

**MINUTES** of the meeting of Soulbury Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm at The Parish Hall, Soulbury.

**PRESENT:-** Cllrs Mr V Wright (Chairman); Mrs M Rowe; Mr M W Cross; Mrs V Redbart; Mr A H Stevens; Mr I Culley; Mr J P Day and 12 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Mr N Blake and County Councillor Mrs J Blake.

2. **MINUTES:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were approved by the Council and signed as a true record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:-**

The issues relating to the stone at the top of Chapel Hill had now been satisfactorily resolved. The stone would not be moved and suitable white line markings had been put in place.

4. **FINANCE:-**

4.1 Payment of the following accounts was unanimously approved:-

Screwfix Ltd	Padlock	£19.99
Argos	IPad	£299.00
EON	Parish Hall	£67.48
Aylesbury Vale District Council	Rent of Recreation Ground Land	£12.77
M J Keel	Grass cutting (Church)	£100.00
M J Keel	Grass cutting (Village)	£760.00
AON	Insurance premium for Millennium Green Trustees	£691.94
The Tower Mint	Commemorative Coins	£128.40
EON	by direct debit	£53.43

4.2 OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS:-

4.2.1 The Council agreed to purchase 4 commemorative coins at £5 each from The Royal Mint.

4.2.2 The Clerk reported receipt of £33.01 from UK Power Networks in respect of Wayleaves.

4.2.3 Request from Helimedi Air Ambulance Service for a contribution towards their funds was considered. The Council decided not to make a payment.

5. **PLANNING:-**

5.1 APPLICATIONS:-

The following applications were considered:-

2016/ 01063 - The White House, High Road, Soulbury – Erection of new house.

The Council decided to oppose this application on the following grounds:-

(a) The proposed building would be sited within the Soulbury Conservation Area and the Council could see no pressing reason why this should be allowed.

(b) Part of the garden of the proposed building would intrude onto agricultural land.

(c) The proposed building would affect the view from the Church across the valley and as it was the last viewpoint the Council considered that this feature should not be blocked by another dwelling.

(d) The proposed access would appear to require the removal of sycamore trees and

some iron railing fence. The Parish Council objected to this and considered that the original access which still existed should still be used.

2016/ - Hollingdon Grange House, Hollingdon, Soulbury – Change of use of equestrian grazing land to residential use and installation of 120 module solar PV ground mounted panels to provide power for domestic use.

No objection.

2016/ - The Forge, Stewkley Road, Soulbury – Ground floor extension.

No objection.

2016/ - Land adjacent, Hollingdon Road, Soulbury – Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling.

No objection.

6. **ENVIRONMENT:-**

6.1 **CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:-**

Nothing to report.

6.2 **GRASS CUTTING:-**

Nothing to report. The village grass has had two cuts. Additional cutting resulting from devolution to be agreed and Mr Keel to be asked to price.

8. **PARISH DEVOLUTION SCHEME:-**

Following the Chairman and Cllr Stevens attendance at the safety overview meeting the Council unanimously agreed that they would enter into the T2 Agreement. The additional grass cutting to be taken on by the Parish would include highway verges on roads with a speed limit of up to 40mph. The responsibility for the upkeep of bridleways and footpaths would be limited to the surface only. The sides and borders being the responsibility of the land owners. The Parish Council to receive a payment of £1300 on entering into the agreement.

9. **PARISH HALL:-**

Nothing to report.

10. **MILLENNIUM GREEN:-**

Delivery of the storage container was pending. Its final site still to be determined.

Cllr Alan Stevens reported that Totternhoe Allotments Association had asked to visit to inspect the container as they were considering acquiring one.

11. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-**

11.1 Concern was expressed as to what was happening in the field opposite The Boot. Some work appeared to be much more extensive than previously indicated. A hedge had been removed, although it was believed that this would be restored eventually.

11.2 Parishioners were very concerned that nothing was happening to remove the soil heap at The Meads. Suggestion that asbestos was present. Clerk advised that in this event the Environment Agency should be asked to make an urgent inspection.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

12.1 The Chairman reported that it appeared that the lorry firm had moved from the Depot. There should be no more lorries passing through the village connected with this

- company.
- 12.2 Soulbury Stone – White lines had been put in place by the Highway Authority and it was hoped that this would be the end of the matter.
  - 12.3 There was a discussion regarding planting of a Christmas Tree on The Green at the Parish Council's expense. This would be a more economic arrangement than the present one of purchasing a tree each year. The cost would be in the region of £300. Matter to be discussed at the next meeting.
  - 12.4 Best Kept Village Competition – It was decided to enter the village in this year's competition.

13. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:-**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Parish Council to meet at 7.15pm followed by the Annual Assembly at 8.00pm.**