

Minutes 10th January 2018

7:02pm Meeting opened.

18/199 Attendees: Chairman B. Sugg, Vice Chairman M. Shepstone, Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. P. Chant, Cllr. C. Henocq, Cllr. P. Hodge, Cllr. N. Hopkins, Cllr. D. Mead, Cllr. M. Mead, Clerk G. Macpherson. **Apologies:** Cllr. D. Goddard, Cllr. B. Hartley and Cllr. S. Snelling, D. Cllr. C. Bakewell, reasons noted. **Public Attendance:** C.Cllr. M. Keating, D.Cllr. G. Seaton, Mr Mike Beckerleg and Sandra and partner Mr Russell Best of Barn Cottage.

18/200 Declarations. None were given.

18/201 The minutes were approved as an accurate and correct record of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th December, 2017. Proposed by Cllr. P. Hodge and seconded by Cllr. P. Chant, all agreed.

7:08pm Cllr. J. Bennett joined the meeting

18/202 Public Question Time

(1) Members of the Public

- Sandra and partner Mr Russell Best expressed their concerns with regards to application number 17/04714/LBC/FUL. They object to the size of the build, as it is quite close to their property. Concern was also given that works had commenced without permission.

(2) County / District Councillors Reports. Reports circulated prior to the meeting. D.Cllr. G. Seaton provided Clerk with a Western Corridor update to put onto the Parish website. **Action:** Clerk. D.Cllr. G. Seaton also informed Council that Mr James Divall had been promoted and a replacement has yet to be announced.

18/203 To discuss and make observations on SSDC - Planning Applications

a. **Application Number:** 17/04811/COU

Applicant: The Village Cafe

Proposal: The change of use of premises from occupational training with ancillary case (use class D) to a café (use class A3) (retrospective)

Location: The Village Café Unit 3, The Old Coach Yard, Main Street, East Coker

Resolution: The East Coker Parish Council are delighted to support this application. All agreed.

b. **Application Number:** 17/04714/LBC/FUL

Applicant: Mr and Mrs S R Bridgford-Whittick

Proposal: The carrying out of external alterations to garage and outbuilding to include new windows, external staircase and roof light.

Location: Threshings, Dorchester Road, Barwick, BA22 9RD

Resolution: The Parish Council object to the planning application and have the following observations, which were collectively proposed and then agreed by all.

1. The Parish Council are concerned that building works have commenced prior to planning being approved.
2. Current building works indicate the window being installed on the plan looks directly into the neighbour's property affecting privacy.
3. The East Coker Parish Council request that South Somerset District Council put this application forward for Ward Officers to discuss.
4. It was also noted that the form 'Householder Application for Planning Permission for works or extension to a dwelling and listed building consent' states under item 3 'description of proposed

works' - has the work already been started without planning permission? No has been answered, this is incorrect.

In conclusion, given all of the above, the East Coker Parish Council strongly recommend these applications are referred to Area South Committee and that they undertake a site visit.

c. **Application Number:** 17/04936/FUL

Applicant: Mr Robert Randall

Proposal: Alterations to access, the erection of extensions including garage and the retention of decking.

Location: 63 Sandhurst Road, Yeovil, BA20 2LF

Resolution: The East Coker Parish Council have no comments or objections to make. All Agreed.

SSDC – Planning Determinations

None received

18/204 Memorial Approvals

- a. None received.

7:40pm C.Cllr. M. Keating joined the meeting

18/205 To receive the Clerk's report.

- (1) Budget 18/19. The draft budget was agreed, as amended, by all. **Action:** Cllr. P. Hodge to provide Clerk with correct budget figure for Neighbourhood Plan consultants in light of the recent email from South Somerset District Council.
- (2) Precept
 - Mr John Snelling has sent a letter to Clerk with a request to increase the precept by £15 per household for the next 5 years to go towards a fighting fund against development, which is contrary to the East Coker Neighbourhood Plan. **Resolution:** The Council discussed the proposal at length but felt, at this stage in the life of the current Parish Council, it would be inappropriate for them commit to this increase for the future. All agreed.
 - **Resolution:** After detailed discussion and taking into account the extra services the Parish Council now provide, it was proposed to raise the precept by 4.87%. Agreed by all.
- (3) Councillor Vacancy – The vacancy will now be advertised and the deadline for parishioners to request an election will be the 30th January, 2018. A Hustings address by candidates was discussed for use at the next Parish meeting. **Action:** Clerk to discuss with Vice Chair.
- (4) Annual Parishioner Meeting – A date was set, 19th April. **Action:** Clerk to book Village Hall.

18/206 To receive correspondence from the SSDC / SCC

- (1) None Received

18/207 To receive and discuss Parishioner Correspondence

- (1) Mr and Mrs Attwood have emailed the Parish Council regarding an incident on Christmas Eve. **Action:** Clerk to write and thank Mr and Mrs Attwood for their comments, which will be kept on file for future events.

18/208 To discuss Working Group issues and resolve

- (1) The Neighbourhood Plan. SSDC have responded to the working group request for referendum with further comments. Changes to the website can be completed in house and Cllr. N. Hopkins has agreed to read the plan and double check the website and consultation document. Further meetings with the consultants have been arranged to discuss.
- (2) Traffic – Speed and Signage. No further update to give.
- (3) The Cemetery Chapel. The working group have now met and Cllr. N. Hopkins will circulate notes. An arts festival is scheduled to use the Chapel in May and it was agreed to have the ceiling repaired to make it

safe in the short term. **Action:** Chairman B. Sugg to provide quotations for the next working group meeting, schedule for Wednesday 7th February, 2018, 9:15am at the Village Café.

Action: Cllr. N. Hopkins to discuss the change of use issue with SSDC and send out meeting notes.

- (4) The Local Plan Issues and Options. The Parish Council thanked Cllr. B. Hartley and Cllr. D. Goddard for preparing the replies and providing information for the drop in session. **Action:** Clerk to send the responses before midday 11th January.

18/209 Group Representative Reports

- (1) Village Hall – Representative to be decided at the next meeting.
- (2) Alms Houses – Chairman B. Sugg – The next meeting will be in June.
- (3) Primary School – Cllr. N. Hopkins – No update

18/210 To discuss and identify Highways Issues and resolve

- Chairman B. Sugg notified the Parish Council that the Tellis Bridge will be fixed in February 2018.
- Clerk to continue to chase the repair of the very deep hole at the triangle.
- Pot holes to be reported;
 - o Darville Road – large hole with a cone in it due to its deepness.
 - o Mill Close

18/211 To discuss and identify items for the Village Ranger

It was noted by Council how well the Ranger, Karen, is doing with her Parish duties.

18/212 To discuss and resolve the following topics;

- (1) Memorial for Councillor James (Jimmy) New. Suggestions of a defibrillator, tree, telephone box or bench were discussed. **Action:** Cllr. N. Hopkins to research the possibility of getting a grant for a defibrillator and Chairman B. Sugg to discuss with Jimmy's wife, Helen. **Action:** Clerk to discuss with Stoford and Barwick Clerk the grant that they received.
- (2) Pavilion Users Meeting. It was agreed to hold the meeting in the evening on either 6th or 7th March. **Action:** Clerk to organise.
- (3) Christmas Eve Carol Celebrations were discussed. The Paddock area used may no longer be fit for purpose and other options were discussed. It was decided to discuss at the Annual Parishioner meeting, April 16th. **Action:** Clerk to note on the agenda.

18/213 Agenda items for the next meeting, Wednesday, 14th February, 7.00pm at the Pavilion

Councillor Vacancy

Defibrillator

Annual Parishioner Meeting Arrangements

18/214 Finance

It was proposed by Vice Chairman M. Shepstone to agree and approve the following items and those paid by delegated powers, seconded by Cllr. P. Chant. All agreed.

Description	Amount	Vat
Bank Balance	£27,654.97	
Outstanding cheques	0	
VAT expected	£794.89	
Incomings yet to be banked		
- Calendar Sales (not included Heylar / Gooseslade)	£502.50	
Clerks Expenses /Office Rent	(£ 25.00)	
Clerks Salary December	(£ 615.00)	
Claire's Cleaning – December	(£ 180.00)	
KM Dike - November	(£ 922.26)	£153.71
Local Plan Parishioner Refreshments	(£ 8.48)	
Total balance carried forward	£27,194.42	
Precept March 2018		

9:32pm meeting closed.

Chairman B. Sugg

Clerk B. Sugg