

Approved Minutes – 10th May 2017

7pm, the meeting opened.

17/065 Attendees: Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. D. Mead, Vice Chair. M. Shepstone, Cllr. P. Hodge, Cllr. P. Chant, Cllr. D. Goddard, Cllr. C. Henocq, Cllr. J. New, Cllr. M. Mead, Cllr. B. Hartley,. **Public attendance:** C.Cllr. M. Keating, D. Cllr. G. Seaton. Mr S. Travers, Boon & Brown, Mr S Musgrove, Mr S Shayler, 7 members of the public.

Apologies: D. Cllr. C. Bakewell, Cllr. S. Snelling, Cllr. N. Hopkins, Chairman B. Sugg.

17/066 Declarations received

- 17/070 Cllr. M. Mead, Cllr. D. Mead
- 17/069 (d) Cllr. J. Mead

17/067 The amended minutes were approved as an accurate and correct record of the Parish Council, meeting held on 12th April, 2017. All agreed.

17/068 Public Question Time

(1) Members of the Public

- a. Mr S Travers of Boon Brown wanted to object to item 17/069 (a). The previous planning application, in 2010, was approved under different planning regulations. Street scene is still not in character with existing properties. Mr Travers had sent the Parish Council 2 objection letters, which was circulated before the meeting.

7:10pm Cllr. J. Bennett joined the meeting.

- b. Mr S Musgrove, although not objecting to item 17/069 (b) he believes it will enhance the area. He mentioned that the environmental assessment should take into account the family of foxes. He asked Council to take into consideration construction of an allotment area.
- c. 7 members of public attended the meeting to object to item 17/069 (a), although did not speak publicly, their letters of objection had been received by Clerk and circulated to Council.
- d. Mr S Shayler, regarding item 17/069 (c). He wanted to inform Council, after discussions with the neighbours regarding their objections, that he will be withdrawing the current plan and re submitting with changes.

(2) County / District Councillors Reports

- a. D.Cllr C. Bakewell and D. Cllr. G. Seaton provided soft copies of their report, which was circulated to Council. D. Cllr. G. Seaton read out her report. C.Cllr. M. Keating has been elected as the New County Councillor. Council wished him well in his new role.

17/069 To discuss and make observations on SSDC - Planning Applications

a. 17/01396/FUL

Applicant: Mr and Mrs B Delves

Proposal: Removal of existing garage and erection of a detached dwelling house.

Location: Coker Firs, West Coker Road, Yeovil

Proposal by Cllr. B. Hartley, There is nothing in this planning application that changes Councils view to their previous comments made on the application in 2010. They have also taken into consideration the objections from the neighbours. Seconded by Cllr. J. Bennett. All Agreed.

b. 17/01670/FUL

Applicant: Sundial Developments

Proposal: The erection of 2 no. bungalows and detached garages

Location: Land between Sunnycroft and no. 4 Long Furlong Lane East Coker

Proposal by Vice Chairman M. Shepstone, no decisions on this application can be made as the developer has verbally advised Council that it is being withdrawn. 1 abstention and the rest of Council agreed.

- c. **Tellis Cross** – Consultation. No details have been received by Council and the item will be brought forward to the next agenda.
- d. **Holywell** – Consultation – Thursday 11th May, 2017. It was agreed by all Council that Cllr. J. New could discuss this item. The consultation notice was not received by Council until Friday 5th May. **Action:** Clerk to write to Mr S. Fox, SSDC, to have it noted that the Council received the consultation at very late notice.

7:30 pm Members of the public left

e. 17/01699/FUL

Applicant: Mrs Catherine Bradley

Proposal: The re-instatement of existing fence and the erection of new fencing/gates

Location: Merion, East Coker, Yeovil

It was agreed by all to have no objections, subject to the Conservation officer giving approval.

8pm – 8:03pm – the meeting stopped and started to hold the Annual Parish Council meeting.

f. 15/01000/OUT – Keyford – Cllr. B. Hartley

- The Triangle – The Parish Council should have an input into the development of “the Triangle” within the development.
- The Archeological Report. The dig took place 15 months ago and a report hasn’t yet been submitted.

Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting on Monday 22nd, May 5:30pm with Mr S Fox to discuss East Coker Parish Councils input into the Keyford development and Planning Contributions. Clerk to also ask when the Archeological report will be available.

SSDC – Planning Determinations – *For your information.*

- a. None Received.

17/070 Memorial Approvals

- a. Approval was sought for the design and inscription of a memorial to be erected in East Coker Cemetery in memory of the late Gloria Mead. It was proposed by Cllr. B. Hartley to give approval and seconded by Cllr. D. Goddard. A vote was taken, 2 abstentions, 6 agreed, motion carried.

