

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held on 13 January 2000 at 8pm.

Councillors Present: - W.K. Boundy - Chairman.

S.J.D. Hayes.

E.E. Cole

K.E. Webber.

District Councillor: - R. Quick.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T.H. Gibson.

B. Gillard. G. Webber.

26 members of the public were also present.

Public Session

Mr Smyth raised a previous complaint regarding the state of the road between Five Crosses and the Forge saying that the state of the road had further deteriorated. The Parish Clerk replied that the Highways Authority had been contacted and they stated that the road was in a poor state but several roads throughout the County were in a similar or worse condition. The problem was that insufficient funds were available to solve the Counties Highways problems. Mr. Quick confirmed that this was the case, but he would raise the issue of the road in question with the Highways Authority.

Pick up point for school children, residing in the Hamlet of Nomanland, awaiting conveyance to school, was considered by some residents to be dangerous.

The outcome of applicant Mr Curtis's appeal to the D.O.E. regarding Planning Application No 4/50/99/2449. Extracts from the Inspectors report were read out, including his decision to allow the appeal.

Options report.

It was agreed that the report had been fully discussed regarding the Hamlet of Nomanland and the reply that had been sent to the Forward Planning Authority was in the best interests of the Hamlets Residents.

Stable Block H/50/99/2459

The Chairman invited the applicant Mr. S. Cole to state what his plans were for the block in question. Mr. Cole said that the revised plan had moved the proposed stable block from its original position next to gardens of adjacent properties, to the opposite side of the field. The entrance would be way of an existing farm gate. It was planned to stable three horses. Several members of the Public objected to the Stable Block on the grounds that it was just an attempt to get a foothold in, to develop more homes in the Hamlet of Nomanland. Mr Cole replied that the plan was for a Stable Block. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Councillors by a majority decision would instruct the Clerk to write to Mid Devon Planning Authority asking for the Stable Block to be moved away from the properties on the opposite side of the road. The gate access was also considered to be dangerous, this point also be highlighted. Several members of the public, residents of the Hamlet were concerned about the speed of vehicles using the road from Five Crosses to the Forge.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 December 1999 were read and agreed. These were duly signed by the Chairman

Matters arising

Stretchdown being included as a development area. The Clerk said that he had contacted Mr. Scott, Forward Planning Dept, who said that due to the rural location of Stretchdown, any

Planning application would be treated on its merit, not because it is outside a settlement boundary, but would have to comply with existing planning constraints.

Financial Statement:-

Current account	46
Deposit account	<u>417.38</u>
	417.84

The Clerk said that Lloyds T.S.B. no longer operated an automatic top up account, therefore it was prudent to keep the maximum amount of money in the deposit account.

Correspondence.

The Clerk read out various items of correspondence received from Mid. Devon Council.

Planning.

Planning application 4/50/1999/3427.

Erection of a pitched roof over existing flat roof as per drawing. Councillors agreed to support the application, providing there was no inconvenience to neighbouring properties.

Highways

The Clerk said that the Highways Authority had been contacted regarding a BT box that was blocking the drainage in the road opposite New House Nursery. The work to remove or re-align the box was due to commence, in the near future, this would allow the Authority to repair the road. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:00pm.

Signed: - W. K. Boundy

Dated: - 20th March 2000

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on 20th March 2000 at 8pm.

Councillors present: - W.K. Bourdy. Chairman.
S.J.D. Hayes.
K. E. Webber.
B. Gillbard.
G. Webber.
District Councillor. R. Quick.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. E. Cole, and T. H. Gibson.

4 members of the Public, residents of Noman'sland, were also present.

Public Session:

Mr. Best presented a petition to Councillors requesting that speed on the B3137 Tiverton to Withridge, where it changes from 40 MPH to 60 MPH, outside the property known as The Barns at Southwick should be reduced to 20 MPH, with a ban on heavy goods vehicles. Mr. Charlton and Mr Smyth spoke in support of the Petition. It was agreed upon after a suggestion by District Councillor R. Quick that a letter should be sent to Mr Mitchard of Devon local Services group with a copy to Mr. Dightam of Mid Devon District Council, requesting a site visit at which the Parish Council should be represented, to ascertain the size of the problem, and if necessary agree remedial action. The Councillors agreed this course of action and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the last meeting, these were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Planning Permission for the Development.

