

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee meeting at the Village Hall on Wed 8th May 2013

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

- 1 Public Open Forum-** John Howe expressed concerns about the plans for the Wessex Water pumping Station at Pen Mill. John thought that the building of one house on the site would be acceptable but that two would be too much for the site and may set a dangerous precedent. John had been in contact with Wessex Water one year ago but had heard nothing from them since. Although John was aware that no plans for the development existed at present he wished to raise awareness of the issue early. Hazel asked why no SSDC representatives were present, Clerk said he had informed Mike Beech of the meeting and would continue to request a SSDC presence.
- 2 Apologies for absence** None
- 3 Notice of interest** - Peter FitzGerald if anything concerning Wessex Water/Pen Mill development arose at a later point in the meeting.
- 4 Minutes of last meeting** Approved and signed following two small amendments item 1 and 8.
- 5 Matters Arising** – Tony said Jubilee Clock had been purchased and was available in the Hall tonight for all to see before it was placed on Village Hall.
- 6 Neighbourhood Plan –Update and Progress Jenny Steadman-** Jenny ran through advantages and disadvantages of having a Neighbourhood Plan and gave a copy of the Core Strategy document relating to this issue to all Councillors. This document was to be read and discussed at the next meeting where this item would be on the Agenda again. Clerk mentioned the VDS process East Knoyle had been through and how this gave control to local PC over planning issues.
- 7 Planning Activity- Andrew Jenkins-** Andrew reported no planning activity other than a notice that a solar panel scheme at Holbrook had been sent to appeal.(12/04445/ful)
- 8 Footpaths Update-**Peter FitzGerald reported that footpath from Underhill past the lake was still closed where the bridge was out of action. Footpaths Officer was in contact with landowner.
- 9 Highways** –Tony Appleton reported that PSW roads were in fair condition with a few pot holes in need of repair ,highways were aware . Tony mentioned Pear Ash Lane road edge was breaking up in places and this had also been reported. The speed restriction report requested for Leigh Common had been received and would be circulated for discussion at a future meeting. It seems that the average speed was 45mph (speed limit 60mph) and that this would not help achieve a speed reduction on this road. The salt bins had not been filled and would now not be filled until Autumn. Coombe Street sign repair was delayed but on the way. SSDC Highways have been asked to come and clear Pear Ash Lane edges.
- 10 Formally Accept accounts for 2012/2013 as prepared by the Clerk and sign annual return.-** Clerk asked if there were any questions arising from the accounts which had been circulated 10 days earlier. There were none and the Clerk asked the Council to vote to accept the accounts and the Chairman to sign the Annual Return and a copy of the bank reconciliation for the tax year ended 31-3-2013.This was done.
- 11 Leigh Common Encroachment-**Peter FitzGerald reported no progress but would continue to ask for help from District Council to resolve the issue.

- 12 Discuss Scheduling of future meeting dates 1 year in advance.**- A vote was taken with no outright conclusion .Item carried to next meeting.
- 13 Pear Ash Lane Hedge Owners letter-** Content was agreed with Clerk to forward to Jenny for local distribution .It was also agreed to cover this issue in a future Pen Paper and Cliff would use the letter to form the basis of the Pen Paper article.
- 14 Discuss and vote on Co-option of new Councillor-** Applications for Jane Ashman and Sarah-Louise Beasley had been received and circulated by the Clerk. A secret ballot vote was taken and Jane Ashman was elected. Clerk counted the votes and the result was verified by the Chairman. Clerk to advise applicants of the result. Jane Ashman was in the public gallery and was invited to join the Council for the remainder of the meeting.
- 15 AOB –** Jenny said the amount of litter being deposited in the hedges was increasing and was at a loss to know what to do. Cliff said he would cover this issue in the Pen Paper and hoped residents would pick up litter while out walking.

Date for next meeting 10th July meeting ended 8.40pm

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