17/071 To receive the Clerk’s report.

- The Great Get Together (June 17th & 18th). Clerk has received an email/letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset. An event will be held to remember Jo Cox. It was agreed by Council not to register an interest due to other Parish commitments.
- Village of the Year 2017. It was agreed by all to have Clerk apply for an application form. **Action:** Clerk.
- Somerset Remembers. Clerk informed Council of the Lord Lieutenant’s intention of organising an event to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. The outline plan is to hold a County event, in Wells, on the early evening of Tuesday 6th November, 2018. **Action:** Clerk to forward a copy to the General of the British Legion.
- Website Competition. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- Lanyards for the Parishioner Annual meeting, 18th May, 2017, had been created by Cllr. D. Goddard and would cost @£4. It was agreed to use sticky labels. **Action:** Cllr. P. Hodge to arrange.

17/072 To receive correspondence from the SSDC

- (1) None recently received.

17/073 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence

- (1) Mr S Shayler has written to Clerk regarding a public footpath and an overhanging hedge. **Action:** Clerk to write to the hedge owner to ask them to cut it and if they are having difficulties doing so, let Council know and they will arrange to do it and ask the owner for remittance.
- (2) Main Street – Drainage Issue – Mr J Cordwell. It was agreed by all to write and inform Mr Cordwell that in times of financial restraint the Council cannot exceed goodwill gestures to private land. **Action:** Clerk.

17/074 To discuss Working Group issues and resolve

- (1) The Neighbourhood Plan. A meeting was held to go through the feedback. Cllr. B. Hartley has completed a very good technical paper with regards to housing needs. Council thanked Cllr. Hartley. The next step will be amending the plan. The NP will also have a health check by an independent company, the expected cost would be £375, but to be confirmed and resolved at a later date. An informal meeting will be held with SSDC by the working group and then hopefully move to Regulation 15.
- (2) Traffic – Speed and Signage. Cllr. D. Goddard is organising a meeting with Highways, Colin Fletcher. Cllr. C. Henocq expressed an interest in joining the working group.
- (3) Housing Needs Survey – NP group would like to attend future meetings with SSDC.

8:50pm C. Cllr. M. Keating joined the meeting.

17/075 Group Representative Reports

- (1) Village Hall – Cllr. J. New. A meeting was held on the 8th May. Cllr. J New attended and informed Council that the Village Hall is having minor maintenance and repairs carried out.
- (2) Alms Houses – Chairman B. Sugg – no report to give.
- (3) Primary School – Cllr. N. Hopkins – no report to give.

17/076 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve

- (1) Verges - Resolution sought to have them cut. It was agreed to bring this item forward to the next meeting.

17/077 Village Ranger actions

- Halves Lane to the Church, needs weeding
- Moor Lane – footpath needs strimming
- The Style at Les Barton needs attention

17/078 To discuss and resolve the following topics;

- (1) Growing a Rural Community – It was agreed by all to accept the report. Council thanked Cllr. B. Hartley.
- (2) TPO (Tree Preservation Orders). It was agreed to bring this item forward to the next meeting.
- (3) East Coker Cockerels Fixed Fees. It was agreed to bring this item forward to the next meeting as Clerk is waiting for confirmation of the position change of pitches.
- (4) Footpath Maps. **Resolution:** It was agreed by all to purchase 100 @ a cost of £75.00. Proposed by Cllr. M. Mead and seconded by Cllr. D. Mead. **Action:** Cllr. D. Goddard to order and confirm the Monarch Way.
- (5) Annual Parishioner Meeting– 18th May 7-9pm
Group Photos were scheduled for 6:30pm, it was decided that the photos should be at the end of the evening. There was some confusion as to the format of the evening. Clerk informed all that she would firm up the logistics and email all.

9:10pm C.Cllr. M. Keating and D.Cllr. G. Seaton left the meeting.

- (6) **Resolution:** exclude the public (*Non Parish Council Members*) and press from the meeting to discuss an item. All agreed.

17/079 Agenda items for the next meeting, Wednesday, 12th July, 7.00pm at the Pavilion

Tellis Cross Consultation

TPO's

Verges – Resolution sought to have them cut

Website Competition

17/080 Finance

Finances were agreed by all, proposed by Cllr. B. Hartley, and seconded by Cllr. J. Bennett.

Description	Amount	Vat
Current balance	£68,982.86	
VAT Q4 Claimed	£1,838.78	
Outstanding cheques not drawn	0	
Clerks Expenses /Office Rent	(£ 55.00)	
Clerks Salary April	(£773.28)	
Claire's Cleaning Services April	(£180.00)	
Zurich Insurance	(£1,154.63)	
Edmonds Commercial Property	(£180.00)	£30.00

9:34pm The meeting closed.