

## DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the Memorial Hall, The Borough, Downton at 7.30 pm.

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

Nine members of the public were present.

**15/36: Apologies:** Cllrs Cordell and Quarmby.

**15/37: Minutes:** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman following approval being given to the replacement of the word 'membership' with the word 'subscription' in Minute 15/32, Cllr Hayward being added to the members of the Amenities Committee at Minute 15/11 and Cllr Ross's name being replaced by Cllr Ford's as a representative of the Downton Moot Preservation Trust at Minute 15/12. Proposed by Cllr Watts seconded by Cllr Dean and agreed by the meeting.

**15/38: Public Question/Statement Time –15 minutes to receive any other questions or statements from members of the public:**

Mrs Sandra Moody made a lengthy statement on the process of the Primary School's planning application over the last six months and how the community had gone round and round in circles with little progress being made following the objections submitted. She also thanked Cllr Mace for standing again as chairman as she said she was aware of what a thankless task it was.

Mr Nigel Walker asked whether it was morally right for the Parish Council to proceed with the leasing of the land as there was so much opposition to the MUGA and the school had stated it could live without a MUGA.

Mr Bryan Morris cited the example of no objection being raised by Sport England to a planning application for a MUGA at Salisbury Sixth Form College which was to be used between the hours of 8.45 am and 4 pm during term time.

Mr Rick Ladds again raised the issue of inaccurate and inconsistent plans and documents on the website which made it confusing for people to understand which versions were correct.

**15/39: Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Dean declared a personal interest in Minutes 15/43 and 15/44 and did not speak or vote when they were being debated.

**15/40: Matters arising from the Minutes:**

**14/283: Internal Audit:** The Chairman confirmed that the full year internal audit had been completed by Fair Account with no issues being raised.

**14/344: Primary School's planning application:** The Chairman gave a brief report of a meeting with Mr John Glen MP which he had attended with Cllr Sutcliffe and the Clerk. He said Mr Glen was understanding of the Parish Council's concerns in relation to the inflexibility shown by the Primary School and Wiltshire Council's Education Department in refusing to address the valid objections and upstream alternative solution to the swale. He said Mr Glen would be raising his concerns through the appropriate channels within Wiltshire Council.

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### **15/41: Planning and Tree Works Applications:**

**15/03833/LBC & 15/03735/FUL - 99 The Borough, Downton - 2 storey and single storey rear extensions:** Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Hayward seconded and it was agreed by the meeting with one abstention from Cllr Lacey that no objection be raised.

**15/03816/FUL - 39 West Wick Downton - Single storey rear extension, first floor extension over existing garage including new dormer:** Cllr Yeates proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting with two abstentions from Cllrs Dickinson and Lacey that the Parish Council had no objection to the application on the grounds that it did not have any impact on neighbouring properties. However, it expressed concern about the small percentage of the plot to remain as garden once the orangery had been built.

### **15/42 To consider a recommendation from the New Housing Development Committee with regard to a letter from Mr Luke Wordley in relation to planning application:**

**15/01766/FUL - 58 The Borough Downton - Proposed change of use to existing 1st floor flat over dental surgery from class C3 to class D1. Proposed erection of 2 storey 4 bedroom dwelling to the rear of the existing property**

**requesting that the Parish Council rescinds its previously made decision to request that the s106 agreement contains a clause which requires the dwelling and business to co-exist as one entity:** Cllr Watts proposed, Cllr Ross seconded and it was agreed by the meeting, with one objection from Cllr Chandler and one abstention from Cllr Yeates, that the Parish Council should rescind its previously made decision.

**15/43 To consider a recommendation from the New Housing Development Committee with regard to a response to an email from Mr Malcolm Dodds, Interim Head of School Strategic Planning at Wiltshire Council, in relation to Downton Primary School's planning application, asking the Parish Council to 'confirm that it will agree in writing to the use of the Memorial Gardens for the swale, the hard play area and any other associated works, assuming that the current planning application secures planning permission':** Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Ford seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council should vary the recommendations in order to strengthen them and respond as follows:

'Downton Parish Council continues to support the extension to the Primary School and the use of the parcel of land in the Memorial Gardens. However, at this time it does not give its agreement in writing to the leasing of the land for the following reasons:

- 1 There have been no changes made to the plans following the Parish Council's objections to the height of the classroom and the public access to the MUGA so they are still valid. However, the granting of any lease will not be conditional on the classroom extension.
- 2 There is strong support for no increase in flood risk and it understands that the Environment Agency is currently in the process of assessing this.
- 3 The Parish Council is strongly in favour of the solution to expand the capacity of the ditch in the field upstream of the Memorial Gardens and therefore no longer agrees to any additional land in the Memorial Gardens being used in conjunction with the Primary School's planning application.

