

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr Mace (Chairman) and Cllrs Chandler, Cordell, Dean, Dickinson, Hayward, Pearce, Ross, Sutcliffe, Whitmarsh and Watts. Cllrs Ford and Yeates arrived at 8.20 pm. Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

One member of the public was present.

14/269: Apologies: Cllrs Lacey and Quarmby.

14/270: Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th January 2015 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Hayward seconded by Cllr Dean and agreed by the meeting with one abstention from Cllr Ross.

14/271: Public Question/Statement Time –15 minutes to receive any questions or statements from members of the public:

Mr Kevin Telfer expressed concern about the amount of traffic which passed through the High Street and asked that the Parish Council consider asking Wiltshire Council to install a pedestrian crossing. The Chairman confirmed that his request would be added to the Council's next agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

14/272: Declarations of Interest: None.

14/273: Matters arising from the Minutes:

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:

The Chairman reported that discussions with BT and Wiltshire Council were still ongoing. He said discussions were now taking place with a resident rather than the Longford Estate to agree an alternative suitable site which would provide a solution.

14/248: Public Question/Statement Time: The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had met with Mrs Saxby and Mrs Moody following their requests at the last meeting.

14/274: Planning and Tree Works Applications:

14/11981/FUL - Downton Parish Hall (previously Old Junior School) Barford Lane, Downton - Conversion of existing church buildings to 3 x residential units including mezzanine floors. Alterations to fenestration. Demolition and rebuild of existing lean to link extensions. Demolition of lean to shed to rear:

Following a discussion, Cllr Chandler proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting, with one abstention from Cllr Dickinson and one objection from Cllr Watts, that whilst the Parish Council was supportive of a conversion in order to retain the building, it should object to this application on the grounds that it was both intensive development and overdevelopment of the site. The Parish Council considered it to be more appropriate for the building to be converted into two dwellings rather than three.

14/04801/FUL – Moot Lodge, Moot Lane, Downton – Installation of 2 x Velux windows in north facing roof slope: Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Hayward seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that no objection be raised.

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Doccombe Global Logistics' Application - To change an existing Operating Licence as follows: To keep an extra 3 goods vehicles and 1 trailer at the operating centre at 1 Batten Road, Downton: Cllr Dean proposed, Cllr Watts seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that no objection be raised but that the Clerk should write to Mr Underhill to request a meeting to discuss the 7.5 tonne weight limit zone and the use of it by supplier lorries visiting the businesses in the Downton Industrial Estate.

14/275: To consider the briefing given by Unitary Cllr Britton at the last meeting on the Community Campus Project and to consider whether to:

- (i) Set up of a Working Group to investigate the potential for creating a Southern Wiltshire Area Campus in Downton; and
- (ii) Elect members to the Campus Working Group.

Following a discussion, Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the proposal be varied to enable the Parish Council to appoint Cllrs Dickinson and Hayward as its representatives on the existing Southern Wiltshire Area Board's Community Opportunities Board ('COB') and the locally-constituted Downton Mini-COB once it had been set up after the forthcoming meeting of Southern Wiltshire Area Board.

14/276: To consider and agree on a response to a letter from Post Office Ltd and its consultation on the proposed changes to the layout, hours and services offered at the Downton Cross Roads Post Office at The Headlands, Downton: Cllr Watts proposed, Cllr Hayward seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Clerk should write a letter of support for the proposed changes.

14/277: Correspondence:

- 1 Wiltshire Council – The agenda for the Southern Wiltshire Area Board meeting on 29th January 2015 at 7 pm at Morgans Vale Village Hall.
- 2 Mrs June Hawkins – An email expressing concern about the caravans in the Moot car park. *The Clerk has responded.*
- 3 Mr R Ladds – A copy email response to the school's planning application.
- 4 Mr Mark Stent – An email seeking information on the progress of superfast broadband. *The Clerk has responded.*
- 5 Wiltshire Council – An email advising of meetings being held to consider the Wiltshire Council budget for 2015/16. The closest meeting is at Salisbury Guildhall on Thursday 5th February at 5.30pm and Cllr Mrs Jane Scott and other cabinet members will be present.
- 6 Wiltshire Council – Two emails from Ms Emma Dragge regarding the organising of the Youth Service in Southern Wiltshire.
- 7 Wiltshire Council – An email response from Mr Tracy Myers advising that the bus shelter adjacent to the roundabout on the A338 was to be reinstalled on 30th January.
- 8 WALC – An email advising of core skills training courses for Councillors with the closest one being held on 18th March at Dinton Village Hall 7 pm to 8.30 pm.

14/278: Date of next meeting: – Monday 9th February 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.27 pm.