

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th July 2014

Present Cllr Peter Fitzgerald (Chairman) Andrews Jenkins, Jane Ashman, Tony Appleton, Bryan Young and Jenny Steadman. Members of the Public, Geoff and Stella Parcel, Chris Worrall and Clive Simpson-Gee

1 Public Open forum- Geoff Parcel said that Richard Place's work should form the basis for a PenSelwood history club in which Geoff would be happy to play a part. Clive Simpson-Gee wished to record a vote of thanks to the PC for the work they undertake. Often criticised but rarely thanked, Clive thanked the members of the PC for their service to the community. Clive also drew Tony Appleton's attention to the pot holes in the passing places on Underhill lane and also asked that the delayed verge cutting be reviewed to take more consideration of the dangers of driving on narrow lanes with restricted visibility. Tony Appleton replied that the pot holes had been reported and he believed were now marked for repair. He reminded members that verge cutting had been delayed in response to the community plan to allow hedgerow flowers to seed, he suggested this should be discussed again before next spring. Tony also reported on his discussions with the Highways Department and was informed the verge cutting contract had to be completed by 5th August, he requested Penselwood verges to be cut as soon as possible.

Jenny Steadman read out a letter received from Sharon Rossiter concerning the EGM. The Council noted the contents particularly where Miss Rossiter felt she has been misquoted, the Council acknowledged this error. Sharon also mentioned the cutting of shrubs around the Coombe Street railings and Peter FitzGerald acknowledged this was work currently in hand. A copy of Sharon's letter will be kept on file by the Clerk. It was also noted that the Parish Council had not invited the press to the EGM.

2 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mike Beech.

3 Notice of interest – None

4 Minutes of last meeting Approved and signed for 14th May and 24th June 2014.

5 Matters Arising - With reference to item 12 of the previous PC meeting, Clerk changed the word "condensed" in item 12 to "electronic" in reference to Richard Place's work. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate minutes immediately after each meeting from now on. After allowing one week for amendments they would be posted on the notice boards and website. Jenny has completed the revised Neighbourhood Plan and the Clerk will forward address's of recipients to Jenny to forward the revised document. Jane reported an initial meeting has been held with Colin Young regarding the ongoing situation surrounding his cattle. At this stage Mr Young had no message he wanted reporting to the Parish Council as he is currently taking legal advice on a number of matters.

6 Planning Activity- Andrew Jenkins reported that two applications had been received for Hunters Lodge, 14/02592/ful and 14/02253/ful, both had been approved by the PC pending SSDC approval. Peter reported that he had received correspondence from Bill Hopkins regarding the infill work on his land. Mr Hopkins had stated that the work was to stabilise the land slip, of which there is a historical record in that area. Peter would monitor

the situation. Jane Ashman said the PC should take an interest in these developments as issues concerning footpaths had been raised by walkers in this area. Peter FitzGerald mentioned the new South Somerset Housing Strategy Implementation Plan. Andrew Jenkins will circulate it and a decision will need to be made as to whether discussion can wait till the next Parish Council meeting"

7 Highways -Cllr Appleton's reported that the roads were generally in good condition and were to be swept at the end of July. The blocked drain on Pear Ash Lane had been cleared and Tony had asked Highways to repair the broken sign close to the A303 which points to PenSelwood and also to repair PenSelwood sign opposite the Northbound exit junction to A303. Peter read out a letter sent by Christine Feaver concerning the danger presented by horse riders who do not wear high visibility jackets and ride two abreast. A copy would be sent to Cliff Clark for inclusion in the Pen Paper.

8 Footpaths Report- Jane said that the maintenance programme was continuing and that the footpaths group had been thanked by one farmer and criticised by another. The repair work continues.

9 To note resignation of Cliff Clerk from the PC and agree process for recruitment of a replacement. Peter thanked Cliff for his service over the years and said that he very much regretted Cliff's departure. The Clerk gave details of the process and timeframe involved in recruiting a replacement and it was hoped that providing there were less than 10 requests for an election it would be possible to co-opt a new councillor at the next PC meeting on September 10th.The Clerk had lodged application forms on the web site and with Peter FitzGerald.

10 Richard Place's Book-Peter FitzGerald.-Peter reported that following a conversation with Richard, his work was to be displayed at appropriate events in the village hall. He could replace any damaged photographs. Andrew Jenkins said there was a need for a secure cabinet in the village hall for parish records"

11 AOB- Jenny reported that she and Ian had fitted the green baize backs to the some notice boards and that she had cleaned the phone box which was to be painted soon .The Ambulance service would service the defibrillator. Jenny would ask if refresher training was available and would pass news of any training to villagers via the Pen Paper. Jane asked if all PC members could look at the detail of the PC on the web site and report any updates to her for correction.

Meeting ended 8.43pm

Signed as a true record Chairman..... Date.....

Dates for next meetings 10th September 2014 at 7.30pm