

# Tidenham Parish Council

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill.**

**Present:** Councillors: Birch, Bullivant, Ford, Gregory, Molyneux, and Powell.

Officers: Clerk (Carol Hinton) plus 2 members of the public, Stuart Rackham, Robert Adams and Jake Falconer

## **1. ATTENDANCE**

a). Apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend were received from Councillors Bollen and Bowie.

**b). Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillors Bollen and Bowie.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**a). Resolved to receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members from Councillors Birch and Ford only in respect of item 11(a), Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall

**b). Resolved to consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

There were none.

## **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**a). Resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2015.**

**b). The Council considered** any questions arising from those minutes.

Councillor Birch advised he no longer wishes to act as Council representative for Severn Area Search and Rescue. New representative to be agreed when new Councillors recruited.

## **4. COMMITTEES**

**a). Resolved to receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees.**

i). Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015

There were no questions to Councillor Powell, Chairman of the committee

ii). Finance and Probity Committee meeting held on 3rd June 2015

There were no questions to Councillor Powell, Chairman of the Committee

iv). Mopla Cottages Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

There were no questions to Councillor Powell, Chairman of the committee

v). Amenities Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (draft minutes not available)

Councillor Bullivant, Chairman of the committee, gave an overview of the meeting. There were no questions.

## **5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements from the Chairman of the meeting.

## **6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

(i) Stuart Rackham, Rackham Planning Ltd, gave a pre-planning application presentation on behalf of Robert Adams of Bishton Farm. They are proposing an affordable housing, community/parish led housing scheme on land at Bishton Farm. The next stage in their proposals is to conduct a housing needs survey and they are keen to consult with the Parish Council and the community on what community facilities would be desirable at the site.

(ii) Pam Plummer, from Action4ourCare, gave an update on their progress to date. She confirmed that a better understanding of the cross border secondary health issues now existed following a meeting in London with a new team from NHS England and the Dept of Health. There was a definite feeling that new ideas could work but she couldn't give more details on the process for change whilst negotiations are going on. Mrs Plummer did confirm that NHS England is now in discussions with the Welsh Government and that Mr Hunt, Health Secretary, has written to state that he is still committed to sorting the problem out.

7. **POLICING IN THE PARISH**

No report had been received from PC Asserati of the Gloucestershire Constabulary.

**Resolved to note.**

Councillor Birch commented that there were now more noticeable patrols since the recent spate of burglaries.

8. **PARISH CLERK'S REPORT**

**Resolved to note.**

9. **FINANCE**

a). **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for May 2015.

b). **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for May 2015. Clerk to hold cheque for £2100 payable to Monmouthshire Windows until staining to the exterior walls has been removed completely.

c) **Resolved to note** Income and Expenditure Spreadsheet.

10. **STANDING ORDERS**

**Resolved to adopt** revised Standing Orders

11. **SEDBURY AND BEACHLEY VILLAGE HALL.**

Councillors Birch and Ford left the room whilst the Council considered the next item.

a) **Resolved to confirm** in writing to the Hall Management Committee that Council will consider renewal of the existing Lease at this time.

b) **Resolved to postpone** consideration of replacement gate until the July meeting when the written quotation will be available.

12. **CCTV**

a) **Resolved to note** verbal report from Councillor Ford on the up to date situation. The manufacturer is to reduce the size of the box. Councillors Bollen and Molyneux and the Clerk will attend training on the use of the equipment.

b) **Resolved** to position the 2 cameras initially 1) behind the butcher's shop at Sedbury and 2) at the end of Silleys Close, Tutshill.

c) **Resolved** that the identification of pre-wired sites for future positioning of the cameras be **delegated to** the Amenities Committee plus the Chair and Vice Chair for recommendation to the full Council.

13. **TIDENHAM WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

**Resolved** that Mr Andy Hossack be the appointed person for the Parish Council Trustee.

## 14. SEDBURY AND DISTRICT LEISURE AND GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

- a) **Resolved** to set management fee for the next 3 years at £582 per annum. Clerk to write to inform and to request a key to the allotments. Clerk to raise cheque for the July meeting.
- b) **Resolved** Clerk to write to the Association requesting clearing and vacation of the public open space in the corner of the skatepark/football field **due to its overgrown condition and apparent lack of use.**

## 15. TRAINING COURSES AND COSTS

- a) **Resolved to approve** GAPTC Introduction to Planning Course for Admin Assistant, Councillor Gregory and new Planning Chair once appointed. Cost each £15
- b) **Resolved to approve** CiLCA Training for Clerk – total cost £630
- c) **Resolved to approve** virement of funds from general reserves to Training Budget of £1000

## 16. WEBSITE

- a) **Resolved to note** website to go 'live' at or after end of day Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June.
- b) **Resolved to approve** final cost of website to be approximately £840 including photographs.

## 17. CORRESPONDENCE

**Resolved to note** any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report.  
The Clerk reported that Arthur Bell from Green Energy UK Direct Ltd had requested further consultation with Councillors reference Planning Application P0578/15/FUL – Tump Farm, Sedbury Lane, Sedbury. His concern was the decision by the Planning Committee to register an interest as possible beneficiaries of the project and to not comment on the proposal. The Clerk had replied that the Committee had made the correct decision and that whether the financial gain to the Council was unconditional or not was irrelevant.

## 18. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

**Resolved to note** matters raised by Councillors as follows:  
Councillor Gregory reported an accident Nov 2014 at Beachley Point where a member of the public was injured as a result of a landslide on a footpath for which no authority was prepared to accept ownership. Councillor Gregory will pass the information to Gloucestershire Highways.  
Councillor Powell asked about the re-introduction of the newsletter – this will be added to the September Agenda.

## 19. FUTURE MEETINGS

**Resolved to note** the dates of future council and committee meetings:  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Amenities Committee  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Full Parish Council

**The meeting closed at 21.43**