

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26th October 2015 at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Sutcliffe (Chairman) and Cllrs Brentor, Chandler, Cordell, Dean, Dickinson, Lacey, Pearce, Yeates, Watts and Whitmarsh.
Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Four members of the public were present.

15/177: Apologies: Cllrs Ford, Hayward, Mace and Quarmby.

15/178: Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th October 2015 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Cordell, seconded by Cllr Dean and agreed by the meeting.

15/179: Public Question/Statement Time –15 minutes to receive any questions or statements from members of the public:

In response to a question from Mr Rick Ladds regarding the planning conditions for the Primary School's planning application, the Clerk advised that they would be contained in the Decision Notice once the application had been determined and following receipt of the Environment Agency's comments.

In response to a question from Mrs Chris Parry regarding scrutiny of the lease for the Memorial Gardens, the Clerk advised that the Minutes of the New Housing Development Committee contained the main clauses agreed by the Parish Council regarding the use of the extended playground.

15/180: Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Lacey, Sutcliffe and Watts declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Tree Application 15/10056/TCA .

15/181: Matters arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising.

15/182: Planning and Tree Work Applications:

15/09910/TCA Land at Church Leat, Downton - Willow Trees x 3 - Re pollard to 5 metres in height: Cllr Watts proposed, Cllr Dean seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that no objection be raised.

15/09937/FUL Park View, 35 The Borough, Downton – Loft conversion including dormer window on north elevation and roof lights on south elevation. Replace conservatory roof with pitched roof: Cllr Yeates proposed, Cllr Chandler seconded and it was agreed by the meeting, with objections from Cllrs Lacey and Watts and an abstention from Cllr Dickinson, that the Parish Council should object to this application on the grounds that the conservation pattern roof windows on the south slope of the roof would be too prominent within the street scene of this part of The Borough which was within the Downton Conservation Area. They would therefore be contrary to Core Policy 58 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

15/09924/FUL High Trees, The Highway, Downton - Two storey rear and first floor side extensions: Cllr Yeates proposed, Cllr Dean seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that no objection be raised.

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15/10051/TCA 39 The Borough, Downton - Fell one Leyland Cypress: Cllr Yeates proposed, Cllr Dean seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that no objection be raised.

15/10056/TCA The Cottage, Barford Lane Downton - T1 - Copper Beech - reduce by up to 40% T2 - Eucalyptus - reduce right hand branch in height by approx 40%: Cllr Dean proposed, Cllr Pearce seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that no objection be raised.

15/183: To consider the Parish Council's Budget and Three Year Plan process and to consider any items to be considered by the Working Group for inclusion in it: Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Sutcliffe proposed from the chair that all councillors give some thought to the budget and three year plan and submit suggestions direct to Cllr Pearce in advance of the next meeting.

15/184: Representatives' Reports:

Strategic Planning Committee: Cllr Yeates gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which the Charles Church and Primary School planning applications were delegated to officers for determination subject to a response from the Environment Agency. He said it had been disappointing to note that some members were of the view that no account should be taken of the Conservation Area when considering the plans for a school.

15/185: Correspondence

- 1 Wiltshire Council – An email from Mr Graham Axtell advising that the work to Gravel Close, which had been scheduled for the end of November, would not take place now until Tuesday 16th February 2016.
- 2 Alderbury Parish Council - An email from the Clerk, Mrs Alison McGowan, advising of a Councillor Training Session being run by the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils on 25th November at 7/7.30 pm at St Mary's Hall, Whaddon and extending an invitation for Downton councillors to attend.

15/186: Date of next meeting: Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.