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- 4 There is no change to the Parish Council's stance in requiring no community access to the MUGA and therefore this will form part of the conditions of any lease for the land which will include the requirement of no community access and use by the school only during the school hours of 08:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday, in term time only.
- 5 The Parish Council has yet to agree the Heads of Terms with Charles Church in relation to the community benefit to be achieved from the new development in the form of the extension to the Memorial Hall.
- 6 The Parish Council also recommends that the applicant either varies or resubmits its application with revised plans to reflect the requested changes.'.

**15/44 To consider a recommendation from the New Housing Development Committee on the process by which the Parish Council's statement and other documentation for submission to the Southern Area Planning Committee will be approved prior to the meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015:** Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Hayward seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the recommendation of a small working group made up of Cllrs Ford, Mace, Quarmby, Sutcliffe and the Clerk will formulate the Chairman's statement and any other documentation to be read out and submitted to the Southern Area Planning Committee.

### **15/45 Committee Reports:**

**New Housing Development Committee:** Cllr Mace said the meeting currently being held had discussed the majority of the items considered by the New Housing Development Committee so he had no further matters to report.

### **15/46 Representatives' Reports:**

**Memorial Hall Committee:** Cllr Sutcliffe gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which a new secretary had been elected, the proposal to draw up a new Memorial Hall Committee constitution and the plans for the extension had been discussed.

**Downton Leisure & Allotment Gardeners Association:** Cllr Watts gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which he had got the impression that everything was going to plan. He said the handrail beside the steps needed to be repaired and a further request had been made for work to be carried out to the entrance and parking area using the scrapings from the resurfacing work to The Borough. Cllr Watts agreed to liaise with the Clerk and Rights of Way Officer at Wiltshire Council to find a mutually agreeable date for the work to be carried out.

### **15/47 Correspondence:**

- 1 Mrs J Saxby – An email enclosing a Noise Impact Assessment Report carried out for the Primary School's application and a drawing of the proposed Swale.
- 2 Wiltshire Council – Three emails from Ms Emma Dragge providing details of youth activities and the new leisure credits scheme.
- 3 Salisbury Museum – An email from Ms Louise Tunnard enclosing details of the forthcoming Turner Exhibition.
- 4 Ms K Merrifield – An email seeking guidance on reporting broken street lights in Catherine Crescent. *The Clerk has responded.*
- 5 Wiltshire Council – An email from the Weather Team with an application form to apply for the '1 tonne bag scheme' & 'PEAS scheme'.
- 6 Mr John Mellin – An email thanking the Parish Council for carrying out the work to the tree in the Memorial Gardens which now enabled him to see in his garden without lights.

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- 7 Wiltshire Council – An email from Mr Malcolm Dodds giving an update on the Primary School's planning application and asking the Parish Council to give a written agreement to the leasing of the land.
- 8 Mr Luke Wordley – An email enclosing a letter regarding planning application: 15/01766/FUL - 58 The Borough Downton.
- 9 Mrs J Saxby – An email enclosing two documents and a photograph regarding the Primary School's planning application.
- 10 Downton Primary School – Two emails from Mr Richard Fishlock, Chair of Governors, enclosing letters setting out responses to questions raised at the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- 11 Downton Society – An email from Mrs Nikki Wilson enclosing a letter regarding the Primary School's planning application.
- 12 Southern Wiltshire Area Board – An email from Ms Lisa Moore including a link to the Agenda for the Area Board meeting being held at Winterslow Village Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7 pm.
- 13 Wiltshire Council – An email inviting the Parish Council to support the 'Big Pledge' which aims to encourage Wiltshire residents to lead healthier and more active lives and to engage with their communities. The theme this year is 'make a difference' with 12 pledges that people can make as an individual, a group, a work team, a family or a community.
- 14 Downton Leisure Centre – An email from Mr Paul Etheridge seeking the Parish Council's permission to use the Moot Lane Recreation Ground for the finish only of the Downton Half Marathon which this year is being held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. *This is to be added to the June Agenda.*
- 15 Mrs Jenny Saxby – A copy of an email to Mr Richard Fishlock seeking information on the Noise Impact Assessment carried out for the Primary School's application.

**15/48 Date of next meeting** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.