

# ROUNDWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Place Nursteed School, Brickley Lane, Devizes.

Time 7.00 pm

#### PRESENT

Councillors: Callow      Steel      Stevens      Geddes\*      Rugg  
                         Rowlands      Wooldridge\*      Parsons.

\* Also Devizes Town Councillors

Clerk              Stan Johnston

#### 115 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Batchelor (other commitment), Cllr. Collis (funeral), Cllr Vonberg (illness) & Cllr. Mayes

These were accepted by the meeting.

#### 116 DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

None declared

#### 117 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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013. This was proposed by Cllr. Wooldridge, seconded by Cllr Steel and approved unanimously.

#### 118 UNITARY COUNCILLOR`S ITEMS

Cllr Jacobs, Wiltshire Council, reported on considerations of how to address young people with Special Education Needs & Developments. He also stated that Julian Humphries of the Battlefield Trust is keen to promote the battlefield with local people. There will be a meeting in February to progress this and anyone with an interest is invited to get involved. He also invited comments regarding any local flooding issues.

Cllr Geddes raised an issue raised by resident of Parkfields concerning surface water flooding in periods of heavy rain since the construction of the school. He believes it to be run off from the site.

Cllr. Valentine, on behalf of Community Area Transport Group spoke of problem with water not draining at Quakers Walk. As a result, local mothers and children are

unable to get to town due to the surface water. The surface needs to be altered but laying tarmac would not be acceptable. There was some uncertainty as to whether or not the development has been adopted. The clerk will attempt to locate any relevant existing paperwork.

Cllr Rowlands stated that it was disappointing that Wiltshire Council did not have a contingency plan for their Core Strategy housing requirements.

### **119. REPORT FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION REGARDING PLANNING MATTERS.**

Planning Application 13/06983/FUL - single storey extension at rear of 24 Roundway Gardens, Devizes. SN10 2EF. This item was discussed and Cllr. Geddes proposed that the council should not object. This was seconded by Cllr. Steel and approved unanimously.

Cllr Geddes also mentioned that plans have been resubmitted for the Coate Road development, though no papers have been received as yet. There was a discussion regarding potential problems with flooding, sewage, and energy issues. Cllr Geddes will produce and circulate a first draft response for consideration.

The clerk was instructed to write to Wiltshire Planning Department to enquire whether the sewage capacity, water, electricity & gas supplies, are sufficient now and in the future, and also whether the proposed Coate Road development is included in these considerations.

### **120 CO-OPTION OF MEMBER.**

Mr Will Job introduced himself, gave some details of his background, skills and experience and then answered questions from members. He, together with two members of the public, then left the room whilst his application was discussed. Cllr. Stevens proposed that he be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr. Rugg. This was approved unanimously. Mr Job was invited back in and welcomed as a member of the council. The clerk will furnish Cllr Job with relevant contact details.

### **121. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The clerk reported that the precept requirement had been forwarded to Wiltshire Council on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014. There were no questions.

### **122. GRANT REQUESTS**

1. Community First – Good neighbour Co-ordinator. The clerk circulated a letter requesting a donation. Cllr Wooldridge stated that he held a position on WALC Executive but it was not felt that this would cause any conflict. There was broad support for this cause but there were some questions regarding their deficit. The clerk was instructed to write to the applicants, asking for the total of their deficit and also how they intend to meet address it in the future.

2. Victim Support – Cllr Callow proposed that £50 be granted. This was seconded by Cllr. Steel and approved unanimously.

### **123. DEVIZES RUGBY CLUB - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR ANOTHER BID APPLICATION.**

The clerk circulated a letter from Devizes Rugby Club and there was general support for the application. Cllr Parsons proposed that the council support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Geddes and approved unanimously. The clerk will respond accordingly.

#### **124 ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Wooldridge described the current financial situation. He then asked for permission to obtain plans for the above ground projects including a holding tank and solar panels, and then to submit the plans. Cllr Stevens proposed that the council support this. Cllr Rugg seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Cllr Wooldridge will obtain quotes for screening plants. To finance this, Cllr Parsons proposed transferring £1000 from the allotment accounts into general funds. This was seconded by Cllr Geddes and approved unanimously. A budget of £1000 was proposed by Cllr Stevens and seconded by Cllr Rowlands. This was approved unanimously.

#### **125 EMERGENCY PLAN**

Cllr Wooldridge has information which will assist in preparation of an emergency plan. He will circulate some draft plans and the matter will be raised at a future meeting.

#### **126 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Steel reported that the air skier at the rear of the barracks is now at an angle. The clerk will contact the manufacturers.

Cllr Valentine reported that the fencing at the Leipzig plantation have been severely damaged. Rubbish in black bags have also been dumped there and generally a lot of litter is apparent. There is also evidence of extensive 4 wheel drive use.

Mr Alex North (member of public) informed meeting of a new funding stream. "Our Place" which may be of interest.

#### **127. DATES OF 2014 MEETINGS**

It was decided to hold future meetings of the council on the third Monday of each month, with the exception of May which will be decided later. No meeting is planned for August and December. The clerk will circulate the dates. The parish meeting will be held at Cornerstones, Brickley Lane at 7 pm on 24 March 2014. The clerk will arrange the venue.

#### **128. CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 2110 hrs,