

ROUNDWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: Monday 21st October 2013

Place Nursteed School, Brickley Lane, Devizes.

Time 7pm

PRESENT

Councillors: Callow Batchelor Ms Valentine
 Mrs Steel Stevens Geddes* Ms Rugg
 Miss Vonberg Wooldridge* Collis Parsons
 * Also Devizes Town Councillor
Clerk Stan Johnston

Also present were Wiltshire councillor Laura Mayes

79 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Rowlands.

80 DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

None declared.

81 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Having been previously circulated, the chairman was authorised to sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting on 16 September 2013.

82 UNITARY COUNCILLOR`S ITEMS

The issue of yellow lines was discussed. The forms have been distributed but not yet returned to the parish council. White Horse Way will be followed up by Councillor Mayes. Brickley Lane will be followed up by Councillor Vonberg.

There was also a short discussion regarding the proposed Coate Rd development.

83 REPORT FROM WILTSHIRE POLICE

CSO Luke Woodward attended and gave a report on local issues, including concerns regarding youths at Green Lane playing fields, and advised that police patrols have been increased in response. He noted reports of minor crime at Drews

Park, motorcyclists at Leipzig plantation and groups drinking near the children's play area at the Green but was unaware of any reports of dogs being stolen at Roundway Hill He responded to questions regarding beggars by outlining the police stance – the police will act if requested to do so by the public. He requested that issues be reported at the time via 101 and assured the meeting that action would be taken. The clerk will write to the police setting out concerns.

84 GRANT REQUEST – WILTSHIRE MUSEUM

Mr Dawson addressed the council regarding this application and answered questions. Councillor Parsons proposed a grant of £750 as this would be proportionate to that given by Devizes Town council for the budget for the next financial year. This was seconded by Councillor Batchelor and approved unanimously.

Two grant applications, received too late for this meeting will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The clerk will write and inform the applicants (First Stages & Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts) accordingly.

85 GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS REGARDING CHANGES TO GRANT

The chairman reported on a recent briefing and explained the potential reduction or loss of the support grant. He also raised the possibility of 'capping'. He went through a questionnaire from Wiltshire Council and after discussion it was decided that the council's response to each point should be as follows:

- A. The parish council should receive a fair proportion of what Wiltshire Council receive from central government, which should be applied across the board.
- B. All councils should be supported to the same extent.
- C. Our council does not support town and parish councils being independent and not relying on a grant.
- D. If we received no grant or a reduced grant we would favour one increase in precept in the first year.
- E. Our council does not have sufficient reserves to compensate for a reduction in grant.
- F. There are no plans as of today to reduce our budget over the next four years.
- G. No other issues to consider.

It was proposed by councillor Geddes and seconded by councillor Batchelor that the Clerk will reply in these terms. This was approved unanimously

86 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Wooldridge informed the meeting that two allotments have been re-issued as they have not been used. Two more allotment holders have been sent warning

letters. Five people are on the waiting list. Several members mentioned problems in the access lane re parking and speed. The clerk will contact Clarence.

He then gave a report on the finances of allotments and provided an update regarding future works. Work is expected to start above ground in 2-3 weeks. The estimated cost will be £24,000 plus VAT. Therefore he suggested that another £20,000 will be needed in the next financial year.

87. REPORT FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION REGARDING PLANNING MATTERS.

1. **13/03975/FUL** – proposed extension at 17 Willow Drive, Devizes - No objections.
2. **13/03478/FUL** – proposed extension at 21 Kempfield. No objections.

Another application arrived too late for the agenda. Councillor Geddes gave a brief description and will circulate more details to members for consideration.

88. FINANCIAL REPORT

The clerk had circulated the report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions

89. PUBLIC PARTICIATION

There was one member of the public present. Mr Legg stated that any public consultation re request for yellow lines Quakers Walk has been put on hold pending action by school. He also mentioned some incidents of theft and minor crime on Quakers Walk estate. He has informed police and they will take action. He also reported considerable local distress about rumours that the old tennis courts on police land adjacent to the estate may be sold used in a different manner by the police. The clerk will write to the police and ask for information.

Councillor Steel informed the meeting of contact from community organisers. A representative will be invited to address a future meeting.

Councillor Vonberg informed the meeting that Aster Community Zone 25, of which she is chairman, has funds available for community projects in Roundway and invited suggestions for suitable projects. It was suggested that the play area in Brickley Lane could be refurbished.

She also described the unsightly appearance of premises and open ground at Hopton Industrial Estate. The chairman will e mail Steve Jenkins at Wilts council & clerk will inform Clarence.

A member of the public, Councillor Valentine stated that she is willing to ride around bike and footpaths and generally take a particular interest in this area.

Councillor Stevens gave an update re cricket pitch and orchard. There will be a meeting on 6th November 2013 at the Trust office. The orchard was properly harvested last weekend. 10 builders' bags (1000kg) were filled with apples but this was from only 12 of 70 trees. He states that there is a need to think about a better approach next year.

Councillor Wooldridge reminded the three candidates need to update the web site re registration of interests. He also mentioned that new stickers re dog fouling are available at a reasonable cost. He proposed that the clerk should order some. This was seconded by councillor Stevens and approved unanimously.

The chairman raised issues of damage to fitness equipment and a bus shelter. The clerk gave an update and was authorised to initiate repairs to the bus shelter.

The chairman reminded the meeting that there was still one vacancy on the council. Mr Legg expressed interest but said that he couldn't guarantee to make every meeting and is often away from Devizes. He is canvassing other more suitable but if unsuccessful, he may be willing.

90. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 2057 hrs.