

Minutes of the Meeting of South Warnborough Parish Council
VIRTUAL
Monday 22nd April 2021

Present Cllr Lady Belinda Hall (Chair)
Cllr Stephen Spreadborough
Cllr Ed Clark
Cllr Gavin McBride

County Cllr Jonathan Glen
District Cllrs John Kennett and Ken Crookes
Mrs Elizabeth Ford (Clerk)
3 members of the public

1. Introduction

All attendees were welcomed to meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Chris Dorn sent apologies as he was engaged with meetings at other Parish Councils where solar farm applications were under discussion.

3. Declaration of interests

Cllr Hall declared a pecuniary interest in item 6 b) as the joint applicant and so would leave the meeting during the discussion and determination of the comment on this item. **It was resolved** that Cllr Clark would chair the item.

4. Approval of minutes from the Parish Council meetings on Monday 29th March 2021

Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

5. To consider the revised quote from the selected contractor and whether to make an instruction to carry out the improvements to the Parish Council playground on Gaston Lane.

It was resolved to accept the revised proposal and quote (as per the link in the email dated 16th April) from Eibe Ltd for the supply and installation of new playground equipment at a cost of £49,980 exc. VAT.

The Clerk was to instruct Eibe Ltd to carry out the works as proposed above, subject to confirmation of final equipment locations at the site meeting on Friday 23rd April 2021, that the play equipment in softwood timber would be fitted with galvanised steel feet and that Eibe Ltd programme for a start date on site in the week commencing Monday 5th July 2021.

The recreation ground would be closed during the works to ensure health and safety of all and facilitate the speedy completion of the works. The planting in the new playground would be carried out in the autumn and the Clerk would apply to Hart DC for the remaining \$106 money (understood to be £736) towards the cost of the planting. Two additional quotes for the tarmac area and repair of the fencing were still to be obtained and fencing would need to comply with the requirements in the playground lease.

6. To consider the following planning applications

- a) 20/02747/CON, Varndells, Gaston Lane.** Approval of condition 3- method statement- pursuant to 20/02747/LBC Creation of a french drain to the North West and South West elevations, repairs to the structural timber frame on the North West elevation, repair to brickwork on the North West elevation, creation of two soakaways and thatch repairs to the ridge.

The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment to support the improvements to the building and that they meet the requirements of the Conservation Officer.

- b) 21/00797/LDC, Fallowfields, Swaines Hill.** Certificate of lawful existing use for the use of the Coach House as a separate residential unit. Closing date for comment 13th May 2021.

Cllr Hall left the meeting.

The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment to support.

Cllr Hall returned to the meeting.

- c) **21/00773/HOU Gaston Cottage, Gaston Lane.** Replacement windows and doors to the rear elevation, removal of chimney stack on the rear elevation and removal of existing decking area and replace with new decking structure.

The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment to support.

- d) **21/00733/FUL, Beechcroft, Office Pickaxe Lane.** Change of use of existing office/storage (B1a and B1c) use to residential unit (C3) use with addition of first floor balcony on west elevation and detached sunken garage. Alterations to windows and doors.

The application was discussed and **it was resolved** to submit the comment of no objection.

7. Questions and answers from the floor

Cllr Kennett advised that Hart DC had engaged an external landscape consultant to assist in the evaluation of the Chosley Farm SPF planning application. No planning application had yet been received for the Long Sutton solar farm proposal.

Cllr Glen advised that more than 300 objections had been submitted to the Bunkers Hill application including a submission by the Whitewater Valley Preservation Society and that Councils nationwide were objecting to solar farms. Cllr Glen would bring up the issue of solar farms and the recent cancellation of the EIA requirement at the Long Sutton site in his upcoming meeting with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

After 7th May local authorities, including parish councils, were not allowed to hold their meetings virtually.

It was reported that there had been a burglary at the Lees Barns site. There had been a serious accident at the Long Sutton crossroads.

8. To confirm date and location of next meeting

The next meeting would be the South Warnborough Parish Council Annual Meeting (AGM) and the Parish Assembly which would be held virtually on Tuesday 4th May with the AGM starting at 6.30pm and the Parish Assembly at 7.30pm.

Cllrs Glen and Kennett left the meeting. The meeting finished at 9.03 pm.

9. To agree that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public is excluded from the meeting whilst matters pertaining to an employee of the council are discussed.

It was resolved to agree that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst matters pertaining to an employee of the council were discussed.

10. To consider confidential business

See confidential minute.

Signed Chairman _____ Date _____

Parish Clerk Elizabeth Ford