Audit Report.

The Clerk said that he had received an Auditor's Certificate and opinion, stating that the Summary Account, presented a fair summary of receipts and payments for the year ending 31st March 1999.

Queries raised from Minute Book. - Authorisation of cheques not given in current minutes. Authorisation should be given at point of raising cheque. This will now be rectified. Agreed by Councillors.

Meetings should be held on a minimum of 4 occasions throughout the year. Councillors agreed that this had now been rectified.

V.A.T should be claimed back annually. The Clerk gave an assurance that this was being done. This was accepted by Councillors.

The Clerk had not been formally appointed as the responsible financial officer. It was proposed by Councillor G. Webber and seconded by Councillor S.J.D. Hayes, and unanimously agreed by all Councillors that Mr. D. Day would be financial officer for the Council.

That accounts for the year ending 31 March 2000 must be approved by 30 September 2000. The Clerk assured Councillors that the accounts will be ready for approval signature in time for the next meeting. The Council to adopt N.A.L.C. Standing orders.

It was unanimously agreed to do so, and that 4 Councillors would form a quorum to hold Council Meetings, also agreement was given to Councillors declaration of intent. Clerk's salary and expenses to be declared to the Inland Revenue. The Clerk stated that the Inland Revenue would be informed of his years salary and expenses by 31st March 2000.

Clerk's Salary part

It was agreed that a cheque for £150.00 would be signed in part payment of Salary and expenses dated 1st April 2000.

Correspondence.

The Clerk read out various items of correspondence received from Mid Devon County Council, including a letter regarding an entertainment licence (occasional) that had been requested, to hold a disco at Staunton Barton Farm on March 11th 2000 from 9pm to 6am, in aid of Cancer Research.

Councillors considered that the noise from this event was totally unacceptable, and if a licence for any further events of this nature were to be applied for, the noise level should be checked by the Environmental Health Services; also a restriction should be placed upon the finishing time. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Environmental Health Officer accordingly.

Mid Devon Planning Alliance

The Chairman raised the question of the Public Scrutiny Panel which had been appointed. District Councillor R. Quick explained the reasoning behind the Panel, saying it was there to ensure best value, and to test the system. Although there had been considerable expense in setting up this system which had to be up and running by the 1st April 2000.

Mid Devon Community Planning Alliance

After discussion, the Councillors agreed not to support a proposal from Uffculme Parish Council to set up a formal association of Mid Devon Parish Councils, as it was considered it was unnecessary. The Clerk was instructed to inform Uffculme Parish Council accordingly.

Planning

The Chairman said that Planning Applications 4/50/2000/127 had been agreed by Councillors following a site visit, also Planning Application 4/50/2000/127 (additional), 4/50/2000/206, and 4/50/2000/209 had been agreed. The Clerk had been instructed to inform Mid Devon Planning Authority accordingly.

The Chairman invited Mr Charlton to speak against Planning Application 4/50/2000/127. Mr Charlton outlined his objections to the proposals contained within the Planning Application.

Mr. Best was then invited by the Chairman to reply to Mr. Charlton. There followed a lengthy debate over the application which District Councillor R. Quick said had been recommended for approval with a proviso regarding the hours of flood lighting, also the direction, of the lighting.

The debate then moved on to the set-up of a riding school. The Clerk said that the Planning application which the Councillors had approved, following a site visit, made no mention of any riding school, nor did his letter in reply, in support of the application. Councillor G. Webber said that he was against any riding school, citing the previous raised problems of the highway. Mr. Best replied that planning consent for a riding school had already been given, in a previous application in 1998, and he was simply awaiting a licence. District Councillor R. Quick said he would undertake to determine the current situation regarding the riding school. In reply to the Chairman's query, Mr. Charlton said that he was prepared to accept the planning application as it stood, but would not be in favour of a riding school. Mr. Best agreed to investigate the riding school aspect of a previous planning application.

Highways.

