

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 24th November 2014 at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Mace (Chairman) and Cllrs Chandler, Cordell, Dean, Ford, Lacey, Pearce, Ross, Sutcliffe, Whitmarsh, Quarmby, Yeates and Watts and Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Four members of the public were present.

14/202: Apologies: Cllr Hayward.

14/203: Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th November 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Dean and agreed by the meeting.

14/204: Public Question/Statement Time: Mr Hugh Brennan and Mr Julian Pertwee from Hive Energy Ltd gave a short briefing and responded to questions from both Council members and members of the public on a proposed 200 acre Solar Farm to be installed at Witherington Farm, for which there was to be a Public Exhibition at the Memorial Hall on Friday 28th November 2014 from 3pm to 7 pm ahead of the submission of a planning application. Cllr Mace thanked Messrs Brennan and Pertwee for attending and commented that the general view from the Parish Council was that it had been given very short notice of the Exhibition.

14/205: To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011: No declarations of interest were received.

14/206: Matters arising from the Minutes: None.

14/207: Planning and Tree Works Applications:

14/09888/FUL – The Headlands Garage, 2 The Borough, Downton – Change of Use from garage premises to form 2 x 1 bed dwellings with parking space including new dormers and elevational changes: Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting, with Cllr Chandler voting against and Cllr Yeates abstaining, that no objection be raised provided the Planning Officer was satisfied that the access was workable from an engineering perspective.

14/10295/FUL – Linton House, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints – Two Storey Rear Extension: Cllr Dean proposed, Cllr Yeates seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that no objection be raised.

14/208: To consider and approve the appointment of Cllr Mace as a Flood Warden for the parish: Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Watts seconded and it was approved by the meeting.

14/209: To consider and approve the payment of £100 for five advertisements in the InDownton Newsletter setting out the dates of forthcoming Parish Council Surgeries: Cllr Dean proposed, Cllr Watts seconded and it was approved by the meeting.

14/210: To consider an initial draft 3 year Budget for 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 prepared by the Clerk and to consider any alterations: Following a discussion Cllr Chandler, proposed, Cllr Ford seconded and it was agreed that minor amendments be

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made ahead of approval at the December meeting. Cllr Chandler commended the Clerk for her work on the budget.

14/211: To consider whether to increase the burial fees at Downton Cemetery for 2015: Cllr Mace proposed from the chair that this item be deferred to the next meeting as the Clerk was still awaiting comparison prices from other parish councils.

14/212: To consider requests for grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 from the following organisations:

- Community First's Wiltshire Good Neighbour Co-ordinator Scheme
- Carer Support Wiltshire.

Following a discussion, Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Ross seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that further information should be sought from the two applicants and a policy for annual Section 137 grants should be devised by the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting.

14/213: Correspondence:

- 1 Hive Energy – A letter advising of an exhibition at the Memorial Hall on Friday 28th November from 3-7 pm.
- 2 Atkins on behalf of Wiltshire Council – An email from Mr Neill Way advising of the revised dates for the resurfacing of The Borough as 02/02/15 – 13/02/15.
- 3 Wiltshire Highways – An exchange of emails between Ms Julie Wharton and Cllr Michael Chandler on the speed limit of the A338 from Downton to Salisbury.
- 4 Mr Denis Grocott – An email asking for a post box to be placed in the High Street following the removal of the box when the post office changed its use to residential.
- 5 Wiltshire Council – An email from Mr Tracy Myers regarding a community day in Downton on 11th December when contractors will be spending time carrying out various jobs as allocated by WC and the PC.
- 6 Southern Wiltshire Area Board – An email advising of the next meeting on 4th December at Whiteparish Memorial Centre.
- 7 Mr Alec Brown – An email regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire.

14/214: Date of next meeting – Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.30 pm at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.