

## DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Mace (Chairman) and Cllrs Brentor, Chandler, Cordell, Dickinson, Ford, Lacey, Quarmby, Sutcliffe, Yeates and Watts.

Two members of the public were present.

**15/160: To receive a written application for the office of parish councillor and to approve the co-option of Ms Jane Brentor to fill the existing vacancy:** Following a brief statement from Ms Brentor, Cllr Lacey proposed, Cllr Yeates seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that Ms Brentor be co-opted. She subsequently signed her Declaration of Office.

**15/161: Apologies:** Cllrs Dean, Hayward, Pearce and Whitmarsh.

**15/162: Minutes:** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Sutcliffe, seconded by Cllr Dickinson and agreed by the meeting with abstentions from Cllrs Cordell and Watts.

**15/163: Public Question/Statement Time –15 minutes to receive any questions or statements from members of the public:**

Mr Barry Fairbrother spoke with reference to the planning application for Mesh Wick Hall and the reasons for his objection to it and its similarity to an application submitted by the applicant in 2006 which was refused by both Salisbury District Council and the Planning Inspector at Appeal. He briefed the Council on the history of Wick House and Mesh Wick Hall and advised that he had been in discussions with the applicant about how he could make alterations to the property without having an impact on the important historic character and appearance of it.

**15/164: Declarations of Interest:** No declarations of interest were received.

**15/165: Matters arising from the Minutes:** The Chairman advised that there were no matters arising.

**15/166: Planning and Tree Works Applications:**

**15/08477/FUL Mesh Wick Hall, Mesh Pond, Downton - 2 storey extension to front elevation:** Following a discussion in response to information provided by the Clerk on the previous application and Mr Fairbrother's comments, Cllr Watts proposed, Cllr Cordell seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council should raise an objection to the application. In view of the considerable architectural and historic value to the parish of Wick Hall and Mesh Wick Hall, despite their having no listed status, the Parish Council's objection would be for the following reasons:

- The proposed development, by virtue of its unduly prominent siting and its unsympathetic design, would fail to respect the existing dwelling's distinctive architectural features. It would also have a detrimental visual impact on the character and appearance of the existing dwelling.
- The proposal would be contrary to Core Policies 57 and 58 and saved Policy H31 (Extensions to dwellings in the countryside) of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

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**15/08890/FUL 36 Downlands Close, Downton - Demolition of garage and conservatory and erect a 2 storey and single storey extension:** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Watts proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council should raise no objection to the application.

### **15/167: Representatives' Reports:**

**Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee:** The Chairman advised that at the last minute the Primary School's planning application had been deferred to the October meeting because a response to the revised plans and modelling for the Bunny had not been received from the Environment Agency. He said it would be considered prior to the Charles Church planning application at the meeting being held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

**Community Area Transport Group:** Cllr Yeates gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which the Parish Council had been asked to approve additional contributions towards the proposed yellow lines in The Borough and for the work to the crossing point in the High Street. He said that following advice from the Highway Engineer, he had agreed to cancel the Parish Council's request for yellow lines to be placed on both sides of the road for 25 metres from The Bull as this may encourage parking beyond the lines on the Green side of the Borough.

**The Moot Preservation Trust:** Cllr Ford gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which the Trust had received several refusals to applications for funding. He advised that the Trust's AGM was to be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm at the White Horse pub.

**15/168: To approve the removal of four former councillors as signatories from the Parish Council's bank mandate:** Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Ford seconded and it was approved by the meeting.

### **15/158: Correspondence**

1 Wiltshire Online – An email from Ms Marie Nash advising that Wiltshire Council was planning to host an event at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 5th November from 11:30am – 15:30pm at which the superfast broadband project would be represented as well as the digital literacy programme and at which colleagues from BT and at Openreach would be present.

**15/159: Date of next meeting:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.14 pm.