The Clerk said that he had received confirmation that the BT Box outside New House Nursery had been re-sited, and repairs to the road would be carried out in the near future. District Councillor R. Quick said that the Counties roads were a matter for ongoing consultation with a view to improving the current situation. Agreement was given to the raising of a cheque for £44.34 to be paid to Mid Devon County Council, covering the cost of Election expenses.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.05 pm.

Signed: W. K. Bounding

Dated: - 30th May 2000.

Minutes of Planning Sub Committee meeting

held on Monday 27th March at 2. Stretchdown

at 8.30pm.

Councillors Present: - W.K. Boundy Chairman.

S.J.D. Hayes.

K.E. Webber.

B. Gillbard.

G. Webber.

District Councillor R. Quick.

Planning Application 4/50/2000/441

Mr. W.G. Ball.

Change of use from Agricultural to extension to Car Park,
Garden and Paddock.

Thelbridge Cross Inn. Thelbridge.

There were no objections raised. Councillors considered that by ensuring cars were not parked on the highway, the applicant was providing a service to the Community.

Planning Application 4/50/2000/425/LBC.

Listed building consent for the replacement of 8 number sash windows on the front elevation.

Southwick Farm. Nomansland. Thelbridge.

There were no objections raised by the Councillors.

Planning Application 4/50/2000/127

P.M. Best.

This application was re-looked at, as it had come to light, that an application made in 1998 had been approved, which gave agreement for a riding school, a fax from Mr Best to District Councillor R. Quick, addressed as Chairman of Thelbridge Parish Council was read to the meeting. It was considered by the Councillors that this bore no relation to the application. But it was

considered that as the premises had ~~permission~~ ~~to~~ operate a riding school, put a different complexion on the original planning application. Concern was expressed by the Councillors regarding the lane passing the premises, for which a petition had been received, and supported requesting the imposition of a 20MPH speed limit, and a ban on heavy goods vehicles except for deliveries. As the entrance to the riding school would be from the lane, Councillors considered this may be dangerous in the short term, having relooked at the whole application again, the Planning Sub-Committee considered that due to the intensity of the proposed development, agreement to this application should be deferred, to allow for the facts and intentions of the applicant to be made available for further consideration by the full Council. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mid Devon Planning Authority accordingly.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Signed: - W. K. Boudry

Dated: - 30th May 2000.

Thelbridge Parish Council A.G.M.

held on 30th May 2000 at 8pm.

Present: - Councillors
W. K. Boundy Chairman.
B. W. Gillband.
K. E. Webber
G. J. Webber
E. E. Cole.
S. J. D. Hayes.

8 members of the Public.

Apologies: - T. H. Gibson. R. Quick.

Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and adopted as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Aising.

Agreement had been obtained for exhibiting notices relating to the Parish Council, both at the Thelbridge Cross Inn and the Mount Pleasant Inn.

Election of Officers.

Chairman W. K. Boundy. Vice Chairman T. H. Gibson.

Accounts.

Deposit Account: - £ 731. 99

Current account: - £ 16. 12.

as at 10th May 2000.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: - W. K. Boundy

Dated: - 29th May 2001

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held on 30th May 2000 at 8.30pm.

Councillors Present:-

- W.K. Boundy Chairman.
- S.J.D. Hayes
- K.E. Webber.
- B.W. Gillbard
- G.J. Webber
- E.E. Cole.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T.H. Gibson.

District Councillor R. Quick.

8 members of the Public were also present.

Public Session No questions were raised at this point, the Chairman said he would accept specific questions to items already on the agenda.

Minutes of meetings held on 20th March 2000 and 27th March 2000 were read and agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising-

Speed limit at Nomansland.

The Clerk said that a letter had been sent to Mid Devon District Council requesting a site visit.

Planning Applications

Letters had been sent to Mid Devon Planning Authority as instructed.

Finance.

