

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the New Housing Development Committee held on Thursday 27th November 2014 at Downton Library, High Street, Downton at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mr Emerson (Chairman) and Cllrs Cordell, Ford, Lacey, Mace, Sutcliffe and Yeates. Mrs Tina Evans, Mr Richard Fishlock and Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

No members of the public were present.

NHD58/14: Apologies: Cllrs Hayward and Quarmby.

NHD59/14: Minutes: Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Yeates seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

NHD60/14: Public Question/Statement Time: No questions or statements were received.

NHD61/14: Declarations of Interest: The Chairman declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest as he was a Governor of the Primary School and Treasurer for the Downton Primary School Association.

NHD62/14: To receive a report from Cllr Mace on discussions with the Project Manager for Wiltshire Council regarding the extension of Downton Primary School and to:

- 1 Consider two alternative plans for The Bunny and extended playground on the piece of Memorial Gardens land proposed to be leased by the Parish Council; and**
- 2 Make any recommendations to the Parish Council.**

Cllr Mace gave a brief report on two recent meetings with the Project Manager, Luke Martin. He said little progress had been made on the Parish Council's request to progress the plan to culvert The Bunny despite promises to seek guidance from the drainage engineer, Tony Dilke, and the Environment Agency.

Following extensive discussion, Cllr Cordell proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the parish representatives present at the forthcoming meeting with Wiltshire Council officers should press them to make a concerted effort to ensure proper investigation work was carried out on the proposed solution of culverting The Bunny. Only when sound reasons were provided by officers and the Environment Agency for not doing so would the Parish Council endorse the second option of building a bridge across The Bunny with the potential risk of needing to re-consult with the parish on this alternative solution.

NHD63/14: Next meeting: Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 7.00 pm at Downton Library, High Street, Downton.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.