

ROUNDWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk-Stan Johnston. 306 Marsh Road, Hilperton. BA14 7PL 01225401359

MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: Monday 28th April 2014

Place Nursted School, Brickley Lane, Devizes.

Time 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors: Batchelor Stevens Geddes* Parsons Rugg
 Steel Rowland Wooldridge* Collis Vonberg
 Valentine.

* Also Devizes Town Councillors

Clerk Stan Johnston

162 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Job (existing commitment), Cllr. Callow (holiday)
These were accepted by the meeting.

163 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr. Rowland declared an interest in the funding request by Wiltshire Museum as he sits on their fund raising and marketing committee.

164 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 17th March 2014. This was proposed by Cllr. Wooldridge, seconded by Cllr. Geddes and approved unanimously.

165 UNITARY COUNCILLOR`S ITEMS

Cllr. Mayes reported that, because of the backlog, Wiltshire Council have decided that £52million will be invested on roads in the next few years. She also reported that the council are reviewing all car parking charges throughout the county.

166 REQUEST FOR NEW BUS SHELTER

It is unclear whether or not a formal request has been received. This item will be carried over to the agenda for the next meeting.

167. REPORT FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION REGARDING PLANNING MATTERS.

There were no planning applications to consider. Cllr. Geddes reported that the Coate appeal hearing has concluded.

168. FINANCIAL REPORT

The report was accepted by the meeting. The clerk also circulated a report on new model financial regulations. He will prepare a proposal to be placed on the next agenda for a decision on whether or not to adopt the new model regulations.

169. DREWS POND WOOD INSURANCE

The clerk will write to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to ascertain what they see as their role. The meeting is content to continue to provide insurance provided this is required by the Drews Pond Wood group. The item will be carried over to the next meeting for a decision following the clerk's enquiries.

170. GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Wiltshire Museum. This item was discussed and approved in principle in the last financial year. It was agreed to set aside funds in the budget to cover a grant of £500. This donation was proposed by Cllr. Geddes, seconded by Cllr. Wooldridge and approved with no objections. Cllr. Rowland abstained due to his interest in the organisation.

171. SALT BAG SCHEME

This matter was discussed and considered impractical.

172. QUAKERS WALK SURFACE

Cllr. Valentine reported on correspondence and meetings regarding this subject. There followed a brief discussion on the history of drainage issues in the area. Cllr. Rowland proposed that no action be taken until the drainage issues are resolved. This was seconded by Cllr. Geddes and approved unanimously.

173. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr. Rowland stated that the plan was very prominent at the Coate appeal. He provided an update on progress of the plan but felt that it probably won't be approved for at least five months.

174. ALLOTMENTS.

1. Cllr Wooldridge provided an update regarding the current planning application, describing issues within Wiltshire Council which caused serious delays. The application has been refused on the grounds that it needed a full application. This was contrary to advice given by Wiltshire Council and Roundway were not informed of the refusal until extensive enquiries were made.. Due to these delays the project will have to be delayed until the next precept as significant costs have been incurred.

Cllr. Mayes will make enquiries within Wiltshire Council regarding this matter and liaise with Cllr. Wooldridge.

2. Cllr. Wooldridge described the end of year finance on the allotments and circulated accounts.

3. Cllr. Wooldridge reported that some allotment holders live much closer to the town council allotments. He reported that Devizes town council agreed to allow Roundway residents to hold a town allotment provided Roundway agree a reciprocal arrangement. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of capping such arrangements. Cllr RP proposed that we accept the arrangement subject to a cap of 10 units. This was seconded by Cllr. Stevens and approved with no votes against. Cllrs. Geddes and Wooldridge abstained as they are also members of Devizes town council. .

A member of the public, Mr. Stocker, reported a problem with rabbits on the allotments and requested funding to provide fencing materials if a working party could be organised to do provide the labour. Cllr. Wooldridge will investigate this and report back to the next meeting.

175 NOTICEBOARDS

Cllr. Wooldridge suggested there is a need for notice boards at the bus stop at Marshall Road and at Downlands School. A working party was established comprising Cllrs. Vonberg, Batchelor, Geddes and Wooldridge, to research purchase of new notice boards and other street furniture.

176. EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr. Wooldridge provided an update regarding progress and described what is required to compile the detailed document.

177. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. Vonberg reported an ongoing problem with blocked drains at Century Close. The clerk will inform Clarence.

Cllr. Vonberg expressed concern at the lack of a school warning sign at Windsor Drive. Cllr. Batchelor is already pursuing this and will update future meetings.

Cllr. Steel advised that Devizes Rugby Club is seeking support for a funding application to Wiltshire Council. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

178. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 19th May 2014

179. CLOSE - The meeting closed at 2055 hrs.