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2000 were presented to the meeting. These showed a balance carried forward to the coming year of £417.84. The accounts record book and supporting documentation required by the Audit Commission was duly signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk said that the balance of accounts for the current year stood at £747.11. Payments to be made during the remainder of the year were estimated as: -

Insurance	96.60
Clerk's Salary	150.00
Hire of Hall	50.00
Auditors fees	95.00
Total	£391.60

Estimated surplus to expenditure £355.51.
Councillors agreed to raise cheques for the sums of £96.60 in favour of Cornhill Insurance, and £50.00 in favour of Thebridge Parochial Church Council to assist with the costs of grass cutting at St Davids Parish Church graveyard, Thebridge also the Auditors fees.

Insurance:

It was agreed that due to the rising costs of Insurance the Clerk should contact other Companies to compare rates charged for the following year.

Correspondence:

The Clerk outlined various items of correspondence received since the previous meeting.

Planning:

Mr. Webber.

Conversion of redundant farm units to holiday units.

Mr. Best.

Installation of solar heating panels.

Mr. Hannaford.

extension of existing building re-submission.

All these applications were agreed.

Mr. Cole.

Erection of stable block. re-submission.

Objected to, on the grounds that had previously been agreed.

The Clerk was instructed to inform Mid Devon Planning

Authority accordingly.

Highways

The speed limit through the hamlet of Nomansland was discussed at length and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Parish Council at Crowys Marchard in an effort to have a united approach to the problem. It was agreed that a speed limit of 30m.p.h. would be sought on the peripheral roads at Nomansland, also that the Police Authority should be contacted in an effort to enforce the 40m.p.h. speed limit on the B3137 where it passes through Nomansland.

The Clerk was instructed accordingly.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed: - W. H. Boundy

Dated: - 8th September 2000.

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

held on 8th September 2000 at 8.00 pm.

Councillors present: - W. K. Bourdy, Chairman.

S. J. D. Hayes

G. J. Webber.

K. E. Webber.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. W. Gilbard, E. E. Cole, T. H. Gibson and District Councillor R. Quick.

Members of the public were also present.

Public session. No questions were raised at this point.

The Chairman said he would accept questions to any items on the agenda at the relative time.

Matters arising:

Speed limit Nomanland. The Clerk read the letters sent to Police Authority and Mid Devon Highways Authority and a reply received from the Police Authority.

Erection of Stable Block. The Clerk said he understood that the land on which the stable block was to be sited had now been sold to Mr. Charlton, no further plans have yet been received.

Planning:

W/SO/2000/1369. D. Berks.

Outline for the erection of a dwelling (existing disused mobile home to be removed) Argosy, Melbridge, after a lengthy discussion, Councillors unanimously voted to oppose this application on the grounds that the proposed location for development was outside the settlement boundary, and was not going to be used for agricultural purposes.

W/SO/2000/1402.

W. G. Ball. Erection of a single storey extension to provide

a new function room, bar, store, & foyer.

Thebridge Cross Inn, Thebridge.

Councillors agreed that this application would provide a service to the community and was unanimously approved.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Authority accordingly.

The Clerk said Planning applications in respect of K.E. Webber, R. Charlton, W. G. Ball, B.J. & S.M. Hold had been agreed by the Planning Authority, and a Planning application in respect of Mr. & Mrs. Best for the installation of solar heating panels had been refused.

Correspondence.

The Clerk outlined various items of correspondence received from Mid Devon County Council and the Police Authority.

Finances

The Clerk read the half yearly statement of accounts, these were agreed by Councillors present, and was duly signed by the Chairman as required by the Audit Commission.

Highways.

The state of the roads within the Parish was of constant concern to all Residents and Councillors, whilst it was accepted that little could be done due to lack of funding, the Clerk was instructed to keep up pressure on the Authority in an effort to remedy the current situation.

A.O.B.

It was agreed to raise a cheque for £150.00 in favour of the Clerk, this being the final payment for the current year. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed: - W. K. Boundy

Dated: - 14th Dec. 2000.

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on the 14th December 2000 at 8pm.

Councillors Present: - W.K. Boundy. Chairman.
G.J. Webber.
K.E. Webber.
E.E. Cole.
B.W. Gibbard.

Mrs. J. Campbell. Chairman Mid Devon District Council.

Mr. M. Lee. County Councillor

Mr. R. Quick District Councillor

7 members of the Public were also present.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T.H. Gibson, &
S.J.D. Hayes.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs J. Campbell, Chairman of Mid Devon District Council, Mr. M. Lee. County Councillor & Mr. R. Quick District Councillor to the meeting.

Public Session. no questions were raised at this point, the Chairman said that he would accept questions to any item on the agenda at the relative time.

Matters arising:

The Clerk said that Planning Application No 4/50/2000/1369 D. Barks had been refused by Mid Devon Planning Authority & Planning Application No 4/50/2000/1402 W.G. Ball had been passed by Mid Devon Planning Authority.

Planning:

4/50/2000/1916 LBC

Mr. R. J. Charlton listed building consent for the construction of a new internal wall, installation of hand basin & W.C.

Mr. Charlton outlined the reasons for his application.

Councillors unanimously gave their approval.

H/50/2000/1949 CHU.

Mrs. E. Roberts.

Application for a certificate of lawfulness in respect of land for the siting of a Mobile Home.

H/50/2000/1949 CHU.

Mrs. E. Roberts.

Application for a certificate of lawfulness in respect of the change of use of agricultural land to part residential curtilage.

Oakridge field OS 7470 Chapner Cross. Thelbridge.

Mrs Roberts gave the reasons for this application. Councillors unanimously gave their approval.

H/50/2000/1969

R. J. Charlton relocation of field entrance establishment of a handstanding area and construction of a field shelter.

Southwick Farm, Noman's land. Thelbridge.

Mr. Charlton stated the reasoning behind this application which had come before the Council previously in the name of Mr. S. Cole.

Mr. Best gave his reasons for opposing the application & other members of the public also expressed their concerns.

Parish Councillors unanimously gave their approval.

H/50/2000/804

Mr. & Mrs. Harnford.

Conversion of a rural building to a dwelling for an agricultural worker (on the ground floor) and a single unit holiday accommodation (on the first floor) - revised scheme incorporating an extension to the first floor level to enlarge holiday unit.

Billhole Farm Black Dog.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that this application had been previously agreed, but he had received notification that Planning Officers had recommended refusal. Mr. Dick, District Councillor said

that this application would be coming before the Planning Authority on 11th January, should the Council wish to object to the recommendation.

Planning Application reference no 4/50/2000/127 D.O.E. appeal reference no APP/41138/A/00 1054 107.

Mrs. P. Best.

Mr. E. Best outlined the reasons for the appeal against an imposition of condition b placed by Mid Devon Planning Authority which restricts the number of horses to be kept on site in connection with the riding school, shall be limited to a maximum of eight, at any one time, unless the written consent of the local planning authority is given to any variation thereto.

The Clerk read a letter addressed to the Parish Council which gave detailed reasons why condition b should be removed, this had now become a matter between the applicant and the D.O.E.

Councillors took the view that the roads adjacent to the riding school could not cope with more than eight horses at any one time, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the D.O.E. accordingly.

The Clerk was further instructed to write to Mid Devon Planning Authority, conveying the decisions of the Councillors regarding the other application that had been dealt with.

Correspondence.

The Clerk tabled all items of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting.

Finance

The Clerk expressed concern over the current level of the Precept, which was below the expected expenditure.

Councillors agreed to raise the Precept by a further £30.00 per annum.

The Clerk was instructed accordingly.

Highways

The Clerk said he had contacted the Highways Authority regarding the state of many roads within the Parish, and had been given assurances that work would be carried out during the coming year, as funds became available.

Mr. M. Lee, County Councillor said that he had been given assurance that any deep pot holes, reported to the Highways Authority would be repaired within 48 hours.

A.O.B

The Chairman thanked Mrs J. Campbell & Mr. M. Lee & Mr. R. Quirk for their attendance & wished all present a Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed: - W. K. Boudry

Dated: - 16th February 2001

Addition to finances

The Clerk said that he had received a cheque for £38.00 from N.D.D.C. this being 75% of the donation to St Davids Burial Ground, Thelbridge, made by the Parish Council. Councillors agreed to raise a cheque for this amount in favour of St Davids Parochial Church Council, and £44.00 for the hire of Thelbridge Parish Hall for the year 2000.

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