

Madley Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018 at 7.p.m. in the Parish Rooms, Madley

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Chris Williams, Vice Chairman: Cllr Jane Hirst, Cllr Margaret Harkin, Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr David Williamson

In Attendance:

Ward Councillor Steve Williams, Clerk Alison Davies and 7 members of the public.

1. Introduction and welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman, Cllr Chris Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Sheila Cook, Cllr Martin James

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jane Hirst declared an interest in item 14

4. Open Session

No issues were raised.

5. Brief Verbal Reports

i. Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Steve Williams reported that the Planning department were minded to refuse the application in Woodyatts Lane, due to lack of pavement into village. The Parish Council directed the clerk to send a letter fully supporting this planning application.

Cllr Steve Williams reported that he was on three committees including the Overview and Scrutiny and was part of a study group looking into Balfour Beatty and the way they dealt with pothole repairs.

ii. Lengthsman's Report

There was no Lengthsman's report.

iii. Police Report

The Police were not in attendance so this was held over.

6. To approve Minutes of the Meeting on 10th June 2018

Resolved: - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved by the Council and then signed by the Chairman. Minutes would be posted in the notice board after approval at the meeting.

7. Clerk correspondence and

A parishioner had asked about the possibility of a speed limit and weight restriction at Lower Shenmore. The Clerk is sending out some policies to be reviewed at the September meeting. At the previous meeting it had been agreed to hold back monies owed to Terry Griffiths until work was completed and confirmed to have been done. The clerk reported that two lots of work had been completed and said that the two invoices Nos 379 and 377 had now been paid. The third invoice No 362 remained unpaid as the waste soil on the recreation ground had not been removed. Resolved: Clerk to write to Terry Griffiths asking for soil to be removed and then cheque for the remaining invoice would be sent.

8. Finance

- i. Resolved: To approve list of payments (sent to councillors in advance) (£1,102.65)
- ii. Resolved: The bank balance was noted at £31,592.02
- iii. The accounts for 2017/18 - This was held over.
- iv. Section 106 There is £10,000 for improvements to Stoney Street and a further £11,000 for work on the Bridge Sollars road, which hasn't been spent yet. It is still available. The Clerk to check if it can be used on other sites.

9. Planning

- i. 174228 Coldwell Radio Station There had been a traffic survey which showed that no cyclists had used the road on the day of the survey. There had been no contribution to road modifications by ETL. There were comments that ETL had not adhered to conditions in previous planning. Resolved: Clerk to write with objections.
- ii. 181821 Faraday House There was discussion on the revised application. The Clerk advised that only the revision could be discussed.
- iii. 182052 Madley Court Farm. Resolved: Supported.

10. Lengthsman

The working group of Cllr Richard Lloyd and Cllr Margaret Harkin had had two meetings to discover what work was needed up to the Parish boundaries. They would summarise what needed doing and work with the Lengthsman. Also what should be done by Balfour Beatty that wasn't covered by the Lengthsman.

Paul Wright of Longfield Services was appointed as the Lengthsman on recommendation of the Working Group. He had provided copies of certificates. Much catch up work was needed and it was resolved to ask him to do extra days to catch up outside the budget.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan

There were plans for a meeting on Tuesday 25th September, not the 18th as previously notified. The meeting on 19th June had agreed to review the draft plan and the consensus was that it didn't need re writing as the previous committee had done an excellent job. The call for sites would not be repeated and the NDP was going to move forward on this basis. 10 sites had been discussed and five had been eliminated for various reasons. The guidance was that no sites outside Madley village could be included. Two sites were identified as being most appropriate

and these would be further investigated. The settlement boundary needed to be defined and development would only be permitted inside the boundary with few exceptions e.g. barn conversions in outlying hamlets. All but one of the committee were in favour of the settlement boundary proposed. There had been a very positive meeting with Nick Pollock, Head of Planning for the Duchy of Cornwall. The Duchy support sustainable development and monitor a development all the way through and maintain an interest after site completion. They were undertaking an ecological survey of the sites in the near future at no cost to the Parish. There are plans for a BIMBY workshop (Beauty in my Back Yard) which will be open to all parishioners to put forward their point of views and develop local wants and needs. They will take place over one day and one evening and look at "what makes Madley special". The Parish Council cannot apply for the full grant again.

12. Recreation Ground

Cllr Corinne Cranham reported that she had made the first application for grant funding and had revised the estimate for the total cost to £50,000, down from £70,000. She advised that the path was the priority to improve access for pushchairs, wheelchairs and those with difficulty walking on uneven surfaces. The school PTA were putting some funds towards this and the Parish Council voted to put £5,000 towards the cost of the recreation ground improvements. The walking train now had 25 children using it about 10% of the school population regularly and so the path was needed before winter set in. The car park also needed resurfacing and she would approach Tarmac to see if they could help fund this. The tennis club would also be invited to contribute as they used the car park. Cllr Lloyd suggested using planings taken from road repairs to resurface the car park. The Clerk would contact the Duchy to ask if they would help with funding the re-surfacing of the car park. There was discussion about the issue of children and dogs on the field and dog waste bins were suggested. The grass had become long in the summer and it was thought that more cuts might be needed but the weather had made it impossible to cut the grass as frequently as usual. There had been damage to some of the playing equipment and it was emphasised that no Councillor should undertake any repairs as this would invalidate the insurance. Any damage to be reported to Cllr Martin James or the Clerk. Cllrs James and Cranham agreed to go on the ROSPA safety course and Cllr James would inspect the equipment monthly.

13. Traffic and Road Issues

Lower Shenmore. See Clerk's correspondence.

14. Madley Parish Church

Revd Simon Lockett was present representing Madley Parish Church. There was discussion on the condition of the footpath running through Madley Churchyard, part of which is a public footpath. (MY13) Resolved: £1000 to be put towards the repair of the footpath to include making it disability friendly.

15. Footpath Officer Report

This was held over.

16. Items for next Agenda (no discussion)

17. Reminder of Date of next ordinary meeting: Monday 10th September 7.p.m.

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19. Employment Matters

In a closed meeting it was agreed to increase the Clerk's pay in line with national guidelines.

The meeting closed at 8.40

Signed:

Chairman..........Date.....10/9/18.....