

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 IN  
BROADWAY HILL METHODIST CHURCH, HORTON AT 7.00pm

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**Public Forum**

- A) 3 members of the public attended the meeting.

Mr Baker attended the meeting to discuss a planning application he will be submitting to South Somerset District Council in the near future. The planning proposal is for 2 new dwellings in the grounds of his property at Sunnyside. One dwelling is proposed to be constructed of 2 storeys, natural hamstone and with a slate roof and which will be occupied by Mr Baker and family. The second dwelling will be constructed of single storey timber framed lodge to be used as a holiday let. The existing dwelling, Sunnyside, is proposed to be sold if his planning application is successful. All Cllrs present looked over the propose plans.

- B) Cllr Linda Vjeh in attendance. Please see attached report (**Appendix 1**) written by Cllr Linda Vjeh for SCC/SSDC Councillor Monthly Report.

- 2700 PRESENT** Cllr Christian Guppy – Chairman, David Johnson – Vice Chairman, Ann Richards, Philippa Woodman, Ray Warner, Richard Clifford.
- 2701 APOLIGIES** Cllrs Adele Brady, Ann Winter, David Lester.
- 2702 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Christian Guppy declared an interest with agenda item No. 19, Cllr Christian Guppy does the landscaping maintenance for St Peter's Church, Horton.
- 2703 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** Cllr. Christian Guppy was appointed Chairman after being proposed by Cllr Ray Warner and seconded by Cllr Richard Clifford with a unanimous vote of approval.
- 2704 SIGN DECLARTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** Acceptance of office was duly signed.
- 2705 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** Cllr. David Johnson with appointed Vice Chairman after being proposed by Cllr Ann Richards and seconded by Cllr Ray Warner with a unanimous vote of approval.
- 2706 SIGN DECLARTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** Acceptance of office was duly signed.

- 2707 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held in February having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.
- 2708 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** Nothing to report.
- 2709 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE UNDERMENTIONED**
- A) Village Hall – Cllr Ann Winter
  - B) Playing Field – Cllrs Richard Clifford and Cllr Christian Guppy
  - C) Footpath Working Party – Cllr Christian Guppy
  - D) Area West – Cllr Ray Warner
  - E) Police Liaison Officer – Cllr Ann Richards
  - F) Horton Charities – Cllr Ann Winter
- 2710 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- A) 17/00972/S73 – Abbotsford, Suggs Lane, Broadway – ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION – Concerns were raised over egress and ingress of public footpath if proposed dwelling is approved and constructed and would be made publically available and unrestricted. Cllrs made no decision on the planning application at the time of the meeting as they wished to see any neighbour comments, if any, before making a representation to SSDC.
- 2711 SSDC PLANNING DECISIONS**
- A) 17/00972/S73 – Land Adjacent Southfields, Horton Cross – Approved subject to conditions.
- 2712 UPDATE OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING APPLICATION** Clerk spoke with Planning Officer at SSDC and it is understood an amended scheme is to be submitted. A full public re-consultation will happen on the amended plans once received by SSDC.
- 2713 WEBSITE** Discussion held over training requirements for Clerk for maintaining new website. It was also decided that Cllr David Johnson would attend the training session. Clerk to speak with company that designed and made website to arrange a date for training. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed to pay for training.
- 2714 DEFIBRILATOR** Clerk made contact with a defibrillator company who offer advice and sale of defibrillator. Clerk to arrange with company a suitable date to meet Cllrs in Horton to discuss suitable location for a defibrillator to be installed.
- 2715 PLAYING FIELD UPDATE** Skate ramps now fixed, goal posts to be painted and grass needs cutting - Cllr Ray Warner to arrange this. Fire brigade had to attend to and put out a hedge on fire.

- 2716 UPDATE ON HASTOE'S HOUSING** Update received from Hastoe Housing in relation to bollards, Hastoe waiting for a price from contractor to replace bollards.
- 2717 A358 TECHNICAL REPORT FROM MOTT MACDONALD** Noted. Meeting to be held by Mott MacDonald in the near future over proposed plans for the A358.
- 2718 GRANT REQUEST – ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD** Roger Allen, on behalf of St Peter's Churchyard made a request for a grant of £200.00. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed to give grant for the sum of £200.00.
- 2719 GRANT REQUEST – ST MARGARETS HOSPICE** Letter received requesting a grant towards charity. It was decided not to offer a grant to St Margarets Hospice.
- 2720 CONFIRMATION OF HALL HIRE/LOCATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** All bi-monthly up until May 2018 to be held at St Peter's Church Hall and extra meetings to be held at Broadway Hill Methodist Church.
- 2721 FINANCE**
- A) Annual Governance Statement - Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed statement.
- B) Annual Finance Statement - Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed statement.
- C) Internal Audit Arrangements – Clerk to contact David Ireland to ask if available to carry out the internal audit. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed to David Ireland carrying out internal audit, if available to do so.
- D) Financial Statement – Financial statements and accounts were circulated and were duly approved as being a true record of the financial state of this council. Proposed by Cllr Ray Warner and seconded by Cllr Ann Richards with all in approval.
- Broadway Hill Methodist Church Hall Rental - cheque No. 000680 £25.00 – Unanimously Approved
  - C Duff wages and expenses – cheque No. 000679 £411.31– Unanimously Approved  
Clerk requested pay increase in accordance with contract of employment. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed. Pay increase to be effective as of the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
  - Data Protection Registration Renewal – Cllrs did not approve payment for the renewal. Clerk to close account with the ICO.
- 2722 CLERKS REPORT AND CORROSPONDONCE** SLCC membership renewal, to be considered at the next meeting.

**2723 ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** Cllr Christian Guppy stated that there was an oil leak at the garages next to the playing field- Clerk to contact Yarlington Housing Group.

**2724 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **ILMINSTER DIVISION COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT APRIL 2017**

#### **ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES**

At this month's SCC full council meeting, a question in relation to the issue of baseline Key Performance Indicators for the transfer of adult social care services to Dimensions was raised. In a written response, it has become clear that direct comparisons are going to be difficult to make. Responses to other questions in relation to risk and specific contract terms were not made available as they are deemed to be commercially sensitive. Concern was also expressed over ongoing staffing issues and the underlying business case, including cost savings, for the transfer of the service

#### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

##### **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

A local resident has raised concerns with me over the failure of the contractor to provide adequate, safe, seating for transport to Holyrood, in addition to other ongoing issues, which I am actively pursuing.

##### **GREENFYLDE SCHOOL – FUTURE EDUCATION PROVISION**

No further updates on this at the moment.

#### **SALE OF COUNTY FARMS**

There has been recent press coverage in relation to the ongoing policy of SCC to divest itself of County farmland, which continues. At the request of local farm tenants, I have been continuing to provide support to ensure that their voices are held and that a fair and transparent deal is obtained for all.

#### **SSDC – SCRUTINY**

I have attended two meetings this month, one exclusively dedicated to the 5 year transformation plan and strategy for achievement. It is intended that the move towards the utilisation of capital investment as an income generation tool will enable delivery of services to be retained at current levels, and will provide a 7% return on investment. Other aspects under consideration include the environment, agriculture and food. The programme has been broken down into 7 priority projects; detail in relation to achievement and timescale is not yet clear. Emphasis is to be placed on small business support, particularly in Yeovil and Chard.

#### **SSDC – AREA WEST**

##### **LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS**

At this month's meeting an update on local housing needs was received. The number of applicants on the Homefinder Somerset register as at the end of March was 2050 for South Somerset. Ilminster remains in high demand as a first choice for housing.

In Neroche ward the situation is:

**Ashill** – 1 x 4 bedroom house is being sought

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**Broadway** – 3 x 1 bedroom properties (1 x 3 bed property advertised in the last 12 months)

**Donyatt** – 1 x 1 bedroom property; 1 x 2 bedroom property

**Horton** – 4 x 1 bedroom properties; 1 x 2 bedroom property; 1 x 3 bedroom property (3 x 1 bedroom; 3 x 2 bedroom; 1 x 2 bedroom advertised)

A training session for elected members in relation to **Universal Credit** is being held at Westlands, Yeovil, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 9.30am – 12.30pm, which I am hoping to be able to attend – in the meantime, any local resident with queries in relation to this should get in touch with their District Councillor.

Anyone with concerns about someone rough sleeping or about to become homeless should contact the Housing Advice Team on 01935 462938 or email [housingadvice@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:housingadvice@southsomerset.gov.uk)

### PLANNING

Fees are to be introduced for officer advice in relation to planning applications within the district. Whilst telephone advice will remain free of charge, there will be a sliding scale of charges for written advice (from £50 for a single householder application) and also face-to-face meetings (£100). The majority of enquiries, taking up a considerable amount of officer time, are from agents acting on behalf of clients.

There has been no decision, as yet, on how the new Community Infrastructure levy (CIL) is to be spent.

**SHUDRICK VALLEY** – as expected, the decision in relation to this planning appeal has now been made, resulting in dismissal of the appeal.

**CANAL WAY** – Although the agenda for next month's Area West meeting has not yet been confirmed, I believe that The Persimmon, Canal Way application will be considered at the May meeting, to be held at Swanmead School.

### HIGHWAYS

**WINSHAM** – plans for road works, and the intended diversion route, has caused considerable concern. Highways have agreed that an error was made, and a new diversion route is proposed; to be confirmed once permission has been gained from Dorset.

**A303/A358** – several local workshops have been held, and questions raised in relation to concerns over the use of the A358 route through Donyatt as a diversion once work begins.

### Donyatt SID readings March 15 – 30<sup>TH</sup>

Ave. speed 44mph    85% percentile - 51 mph    6357 vehicles over 50 mph  
Total vehicle numbers 29,752

### Iminster SID readings March 15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Ave. speed 31 mph    85% percentile - 36 mph    14 vehicles over 50 mph

Total vehicle numbers 4,166

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## **RIGHTS OF WAY**

**WINSHAM** – Local residents continue to be concerned over local landowners obstructing rights of way, and SCC's lack of action, which I am pursuing.

In addition to this, a planned diversion route to accommodate upcoming road closures, and the subsequent impact on surrounding communities, has been raised, and addressed.

**ASHILL** – The following is currently out to consultation - Upgrade of CH 1/23 from a footpath to a Restricted Byway (511M) and add a Restricted Byway to Copse Lane.

**ILMINSTER** – an order has been made to modify the definitive map to upgrade Footpath CH32/20 to a Restricted Byway at Green Lane.

### **TRADING STANDARDS**

As few people indicated that they wished to attend the talk planned for this month was cancelled. However, I was able to provide information to those attending the Memory Café.

## **SSDC COMMUNITY HEALTH AND LEISURE ANNUAL REPORT**

Funding and officer support has been provided across Area West in the last 12 months, with 3 three key themes:

- Increasing utilisation of outdoor and green spaces for exercise and health related activities
- Decreasing the number of adults and children who are currently inactive
- Reducing the number of overweight and obese adults and children

Walk leader training is available – In Neroche, Broadway now has a weekly Health Walk, and CLICK into Activity is continuing

**Priorities for 2017/18** – increase the number of short health walks in the area; run a flexercise workshop; increase the number of sport50/pop up community activities sessions; continue to set up community exercise classes where required; continue to run the CLICK in Activity programme.

School Tennis Coaching was delivered at Neroche School.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of the support and facilities offered should contact Linda Pincombe on 01935 462614 or email [Lynda.Pincombe@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:Lynda.Pincombe@southsomerset.gov.uk)

**EVENTS/ACTIVITIES ATTENDED**

4/4	SSDC - Scrutiny
4/4	Ilminster Literary Festival meeting
4/4	Broadway Parish Council
7/4	Whitelackington VH quiz
10/4	Whitelackington VH charity coffee morning
12/4	Winsham parish council
14/4	Winsham – Bell Inn Easter fish and chips
16/4	Cricket Malherbie Easter service
17/4	Donyatt VH ploughman's lunch
18/4	SSDC – Scrutiny
18/4	SSDC – District Executive
19/4	Ilminster memory Café
19/4	Route 1 Advocacy training
19/4	SSDC - Area West
20/4	SSDC – full council – not attended
26/4	SCC full council – not attended
29/4	Horton VH jumble sale for BHMC
29/4	Kingstone Fair
30/4	Dowlish Wake Speke Hall fund raising lunch
30/4	Ilminster Bowling Club - fund raising quiz for Ilminster Scouts

Please note that although my monthly reports cover both my District and County Councillor activity I only comment on items relating to District that are pertinent to Neroche ward or where District decisions have a wider implication for surrounding villages.

Although I am standing again for election on 4<sup>th</sup> May, my current term of office as your County Councillor has now come to an end. My personal thanks go to all of those who have provided support and advice during the last four years.