

# ARLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Present: Cllrs J. Shaw (Chairman), J Burcher, N Rowntree, J Wilkinson, K Withers. District Cllrs John Jones and S Davies. Clerk Sheila Murray  
There were no members of the public present.

### **01-24/17 Parishioners' Forum**

None

### **02-25/17 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Merrett, Smith-Lyons and County Cllr Blackburn.

### **03-26/17 Declaration of members' interest**

*None*

**04-27/17 Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were Amended as follows:

Item: 11-17/17 typing error word "referred" to read "deferred".

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Shaw thanked Elena Dickinson for providing clerk services at the previous meeting.

### **05-28/17 Arlingham Roads**

Cllr Burcher reported that the plastic warning posts placed around the culvert at Wharf Lane keep blowing over and leaving the culvert unguarded. A more effective barrier is needed.

Cllr Rowntree noted that the road entrance into Vale Bank from Friday Street is under water. There is no drain in this area only a soak away. It is known that there is not sufficient fall for drainage. Agreed that the clerk should ask County Highways whether it would be possible, resources permitting, to connect a road drain from the entrance to Vale Bank to the road drains in Friday Street near the junction of the main road into the village.

Cllr Wilkinson advised that there is a large pot hole in Church Road opposite his residence which is to be reported by the Clerk.

### **06-29/17 Planning Matters**

S17/0361/HHOLD – Victoria House, Church Road. Replacement roof to existing conservatory. Cllrs unanimously agreed to support this application.

S17/0259/FUL – Wick Court, Overton Lane. Erection of two Roundwood structures to provide outside study area and associated toileting, showering and hand-washing facilities. Cllrs unanimously agreed to support this application.

S17/0302/HHOLD – Slowwe House East Silver Street. Construction of a single storey front extension, providing an enlarged dining area within the existing kitchen and new entrance. Cllrs unanimously agreed to support this application.

S17/0426/DISCON – Abclift Farm Overton Lane. Discharge of condition 2 (materials) ref:S13/2191/FUL – Council noted.

There were no planning decisions to report from SDC.

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## **07-30/17 PCC Churchyard Maintenance**

At its workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the Parish Assets and Amenities group discussed fund raising options that were open to the PCC as a way to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of the churchyard. The Parish Council agreed that they would not support the suggestion of increasing the annual precept for this ongoing work. The councillors agreed that the PCC should respond to the suggestions put to them from the workshop debate and Cllr Shaw will follow up the issue with Mr. Pugsley.

## **08-31/17 Verge Cutting Contract**

The Verge Cutting contracts have been agreed in principle and the signed documents are awaited from the GCC. Councillors debated the options available for the balance of the funds and how best this could benefit the community. It was concluded that additional verge cutting would be carried out to ensure that all verges are cut once per annum, all visibility splays are cut twice and the verges are cut twice a year alongside the road from the Red Lion to Fretherne. The Parish Council acknowledged that a second cut of other verges could be instructed as circumstances required. It was agreed that once a signed agreement was obtained from the County Council that an agreement for the agreed work should be entered into with David Davies of Saul in accordance with the draft form of contract which had been circulated with the Agenda.

It was also agreed that a proportion of Parish Council funds in 2017/8 should be used to support the annual rental of one-third the current Recreation Field at £150 to help secure it for future use for the youth in the community with a view to encouraging parishioner support to assist with the upkeep of the field. Additionally it was agreed that the annual support for the Churchyard maintenance is to be increased from £200 to £250 for 2017/8

## **09-32/17 Annual Parish Meeting**

The confirmed date for the Annual Parish Meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The format was agreed with the formal business being followed by a presentation of the new website and an informal networking by the councillors.

## **10-33/17 Correspondence**

A request for funding received from Stroud Valleys Project was rejected by councillors on this occasion.

## **11-34/17 Financial Matters**

Councillors voted unanimously that the following cheques are to be paid.

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount £	Vat	Total Value £	Power
06/03/17	603	S Murray	Salary (J-M)	307.00	-	307.00	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
06/03/17	604	HMRC	PAYE	43.00	-	43.00	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
06/03/17	605	PCC	Churchyard Maintenance	200.00	-	200.00	LGA 1972 s.137

A financial statement was tabled for comments.

## **12-35/17 Action Log**

Cllr Rowntree thanked councillors for their input to the website review and it was agreed that the launch date would be 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017. An announcement will be placed in the next magazine article. Cllr Rowntree agreed to assist with the preparation of the article.

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## **13-36/17 County Councillor's Report**

County Cllr Blackburn submitted his report which was read by the Clerk. Items of interest included confirmation that the GCC element of the Council tax for 2017/2018 is increased by 3.99% which includes 1.99% for social services. An additional £3m is available for roads and each County Councillor will receive £30,000 for local roads together with the continuation of the Lengthmen's scheme. He raised his concern about funding cuts to Lakefield School and offered his support for any proposed appeal.

## **14-37/17 District Councillors Report**

District Cllr John Jones updated councillors on the recent District Council meeting. Points of interest were:

The Council tax effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 for an average band D property in Arlingham will be £1,605.14

The Waste recycling programme has reached 60% with further improvements anticipated. The garden recycling scheme is losing money and requires an additional 2000 households to sign up before it will break even.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will be payable on all planning applications for development from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. This includes new houses, extensions, supermarkets etc. The rate charged will be £80 per square metre of floor space. A typical 3 bed property of around 100 square metres will attract a CIL payment of around £8,000. The Parish will receive 15% or 25% if a Neighbourhood Development Plan is adopted and in place. This amount for the Parish can be spent as it sees fit. The balance will be spent by SDC on infrastructure and improvements across the district. S106 agreements will become site specific only. The Government expects local planning departments to be self-funding by the autumn which will mean an increase in planning fees.

The West of Stonehouse Development has received considerable criticism and Redrow Builders will submit a revised plan shortly. The Ecotricity Eco Park and Football Stadium application is not expected to get to the DCC before late summer/early autumn because a new transport assessment has been submitted.

District Cllr John Jones confirmed that there had not been any communication regarding Lower Milton End enforcement order and he will chase for an update on the progress made.

## **15-38/17 Councillors' Submissions**

**Cllr Burcher** suggested that the Clerk check the current fulfilment of the contract with Mr. P. Browning as he will be undergoing an operation in the near future.

**Cllr Shaw** requested Cllr Wilkinson present a programme for the Playground requirements to the April or May meeting of the Parish Council following the site visit by District Cllr John Jones. Cllr Burcher reminded councillors that S106 monies are available from SDC from previous planning schemes for playground projects.

**Cllr Withers** confirmed that the building programme at Lakefield School was now completed and the new facilities were in use. He further expressed his concern about the reduction in funding and felt this was a serious concern nationally for Secondary education. Cllr Shaw shared his views.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm