319/20 – Little Westrow. Demolish lean-to shed and garage to rear of property. Erection of part two storey, part single storey extension to rear. Internal alterations and conversion of part of roof space to studio with two dormer windows to rear roof. Removal of AGA oil flue and satellite dish. No objections. **Approved.**
- v) 1/D/13/001598/99 – Holwell Manor. Garden Room Extension. Removal of boiler room and chimney. Part removal and alteration to modern garages. No objections. **Undetermined.**

Finance

1897

- i) Current balances and bank reconciliation. The clerk reported that the accounts had been reconciled with the most recent bank statements and that both the accounts and bank statements were available for scrutiny at this meeting.
- ii) Financial Regulations. These had been reviewed by the chairman and no amendments were proposed. He highlighted that provision was made within them for awarding contracts, should this become necessary, particularly in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan. On the proposal of Cllr. Antell, seconded by Cllr. Pearce, the current arrangements were confirmed.
- iii) Mandates. In order for PAYE to HMRC and monthly Broadband payments to be made, on a proposal by Cllr. Pearce, seconded by Cllr. Antell, the Clerk was mandated to make these payments during 2014. All such payments will be reported to councillors at the following meeting.
- iv) Donations. On the proposal of Cllr. Duncan, seconded by Cllr. Antell, it was agreed to give £50 to both Sherborne CAB and Yeovil/Sherborne Samaritans.
- v) Annual Parish Meeting Minute Book. The current book having been filled, it was agreed, after some discussion, that a similarly bound book ought to be provided for the benefit of future generations. On the proposal of Cllr. Duncan, seconded by Cllr. Antell, it was agreed to obtain one from Shaw and Sons for £124.74 + VAT.
- vi) Precept. It had now been confirmed that WDDC would be passing on to parish councils the Local Council Tax Support Grant, which in Holwell's case amounted to £131. Thus on the proposal of Cllr. Antell, seconded by Cllr. Pearce, the overall precept for 2014/15 of £4500, agreed at the previous meeting, was confirmed.
- vii) Cheques to sign:-
 - 000392 – Clerk's Salary (£150) + Expenses (£84.29) - £234.29
 - 000389 – HMRC (PAYE) - £37.40
 - 000391 – Village Hall Hire 2013 - £72

000398 – Sherborne CAB - £50
000399 – The Samaritans - £50

Paid on Minute 1833 (v), dated 12/2/13:-
000383 – TalkTalk Business (Oct.) - £21.70
000386 – TalkTalk Business (Nov.) - £24.94
000387 – TalkTalk Business (Dec.) - £22.24

Village Hall/Superfast Broadband

1898. Mr. Philip Curtis was invited to update the meeting, and reported that the WCs and kitchen had been spruced up by those provided by the Dorset Probation Trust. The car park was better, with the removal of growth and use of weedkiller. Mr. Clothier had agreed to cut the hedges, and a carpenter was refurbishing the doors and providing new locks. Bingo was continuing until at least March and there would be European Elections there in May. The Village Hall Trustees had set up a website as a means of providing information and dealing with any concerns over the proposed joint planning application with a local landowner. A presentation had been held with the landowner, the hall trustees, and some councillors, with a view, if other housing development is allowed, of providing a site for a new hall. A pre-planning application meeting will be held between the landowner, the trustees and WDDC planners in the near future and will cover a S106 agreement. The trustees have arranged for Oliver Letwin MP and a representative from the DCC Superfast Dorset Project Team to attend the Village Hall on Saturday February 15th, at 9.30am to explain the latest position on the roll out of superfast broadband with particular regard to Holwell and additional government funding.

Neighbourhood Plan

1899. Cllr. Duncan said that there was nothing to report from November and December, but that matters should be moving ahead in February and March.

Parish Council Website

1900. Councillors had met to look at the options together with Edward Trist. It is hoped to produce a similarly based site to that established by the Village Hall, but one that runs in parallel and with links to it. At the same time it is appreciated that it needs to be totally independent of it. Edward Trist is hoping to move this forward in the near future.

Footpaths.

1901. Legal confirmation had been received of the diversion of Footpath 30 at Sandhills Farm and also of an order in respect of Path 12 at Wake Court, Bishops Caundle, which has been submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

Road Traffic and Accidents

1902. The clerk was asked to include road 'Maintenance' in the heading for this item in the future, aligning it with our budget heading. He was also asked to write regarding the overgrowth of the hedge opposite and south of Antells Cottage, which is causing vehicles to cross the white line, and which is difficult to cut safely being so close to the bend. He was asked to request action within three weeks.

Correspondence

1903. (i) Holwell Parochial Church Council is considering the provision of a Welcome Pack for new residents and is seeking the co-operation of the Parish Council as a community service. The idea was warmly welcomed by councillors.
- (ii) An initial consultation is taking place on the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan and also Waste Plan. These can be viewed on the dorsetforyou website, but also at an exhibition at Digby Memorial Hall in Sherborne on Thursday 23rd January from 9am to 11.15am. Responses are welcomed by Thursday 13th February. D/Cllr. Loder said that there would probably be no impact upon Holwell, although we cannot foresee how the issue of 'fracking' might affect the area in the future.

Matters of Interest and Discussion (Councillors)

1904. (i) HGVs were still a problem at Pleck Corner. Cllr. Pearce will attempt to take the registration number of any vehicles damaging the grassed area.
- (ii) Following representation from D/Cllr. Loder, Royal Mail have refurbished the Victorian post box.
- (iii) D/Cllr. Loder updated the meeting on the proposals to close the public enquiry desk at Sherborne Police Station. The Police Commissioner has announced that such a desk will be kept open in the North of Dorset, but not necessarily at Sherborne. Particularly with the high numbers of school children in the town, Sherborne has a strong case for retention. D/Cllr. Loder also feels that since rural folk pay equally for the police service, that they should not be subsidizing the urban service. Councillors asked the Clerk to write in support of the continuing service at Sherborne as part of the Commissioner's consultation.

The date of the next meeting – the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of the Parish Council - will be Tuesday May 20th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting.