

## **Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

The meeting started at 6:35pm

**764 Attendees:** Chairman B. Sugg, Cllr. S. Snelling, Cllr. H. Clarke, Cllr. J. New, Cllr. C. Henocq, Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. P. Hodge, Cllr. M. Mead, Cllr. D. Mead, Cllr. D. Goddard, Cllr. M. Shepstone, Cllr. S. Musgrove and Cllr. B. Hartley. **Public attendance:** D. Cllr. G. Seaton, Mr J Paterson of Boon and Brown Architects and 8 members of the public. D. Cllr. C. Bakewell gave her apologies

**765 Declarations of interest.** No declarations were made.

**766 The minutes** were approved as an accurate and correct record of the Parish Council, meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 and the extraordinary meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, both proposed by Cllr. J. Bennett and seconded by Cllr. M. Shepstone, all Council agreed.

**767 Clerk's report.** Clerk informed Council that a Fire Safety presentation will be held by the Time to Share group. It was suggested that the presentation should also take place at the next Parishioner Yearly meeting, May 2016, if convenient for presenters.

**768 Correspondence from the SSDC** has been circulated throughout the month via email to Council and relevant notices posted onto the Parish notice boards.

**769 Parishioner Correspondence.** No correspondence has been received.

**770 Public Question Time**

- (1) Mr Paterson of Boon and Brown Architects gave a briefing regarding the planning application 15/04923/OUT.
- (2) Members of the Public, some members of the public didn't arrive until after 771 discussions started, as noted. This was due to them being unaware of the earlier start time.
- (3) District Councillor Gina Seaton gave her report.

**771 SSDC - Planning Applications**

- a. 15/04923/OUT Applicant; Boon Brown Architects, Proposal; outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings with associated access and parking. Location; land at Key Farm, Dorchester Road, Yeovil.

18:55pm a further 6 members of the public joined the meeting. Chairman B. Sugg allowed them to speak for 3 minutes each. Mr Paterson gave another briefing regarding the planning application.

The members of the public had many concerns as follows; vibrations causing damage to Grade 2 listed buildings; a large population of Newts would be endangered; dangerous drive entrance/exit, no space for fire engines or refuse trucks as the road is too narrow and there is no main sewer.

Councillors noted that it was Grade 1 agricultural land, footpath access will be taken away and traffic issues on an already busy A37.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shepstone and seconded by Cllr. J. New to recommend refusal of planning permission for the following reasons;

- The entrance is potentially dangerous
- Proximately will have a negative impact on Grade 2 listed buildings
- It's in open country land
- Divorce from rural settlements

This proposal was agreed by all Council.

- b. 15/05069/FUL Applicant; Mr and Mrs R A Gunner. Proposal; the erection of a single storey rear extension and extension to existing timber decking to rear of dwelling. Location; 25 Lower Wraxhill Road, East Coker.  
All Council agreed to make no comments or objections. Proposed by Cllr. D.Mead and seconded by Cllr. S. Musgrove.
- c. 15/05015/TPO Application; Mrs C Phillips. Proposal; To carry out tree surgery work to 1 no. beech, 1 no. goat willow, 1 no holm oak, 1 no. copper beech, 1 no. laurel and 1 no. yew. All known as being within group G1. Location. Stable Cottage, Coker House, Yeovil Road, East Coker.  
Cllr. B. Bennett informed Council that the arborist had advised Mrs Phillips to do the work. All Council agreed to make no comments or objections. Proposed by Cllr. D.Mead and seconded by Cllr. D. Goodard.
- d. Approval for an extra inscription to Harvey memorial at the cemetery at East Coker, to add Patricia Ann Harvey, 1938-2015. All Council agreed to approve this request. Proposed by Cllr. B. Hartley, seconded by Cllr. M. Mead.
- e. 15/01000/OUT – Keyford – Update.  
There has been a reduction from 800 houses to 770. There are still issues regarding the triangle bit of land. There has been another submission , Clerk will have it printed onto a large sheet for display in the Pavilion. All Council agreed that they still oppose any development lower than Placket Lane.
- f. 13/01791/OUT – Land East of Holywell (behind Yeovil Court Hotel)  
There is no time limit for a decision by the Planning Inspector. Simon Fox will get an email decision when it's made and forward it to the Clerk.

## **772 Working Groups**

- (1) The Neighbourhood Plan issues will be brought forward to the January meeting.  
There will be another smaller Open Day in the Dampier Room on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 11am till 2pm. Cllr. S. Snelling has spoken with Simon Williams, who confirmed that we are on track with the NP. The Dampier Room has been booked.

## **773 Highways Issues**

We can use the old post at Halves Lane but we will have to pay for either the Arms (£300 each) and the new post would be £1,500. It was agreed to discuss Signposts for Halves Lane and any other posts required at the next meeting.

7:30pm Cllr. D. Goodard left the meeting.

## **774 Village Ranger**

Cllr. M. Shepstone commented on a good job the Ranger is doing. Cllr. H.Clarke asked for the top of Back Lane to be cleared of leaves. Cllr. B. Hartley suggested having a sweeper through the village after the Primary School closes for Christmas.

## 775 Topics

### (1) Christmas Eve

Thanks were given to Mr and Mrs Miskin for providing the Christmas Tree, Mr and Mrs Beadsley for providing electricity to the tree, Cllr. D. Mead, Cllr. M. Mead, Richard Mead, Robert Mead and Cris from CCM Electrics Ltd for their help in putting up the tree on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The Carol Sheet was agreed and Clerk to print 300 for the evening.

Responsibilities were given to all Council, if not on holiday and attending, road safety, charity collection, carol sheet distribution and helping behind the bar at the Heylar Arms. It was agreed by all to have some sort of rope light to light up the Paddock area, proposed by Cllr. S. Snelling and Seconded by Cllr. D. Mead, Clerk to action with CCM Electrics Ltd. The Ranger is to be asked to clear the path in the Paddock.

Sam Barnes and Tom Bickerton to be provided with a copy of the carol sheet, they will hopefully provide the trumpet music.

A microphone was discussed but no resolution was made.

It was agreed by all to have the collection money to go to Save the Children.

The mulled wine, mince pies and sweets will be provided by the East Coker Parish Council using the Local Government Act 1972, Section 111 and Wellbeing Local Government Act 2000, it was agreed by all to have a budget of £200.

(2) Tree Works – White Poplar – It was agreed to bring forward to the next meeting. Cllr. J. Bennett to provide further information at the next meeting.

(3) Drain Jetting – Burton / Furlong Lane. All agreed to have the drains jetted using high pressure. S&D Chard to be used. Clerk to contact them and arrange a meeting between Cllr. D. Mead and Chairman B. Sugg. Cllr. M. Shepstone to report strainer baskets.

## 776 Updates

(1) Scout Lease – Councillor P. Hodge is still waiting for the replies from the solicitors. It was suggested to bring forward this item to January, 2016

## 777 Agenda items for the next meeting, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, 7.00pm at the Pavilion

- (1) The Neighbourhood Plan
  - a. Sub Committee Election
  - b. Memorandum of Understanding
  - c. Conservation Appraisal
- (2) The white poplar tree
- (3) Scout Lease Update
- (4) Defibrillator for the Pavilion
- (5) Signposts

## 778 Finance

### Description

Bank Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> November	£64,400.23
Uncashed Cheques from previous month	£ 464.87
Total December Cheques, as follows	£10,783.61

Description	Amount	Vat (Q3 Reclaim)
Clerks Expenses /Office Rent	£ 93.73	£ 2.74
Clerks Salary	£ 768.12	-
Claire's Cleaning Services NOV	£ 225.00	-
KM Dike NOV	£ 904.18	£150.70
Picture Framing – Chair. B. Sugg	£ 7.50	£ 0.98

British Telecom	£ 149.84	£ 12.64
<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Vat (Q3 Reclaim)</b>
Electrical works - CCM Electrics Ltd	£ 153.53	£ 26.67
NP Costings		
Footprint Futures	£ 6,664.25	-
Village Hall booking 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	£ 40.25	-
Questionnaire Reports – A. Beardsley	£ 250.00	-
Footprint Futures – Holywell Appeal	£ 1,059.15	-
EDF – Electricity Bill	£ 214.56	-
Christmas Tree Donation – Mr & Mrs Miskin	£ 200.00	-
SALC Chairman Training	£ 25.00	-
Christmas		
Tree Lighting Ceremony – Chair. B. Sugg	£ 28.50	£ 0.58

The accounts were agreed by all, proposed by Cllr. P.Hodge, seconded by Cllr. S. Snelling.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm