

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at the Village Hall on Wed 14th November 2012

Present Cllr Fitzgerald (Chairman) Cllrs Jenkins, Young, Clark, Rossiter, Steadman

- 1 Public Open Forum.** No comments from public-Present Hazel Baker ,Sarah FitzGerald and Cllr Mike Beech ,Geoff Parcell
- 2 Apologies for absence.-** Cllr Appleton.
- 3 Notices of Interest** Peter FitzGerald in item 12
- 4 Minutes of last meeting -** Approved and signed for 19th November 2012.
- 5 Matters Arising -** None.
- 6 Parish Plan (PP) Progress-** Geoff Parcell gave details of recent meetings held by sub groups and details of the Open Meeting being held next week. Tim Cook's offer of 50% matched funding grant offer is good news. A web site update /upgrade is being looked at with a view to enabling interaction and input from all.(there will be a cost to this) The sub groups had thrown up several areas of cost details of which were passed to the Clerk for budgeting. Total cost of PP would be roughly £1400
- 7 Bourton Neighbourhood Plan- Jenny Steadman.** Jenny had spoken to Bourton team and it seems the Neighbourhood plan will replace VDS which were historically prepared following completion of PP Jenny suggested that a new Neighbourhood plan team be established once the PP was completed.(expected Jan –Feb 2013)
- 8 Fencing on Common Land-** Peter reported no progress but Mike Beech said he would follow this up for the PC
- 9 Planning Activities .** Silton Wind farm application had finally been turned down, Committee expressed pleasure at this decision. Belmont Farm application had been supported by Planning Dept but will now go to full Planning Committee for final decision. Peter said he would speak to a senior partner at Coopers and Tanner reference agricultural tie and known levels of interest in the property.
- 10 Footpaths –** Sharon reported no replacement had been found as yet, no activity to report.
- 11 Highways –** Tony Appleton was away but Clerk had forwarded a copy of his report to everyone. It was agreed that Tony would let the Highways know how deep the ditch was at Pear Tree Lane before they attempted to work near it.
- 12 Update on Railings at Coombe Street-** Sharon had proposed this agenda item and the following motion. That the Parish Council sanctions the use of Public Funding if the existing tenant agrees to cutback the vegetation on an annual basis. However if this could not be agreed, I move that the Parish Council returns the monies to the donors.

Clerk advised that after consultation with SALC it would be necessary for Peter and Sharon, who had both prepared reports on the topic to leave the room during the discussion and vote.(reports attached to minutes) The Clerk asked if anyone had any questions for either person ,none were forthcoming and Peter and Sharon left the room. Andrew Jenkins took the chair and summarised the details of the grants obtained, asking for comments concerning the reports submitted. Andrew stated that he supported the grant application and Peters Undertaking to keep bushes and weeds down. Peter’s undertaking was summarised thus. “I will use my best endeavours to keep down the bushes and weeds beyond the railings and if I manage to buy the land to give a permanent easement to the Parish Council to clear growth behind the railings.” Also if the growth rose above the railings Peter would consider that he was in breach of his undertaking.Cliff Clark asked if an undertaking was sufficient when it was backed up only by “best endeavours” and Jenny Steadman agreed with these sentiments. Bryan Young thought this was enough of a commitment and called for a vote which was carried 4 to 0 in favour of accepting the grants. Peter and Sharon were called back into the room and informed of the decision.

13 Agree PSW budget for 2013-2014 and discuss precept request including Church Yard Funding.-

Clerk had circulated rough budget proposal and it was agreed the CAT donation of £150 would be maintained at £150 .Clerk to arrange this. PCC donation to be increased to £300 next year following receipt of written financial report. Chairman made PC aware of Clerks decision not to take pay increase and holiday pay entitlement in acknowledgement of difficult financial times and thanked Clerk for this gesture. It was agreed that precept would be set at £4883 same level as last year and the year before. This to be confirmed following Treasury budget meeting on 5th Dec 2012 .Final precept request To be made in Jan 2013.

14 AOB Mike Beech gave details of new local plan implementation which suggested no new building in PSW unless this was desired by residents. Bryan Young asked for remedial action to be taken concerning the level of the drains at the County Boundary on the B3081 at Clapton Farm and could Mike Beech confirm that the contractors had been made aware of the unacceptable standard of work . Brian thought contractors should be brought back to do a proper job and payment withheld. Mike will ask Anna Groskop to come back to the Clerk with some information.

Dates for next meeting 9th Jan 2013. Meeting ended 8.55pm

Chairman.....Date.....