

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at the Memorial Hall, The Borough, Downton at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Mace (Chairman) and Cllrs Dean, Ford, Lacey, Hayward, Pearce, Quarmby, Ross, Whitmarsh and Yeates.
Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Nine members of the public were present.

14/340: Apologies: Cllr Chandler, Cordell, Dickinson, Ross, Sutcliffe and Watts.

At this point in the meeting Cllr Mace proposed from the chair that members carry out a brief site visit of the school site accompanied by the street scene plans sent by Wiltshire Council.

14/341: Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd March 2015 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman following agreement that the word 'abstentions' be replaced with the word 'objections' in Minute 14/133. Proposed by Cllr Hayward seconded by Cllr Yeates and agreed by the meeting with one abstention from Cllr Dean.

14/342: Public Question/Statement Time:

Mr Ladds commented that he thought that the plans were biased in favour of the applicant and thought that the view should have been taken from the northern side of the road to give the full impact of the height of the classroom block.

Mrs Saxby reported that she had met with Cllr Quarmby and Mr Tony Dilke, the applicant's drainage engineer, to discuss the plans for the swale. She said she was concerned that the plans were contrary to guidance from her consultants and there would be a greater risk to her property if the design turned out to be flawed. She circulated a letter addressed to Mr Warren Simmonds, the case officer for the planning application, from Ms Ellie Challans of the Environment Agency which stated that it was maintaining its objection because the Flood Risk Assessment failed to include sufficient information on the proposed changes to The Bunny.

Cllr Quarmby confirmed that the EA would not provide a land drainage consent to the swale unless it was satisfied that there would be no increase in flood risk. He also said that the designer of the swale would have design liability insurance and if the design was flawed, Mrs Saxby could claim against that. However, Cllr Ford said that she was correct in her assumption that her property would potentially be at greater risk if the design was flawed.

14/343: To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011: None.

14/344: In relation to Downton Primary School's planning application, to consider a recommendation from the New Housing Development Committee regarding a request from Wiltshire Council to rescind the Parish Council's previously submitted decision to object to the height and impact of the Classroom Block on the Downton Conservation Area and neighbouring listed buildings, recorded at Minute NHD96/14:

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Yeates proposed, Cllr Hayward seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council should not rescind its previously submitted decision. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Jocelyn Sage, the Conservation Officer for

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Wiltshire Council, to invite her to carry out a site visit to appreciate the impact of the block on the neighbouring listed houses and the Downton Conservation Area.

14/345: In relation to Downton Primary School's planning application, to consider and agree on any actions to be taken with regard to informing the members of the Southern Area Planning Committee of the Parish Council's views in advance of the meeting at which the application will be considered: Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Quarmby seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that a letter and Chairman's statement be prepared for approval at a future meeting. The letter was to be sent to all members of the Southern Area Planning Committee on the Monday preceding the meeting at which the school's application was to be considered.

14/346: To approve the expenditure of £200 for the possible migration of the Parish Council's website to another hosting company following confirmation from 350.com that it will cease to operate from 1st May 2015: The Clerk reported briefly on the unsatisfactory service the Parish Council was receiving from www.350pages.com as a website service host and reported that it had advised that it would cease to host the Parish Council's website after 1st May 2015. Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Quarmby seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the expenditure be approved for the Clerk to work with the Chairman and Mr Paul Cornish to migrate the website data from www.350pages.com to www.1&1.co.uk prior to 1st May 2015. Cllr Quarmby agreed to seek some advice from his son who was a web designer.

14/347: Date of next meeting: To be held at 8 pm immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.00 pm at the Memorial Hall, The Borough, Downton.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.