

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 11th March 2013 at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Fitzgerald (Chairman) Cllrs Jenkins, Rossiter, Appleton, and Steadman, Young.

- 1 Public Open Forum.** Following a question from the public gallery Tony stated that the Highways department were responsible for the filling of grit bins ,he thought that this was imminent but would follow up this request. The return of the sign to Zeals at the top of Coombe Hill was welcomed and Andrew advised it would be painted soon.
- 2 Apologies for absence.** Cllr Clark.
- 3 Notices of Interest -** Brian Young item 12 Peter FitzGerald item 10
- 4 Minutes of last meeting** Approved, signed for 11th Jan, 30th Jan and 14th Nov 2012 with amendments.
- 5 Matters Arising -**None
- 6 Parish Plan Progress-** Geoff had sent his apologies. Jenny stated that the Black Bin Cafe would be opening on 12th April following helpful visit from food hygiene representative. Sharon asked if there was a mechanism for identifying members of the community who would benefit from such a social event. Sharon also asked how they would encourage those people to attend. Jenny agreed that this would be a good idea and would look into this. Tony asked if old web site could be linked to new web site and Sharon explained to the Council that she had arranged for a link from the old to the Website to be put in place. This should make it easier for the residents in Pen Selwood to find their way to the new site. Clerk to pay invoice once Sharon has forwarded. Jenny to report back at next meeting on progress of Neighbourhood plan.
- 7 Planning activity -**Andrew Jenkins gave details of renewal of lapsed planning applications at Long Lane Stables and discussed early notification of Wessex Water intention to close pumping station at bottom of Pen Mill with a view to building two houses on the site. Mr Greenwood of Wessex Water had passed on this information. Peter FitzGerald may have a conflict of interest in future as Wessex Water may want to buy some land from him
- 8 Footpaths and Highways Update-** Tony Appleton advised that patching and pot hole filling had taken place at Pen Ridge, Coombe Street and Long Lane which was due to be resurfaced soon. New salt bins were in place and the sign at the top of Coombe Street was back after repair. Grass triangle at Pear Ash Lane was the responsibility of highways who had reluctantly agreed to write to the local farmer who had driven over it causing damage. The same farmer had made good efforts to tidy the verge (this item covered in agenda item 12). Ian Steadman had held a meeting with Ian Leach regarding the possibilities of sweeping the road surfaces in the village .Of particular concern was the surface on Pear Ash Lane and Keith Butts stated that the first step toward improving the surface was to cut back all hedges which currently restrict access to larger cleaning vehicles .It was agreed that local land owners would be approached independently and written to by the PC stating our desire to see large scale hedge trimming as the first step toward improving the road surface. Clerk to draft letter. Brian asked that the B3081 issue

raised at the meeting in November 2012 be followed up by the Clerk. Mike Beech (via Anna Groskop) had offered to move this forward at that meeting, but no progress had been made so far. Clerk to follow up.

9 Update Footpath Coordination. Hester Messum had taken up footpath responsibility and Peter reported on her behalf the temporary closure of the footpath running south from Underhill for repairs. He will also enquire about footpath committee Insurance if the footpath committee are to be independent of the parish Council

10 Coombe Street Railings- Were now completed and the contractor had been paid. Many very positive comments had been received. Helen Stenson stated that she thought that the railings were a real improvement to the Coombe and that they ought not to be painted. Andrew said mild steele ought to be painted but the consensus was not to paint. Sharon said the PC should write to the Contractors stating our happiness with the standard of work and she would draft the letter with Tony for Clerk to forward. Peter thanked Tony and Sharon for their work on this project.

11 Leigh Common Encroachment- Peter FitzGerald advised that a section of the fence had been removed but that more remained. Peter had contacted Mr Shears eventually who had suggested progress was possible toward the final removal of the fence.

12 Discuss response to letter sent to Colin Young 28th Jan 2013- Brian Young left the room and Clerk advised that no formal response had been forthcoming. There was an acknowledgement that the verge had been tidied and that the contents of the field had been reduced and tidied up. Clerk to write to Mr Young to thank him for his efforts and ask that these be maintained in future. Brian Young returned.

13 Discuss possible wording for Jubilee Clock and Plaque- Tony had negotiated clock face lettering for free and it was agreed this should read "1955 ER11 2012". Andrew to arrange wording for plaque and Clerk raised a cheque for 50% of the invoice total to be forwarded.

14 Clerk to advise on outcome of Precept discussions with SSDC- Clerk reported that our precept for 2013-2014 had been agreed at the level we anticipated.

15 Discuss General concept of making "small houses into big houses via planning process. This matter was raised at planning meeting on 30th Jan .Application number 12/04685 Oak Dene, Coombe Street.- Peter went around the table to ask all councillors for their views and also invited the members of the public to give their views. The general consensus was that the planning process ought to be left to take its course in such situations and that the PC ought not to impose restrictions. When the VDS/Neighbourhood plan is put together this question will be asked of all of the residents of Pen Selwood. Peter was concerned that he did not want Pen Selwood to turn into the Donhead's where there were only very large houses.

16 AOB- Brian asked if in future all meetings could be scheduled one year in advance so as to avoid change to dates. Clerk to put this on the agenda for next meeting. Sharon stated her intention to resign from the PC with immediate effect. Peter said that he was very disappointed with the decision and that Sharon was a real asset to the Council and would be missed. Peter asked Clerk to prepare Co option notice to be displayed on notice boards. Jenny thanked Andrew for the A frame board for the Cafe.

Meeting ended 9.15pm date for next meeting 8th May 2013

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