

DROXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Droxford Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19 February 2015 at Droxford Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Pietro Acciarri, Barbara Chandler – Chair, Roger Foster – Vice Chair, Jason Toman,

IN ATTENDANCE: Rosemary Hoile – Clerk/RFO

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Chris Town, Mrs Sally Sturt,

15.15 Apologies for Absence: Colin Matthissen, Janet Melson, (both away) County Cllr Roger Huxstep, District Cllr Caroline Dibden (both WCC Full Council meeting): Louise Withers (unwell)

16.15 Declarations of Interest regarding Agenda items:

Cllr Acciarri declared an interest with regards to the listed building application at Fir Hill SDNP/15/00351/LIS.

17.15 Public participation:

Mrs Sturt and Mr Town were both present to express concern regarding the application for a licence to hold weddings at Fir Hill. The issues centred on noise and light pollution after dark and fireworks. Cllr Withers had said at the previous meeting that Council support was conditional on all these points being contained within SDNP approval and being enforced. The applicant had advised Droxford Parish Council these constraints were part of the business model at the previous PC meeting and by letter. It was noted that the consultee document had not been uploaded on the SDNP website publishing the Parish Council's comments by the time of the current meeting. Mr Town was also concerned that traffic egress from and onto the A32 would be unsafe. He was advised Cllr Withers had also said at the previous meeting that licenses expire after 3 years and are not transferable. **ACTION** - None required, matter in hand, the above points had already been taken into consideration.

Other issues raised were damage to grass verges and no 'Give Way' signage at the Union Lane exit onto Hackett Lane. Cllr Foster said there has been a de-cluttering policy over the past few years and a balance had to be struck between the urbanising effect of too many signs and some effective signage. The Chair said the Parish Council was in the process of working with Highways to formulate a traffic calming plan for Union /Police Station Lane and Northend Lane and something which addresses the exit from Union Lane might well come out of it. **ACTION** - Cllr Foster, Cllr Melson – to include in discussions with Highways

18.15. County and District Councillors Reports:

County Cllr Huxstep had not sent a report. District Cllr Dibden had previously circulated her report – (appended). Cllr Acciarri drew attention to the Ward Boundary Review. **ACTION** - Clerk to put 'Response to Ward Boundary Review consultation on the March agenda and attach Cllr Dibden's report to agenda.

19.15 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 15th January 2015: APPROVED

20.15 Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting not elsewhere on the agenda:

20.15.1 Defibrillator: The AED (automated external defibrillator) is now operational. South Central Ambulance Service have been notified of installation and given the code to issue to any member of the public dialling 999 in the event of suspected cardiac arrest. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Peter Moore, who installed the AED and to Tim Crowfoot Chairman Village Hall Committee who arranged for the electrical connection.

20.15.2 Broadband: Inclusion of Droxford in Phase 2 has been confirmed. Work on delivery of the new contract is expected to start mid 2016. For details see www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com

21.15 Planning; See Appendix B Planning Report

21.15.1. New Planning Applications – Appendix B: Cllr Withers had previously circulated her report
Cllr Acciarri reported:

SDNP/15/00351/LIS Fir Hill, High Street, Droxford, SO32 3PA Change of use from single residential dwelling to single residential dwelling to be used as a wedding venue with both internal and external facilities. (WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF A LISTED BUILDING) **ACTION** – To repeat Council's response to SDNP/14/04418/FUL Cllr

Withers.

Ref: SDNP/15/00082/APNB Poppy Down Farm, Mayhill Lane, Droxford SO32 3AH. **ACTION** – None required.

- 21.15.2 Planning: Pending Consideration – Appendix B:
Ref: SDNP/14/04418/FUL Cllr Acciari reported that the SDNP are minded to refuse the application and have advised the developer to withdraw it.. The Parish Council agreed to seek a meeting with SDNP, Eider Homes and Cllr Dibden. **ACTION** - the Clerk to co-ordinate dates for meeting
- 21.15.3 Planning Appeals - In progress and decisions - Appendix B.
Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/Y9507/D/142224152, The Garden House, Midlington Hill. - Cllr Acciari reported that the Inspector is to visit shortly. A decision is expected by mid April. **ACTION** - Cllr Acciari to monitor
- 21.15.4 Planning Enforcement – Appendix B: Cllr Acciari reported WCC Enforcement Officers have requested further information from Four Acres in connection with businesses that are being run from the site. The caravan on Midlington Farm is used for office space.
- 22.15 Finance:**
- 22.15.1 **Finance Statement** - Appendix A: Payments **Approved**
- 22.15.2 Parish Council Budget and Precept for 2015/16:
Resolved: To approve budget requirement of £18, 276.77
Resolved: To approve the Precept request for £17,500.23
Parishes Council Tax Support Grant allocation for Droxford in 2015-2016 is £776.77
- 22.15.3 Audit Report and Risk Assessment of Internal Financial Controls Yr ending 31 March 2015
Resolved: To approve
- 23.15 Play Area, Recreation Ground and Cemetery and Allotments**
- 23.15.1 To receive Play Area report: Cllr Toman reported he had tightened the zip wire up a notch. A piece of rubber has been picked of the swing seat - does not affect the seat. The see-saw needs removing. **ACTION** - the Clerk to obtain costs and arrange removal
- 23.15.2 The Clerk informed the Council of the cost to replace the defunct Sadia hot water heater with a 15 litre under sink water heater in the Pavilion kitchen to be £390, including new tap and electrician's fee. The original quote was for a 10 litre tank and electrical connection for £350.00 – **Resolved:** To approve **ACTION – The Clerk**
- 24.15 Roads, Transport and Highways:**
- 24.15.1 Grass verges Union Lane and Northend Lane: the Clerk said Cllr Melson had responded to the complaint. More verge posts were considered by the Council to be ineffective. Existing posts had knocked over and look battered. **ACTION** – Cllr Foster to include in Traffic Calming strategy discussion.
- 24.15.2 Traffic Calming strategy: Cllr Foster said it is difficult to arrange the meeting for when he is not working and Cllr Melson, Neville Crisp and Lisa Davis can also all agree a date. To start with they are concentrating on Midlington crossroads and Swanmore Road. **ACTION** - Cllr Foster
- 25.15 Footpaths**
Hampshire Countryside Access Action Plan 2015 – 2025: The Council proposed putting a link on the website and circulating the link to the distribution list to ask for comment. **ACTION** - The Clerk
- 26.15 Correspondence**
It was noted that the Notice of Inspection due will be carried out after 1st April by Hampshire Playing Fields Association. Cost to be included in the annual subscription of £40 agreed in the budget. **ACTION** – t he Clerk Parish Representative to serve on Standards Committee. **NO ACTION**
- 27.15. Rolling Action Plan** – Reviewed and updated
- 28.15 Items for the next agenda:** Ward Boundary Review, new website host, vacancy for new councillor
- 29.15 Date of the next meeting 19th March, at Droxford Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed.....Date.....

