

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th December 2014 at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Mace (Chairman) and Cllrs Chandler, Cordell, Dean, Ford, Lacey (until 8.15pm), Sutcliffe, Whitmarsh, Yeates and Watts.
Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Five members of the public were present.

14/233: Apologies: Cllrs Hayward, Quarmby, Pearce and Ross.

14/234: Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th December 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman following the insertion of the words "was expected to be made" in point 2 of Minute 14/222 and the recording of an objection from Cllr Watts at Minute 14/224. Proposed by Cllr Ford seconded by Cllr Lacey and agreed by the meeting.

14/235: Matters arising from the Minutes: None.

14/236: Public Question/Statement Time:

Mr Zach Anderson sought the Parish Council's permission and responded to questions from members regarding the painting of a mural on the Kick Wall in the Moot Lane Recreation Ground.

Mrs Nikki Wilson gave a brief report on her meeting with Mrs Sarah Hughes of Wiltshire Council regarding the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the 190 figure for housing in Downton. She said the Core Strategy was likely to be reviewed in about 5 years' time and it was possible that the housing figures could be increased. However, she said Mrs Hughes had confirmed that Wiltshire Council would defend robustly the figure allocated for Downton.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Mace proposed that items 7, 8 and 10 from the Agenda be brought forward.

14/237: 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.

14/238: To consider a request from Mr Zach Anderson to paint a mural on the Kick Wall in the Moot Lane Recreation Ground: Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Cordell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that permission be given subject to Mr Anderson seeking the favourable views of the residents of Castle Meadow and Avon Meadow who had sight of the Kick Wall from their houses.

14/239: To consider and approve the setting up of a Working Group to investigate the potential for creating a Southern Wiltshire Area Campus in Downton: Following a discussion, Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that this item be deferred until the next meeting and that Cllr Richard Britton's offer to attend a meeting to brief the Parish Council on the campus project be accepted. It was also agreed that if Cllr Britton was unable to attend the meeting on 12th January 2015, the Clerk should arrange a meeting on a mutually convenient date before the middle of January 2015.

14/240: To elect members to the Campus Working Group: Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that this item be deferred until Cllr Richard Britton had briefed the Parish Council.

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14/241: Planning and Tree Works Applications:

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed that the meeting be opened to allow Mr and Mrs Wordley to present their plans to members.

To receive brief presentation of pre-application plans from Mr Luke Wordley for a 4 bedroom dwelling within the curtilage of The Borough Dental Practice at 58 The Borough, Downton: Mr and Mrs Wordley gave a brief background to the reason for seeking planning permission for a 4 bed dwelling next to the Dental Practice and showed members their initial plans which they had submitted for pre-application advice to Wiltshire Council.

Following a discussion, Cllr Mace confirmed that the Parish Council could not give any response until it had received a planning application from Wiltshire Council as part of the formal consultation process. However, he suggested that they consider the contents of the Downton Village Design Statement.

14/10963/FUL - Orchard View, Bridge House Gardens, Downton - Single storey rear extension: Cllr Yeates proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting, with one abstention from Cllr Chandler, that no objection be raised.

14/10905/FUL - 58 Moot Gardens, Downton - Single storey front extension: Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Whitmarsh seconded and it was agreed by the meeting, with one abstention from Cllr Chandler, that no objection be raised.

14/11383/TCA - 32 Gravel Close Downton - Yew that is also spanning over into 26 Gravel Close. It has been pruned to shape previously (about 5-6 years ago), I request to prune it to shape (about 1.5m off) and continue the shape on 32 Gravel Close (so taking 2-2.5m off). To give the tree balance and shape I would like to reduce the tree on no 32's side also. At the bottom of the garden, also next to the boundary with no 26 is another Yew tree, to remove one branch back to the trunk that is resting on the shed: Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Dean seconded and it was agreed by the meeting, with two abstentions from Cllrs Chandler and Yeates that no objection be raised.

14/?/FUL – Downton Primary School, Gravel Close, Downton – Two Classroom extension, playground extension into Memorial Gardens: The Chairman reported that the plans for this application were yet to appear on the Wiltshire Council website. In view of this, and taking into account that the consultation period may end before the next meeting of the Parish Council, Cllr Cordell proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the response to the application be delegated to the New Housing Development Committee which was to meet on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

14/242: To consider a request from Wiltshire Online to site a Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer ('DSLAM') Box on the Borough Green adjacent to South Lane, Downton: Cllr Mace reported that the Clerk was still awaiting a response to queries she had raised with Wiltshire Online so there was not sufficient information for this item to be considered. Cllr Yeates proposed, Cllr Lacey seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that a meeting be arranged between the Longford Estate, Wiltshire Council, BT Openreach and the Parish Council to consider an alternative location for the box.

14/243: Correspondence: The Clerk confirmed that she had received no correspondence of note since the last meeting.

14/244: Date of next meeting – Monday 12th January 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.46 pm.