



Minutes of the meeting of the New Housing Development Committee held on Monday 29th February 2016 at the Band Hall, Gravel, Downton at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Quarmby (Chairman) and Cllrs Brentor, Cordell, Ford, Hayward, Mace, Sutcliffe and Yeates.
Mrs Nikki Wilson and Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Four members of the public were present.

Public Question Time:

Mrs Jenny Saxby made reference to the discussions to be held in the closed session on the application for Rivermead, Breamore Road. She said that a number of letters expressing strong objection to this application had been sent to Wiltshire Council, including one from the Trafalgar School and there were a number of reasons why the development was not suitable for Downton. She asked that the Parish Council be mindful of the Neighbourhood Plan in its considerations and to not be swayed by s106 or CIL contributions.

Mrs Chris Parry made reference to the item on street naming and wished to remind members that on the naming of the new development at Charlotte Close, Mrs Sally Lacey had suggested the name of the postwoman, Ms Caroline Roberts, who had served the village for 28 years.

Part 1

NHD68/15: Apologies: Mr Richard Fishlock and Mrs Alison Small.

NHD69/15: Minutes: Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Sutcliffe seconded and it was RESOLVED, with one abstention from Cllr Hayward, that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th February 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

NHD70/15: Declarations of Interest: None.

NHD71/15: To consider a request from Persimmon Homes South Coast to agree on the names of the five streets which will form the Charles Church development in Salisbury Road, Downton and to make any recommendations to the Parish Council: A lengthy discussion ensued with a suggestion from Cllr Yeates that an historical reference to lacemaking be considered and an offer from Mr Bryan Morris to consult with his fellow members at the British Legion. Cllr Hayward proposed, Cllr Yeates seconded and it was RESOLVED, subject to the approval of the British Legion, that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council to consider 7 names from the War Memorial for soldiers who were killed in World War I for the 7 streets which will form the Charles Church development and Scotts House development in Salisbury Road, Downton.

NHD72/15: To receive a short verbal report from Cllr Mace on a recent meeting of the Southern Area Planning Committee at which the outline planning application, numbered 15/08510/OUT, for Scotts House was considered: Cllr Mace gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which the planning application for Scotts House had been given approval. He said that several Wiltshire councillors had not been in favour of it but had been swayed by the support given to it by the Parish Council.

NHD73/15: To receive a short verbal report from Cllr Quarmby on any response received from Wiltshire Council to the letter sent by the Parish Council regarding the revised plan for the Primary School's extended playground: Cllr Quarmby advised that the Clerk had not yet received a written response. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Quarmby would clarify the stance of the Governing Body from Mr Richard Fishlock and also suggest that representatives of the Parish Council attend a future meeting of the Governing Body to ascertain the school's support for pursuing the upstream solution.

Part 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – EXEMPT MATTERS

NHD74/15: Cllr Quarmby proposed the following resolution – ‘That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw’, seconded by Cllr Hayward and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be closed to the press and public. Cllr Quarmby also advised of the importance of maintaining confidentiality with regard to the matters about to be discussed.

NHD75/15: To consider further the costings for the construction of the Extension to the Memorial Hall and information gathered by members on possible funding streams and to resolve to agree on any recommendations to be made to the Parish Council: Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Yeates seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council to approve the sum of £20,000 for the purpose of instructing Paul Stevens Architecture to produce detailed design plans for the Memorial Hall Extension to RIBA Stage 4. By doing this, the Parish Council subsequently would be able to instruct a Quantity Surveyor to produce detailed costings for the Extension and from which members would be able consider the funding streams from which these could be drawn.

Members also suggested that the Committee may be able to tap into Mr Richard Fishlock extensive knowledge on funding sources.

Following a further discussion, Cllr Quarmby proposed from the chair that Cllrs Brentor and Mace form a small Working Group with the Clerk to look at different funding sources.

NHD76/15: To consider again an offer of a contribution towards community infrastructure from Foreman Homes, the applicant for the proposed development at Rivermead, Breamore Road, Downton and to resolve to agree on any recommendations to be made to the Parish Council: Following a discussion, Cllr Hayward proposed, Cllr Ford seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council as follows:

1. The Parish Council should write to Wiltshire Council stating that it wished to maintain its objection overall, but wished to lift its objection to there being no offer of community benefit. It was doing so on the grounds of the impending Neighbourhood Plan inspection and referendum, as an approval of the development would take the parish above the 190 houses allocated to Downton in the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
2. That any further consideration of the planning application and the sum of £300k offered by Foreman Homes would need to be considered through community consultation after the referendum had taken place.

NHD77/15: Next meeting: Monday 11th April 2016 at 6.30 pm at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.