

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee meeting at the Village Hall on Wed 8th July 2015

Present Cllr Steadman (Chairman) Cllrs Jenkins, Appleton, FitzGerald, Ashman, Milne.

Members of the public Hazel Baker and Chris Worrall, Richard Gething, Ros Buckler, Tony Harris, Gill Bradley and Cllrs Groskop and Beech.

- 1 **Apologies for absence** – Adrian Carter.
- 2 **Notice of interest** - None.
- 3 **Minutes of meetings held previously on – 13th May, 3rd June and 10th June 2015** – Signed as a true record.
- 4 **Matters Arising** – Jane Ashman advised Red Rock had uploaded new documents on the Somerset County Website regarding the application at Pen House Farm.

5 Note new legislation (1st April 2015) regarding publication of PC Minutes following introduction of Smaller Authorities Regulations 2015/494. Agree process for compliance with these regulations. - Following a discussion among Council members it was agreed that the Clerk would supply the Chairman with draft minutes to amend within 4 days of the meeting, these draft minutes would then be displayed on the notice boards and website, a month being the time frame set out in the new regulations but we would hope to get them out in draft within 2 weeks. The minutes would be agreed by all councillors at the next meeting. Under the new regulations the council must also publish details on the village website of expenditure over a certain amount

6 Planning- Planning application 15/02847/out for Eden Nursery, Charlton Musgrove . Andrew Jenkins gave a history of this application dating back to 1998 and whilst it was agreed that the application was the responsibility of Charlton Musgrove the PC would provide comments for consideration. Andrew Jenkins would write direct to SSDC planning dept.

Update- planning application 15/01886/full, 2 Grove Close - Following the SSDC Planning committee meeting 8th July which Jenny and Tony attended (as had Mike Beech and Anna Groskop) the application, to which the PC had objected was approved by SSDC. The access onto the lane being under presumed consent did not need planning permission. It was suggested the applicant should consult with Highways over the access issues raised by Pen Selwood PC. Jenny will write to Highways making clear our concerns over this dangerous access. It was agreed that Peter FitzGerald would draft a letter to Yarlinton (the housing association managing surrounding properties) to convey our concerns over the covenant which exists concerning the fence and hedge on the boundary of the property by the road. Andrew Jenkins will post all new planning applications on notice boards from now on.

7 Discuss proposals/ options for new notice board for Underhill residents.- It was thought that it would be good to site the new notice board for Underhill near the Parish pump. Jenny has asked Rob Doody to quote for making one. Retail prices had ranged from £550 to £850 which was considered too expensive. Tony will talk to highways about the sighting of the board

8 Update on logging at Castle Orchard- Elizabeth Carter had suggested that the bridleway should be closed while the logging was underway but Peter FitzGerald said this would be a lengthy process and that warning signs at each end may provide good warning to riders. Alex Milne had been in contact with Chris Guest the forestry adviser working on behalf of the land owners John and Nicky Hole. Work to clear trees from the Hill Fort was due to start in July and the woodland would be thinned out during the summer. The timber was going to be brought out along the line of the bridlepath and stacked close to the entrance to the woods opposite Gasper Lodge and the owners of the lodge and the Bucklers had been contacted before work commenced. The timber will be removed in approximately 10 loads over the next year. The time of the moving would depend on the sale of the timber. Planning permission had not been needed for the creation of the new forest track surface as this was undertaken using permitted development rights. Jenny suggested it would be good to be told when lorries are likely to be coming through the village.

9 Discuss possible nominations for Chairman’s Award 2015 – There were no suggestions for this year

10 Discuss adoption of amendments Pen Selwood planning document.- Jenny had updated councillors details and had updated the reference to Draft Core Strategy policy to Core Strategy 2015. Jane Ashman proposed that the process for updating the planning document be revisited in September where the contradictory findings on housing development in the village, evident from the Community Plan could be addressed and a plan of action proposed for November’s meeting

11 Note Closure of Footpath from Pear Ash Lane to junction with road behind the Church.- Richard Gething had spoken to Keith Butt who had reported that another animal was showing signs of aggression, so the footpath would remain closed. Richard would email the Church Commissioners to seek clarification of the situation. Following a telephone conversation with Jenny, Joanna Kingdom, the land agent working for the Diocese was aware of the issues but there are ongoing legal proceedings and she was not able to comment. Richard hoped Eve Wyn would be able to help with the replacement of the damaged kissing gate when the field was safe again.

12 AOB Tony mentioned that we currently have no Environmental officer at which point Richard Gething volunteered to take over the post. Tony would give Richard contact details to report fly tipping etc. Tony also mentioned that the Priorities page of the Welcome Pack still was under review by Adrian and Jenny said she would email Adrian to see if we could get it finished soon. The Clerk mentioned that in the last quarter he had worked many more hours than normal and that this would manifest itself in a higher than normal May to July wages claim. Meeting closed 8.35pm

Date for next meeting 9th September 2015

Signed as a true record

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