

MINUTES of the meeting of Soulbury Parish Council held on Monday 19th October 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Soulbury.

PRESENT:- Cllrs Mr V Wright (Chairman); Mrs M Rowe; Mr M Cross; Mrs V Redbart; Mr A Stevens; Mr I Culley; Mr P Day; District Councillor Mr N Blake and 10 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mr J Blake.

2. **MINUTES:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th September 2015 were approved by the Council and signed as a true record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:-**

There were none.

4. **FINANCE:-**

4.1 Payment of the following accounts was unanimously approved by the Council:-

Anglian Water	Parish Hall	£61.88
Screw Fix	Goods	£45.82
EON	Parish Hall	£47.88
Mazars	Audit fee	£270.00
AON UK	Insurance Premium – Millennium Green	£643.95
J R Keel & Son	Grass cutting – Churchyard	£100.00
J R Keel & Son	Grass cutting – Village	£760.00
Chubb Fire	Service fee – Parish Hall	£145.87
B&Q	Materials	£36.99
EON	Street lighting by direct debit	£53.43

5. **PLANNING:-**

5.1 **APPLICATIONS:-**

The following applications were considered:-

2015/03172 – Land to the rear of Northcote House, Church Lane, Soulbury – demolition of barn and change of use of agricultural land to residential garden.

No objection.

2015/ - Land adjoining The White House, High Road, Soulbury – erection of single dwelling house utilising the existing access.

Application opposed on the following grounds:-

1. Any development on the site would overlook neighbouring properties.
2. Development would entail tree felling in a Conservation Area and this is strongly opposed by the Council.
3. Two previous applications have been refused and the Parish Council cannot see any substantial change in the circumstances which would justify the present application being allowed.
4. Although Change of Use of land has been permitted in the past it was conditional upon no buildings being erected and this restriction should remain.
5. The proposed development entails intrusion into the Conservation Area and would seriously obstruct and affect the view across the Conservation Area from the Church

this being the only remaining view point. This would set a precedent for possible future development and the Parish Council are strongly opposed to this.

2015/03143 – Hollingdon Grange, Grove Farm Lane, Hollingdon, Soulbury – Change of use from equestrian land to residential use and installation of 120 solar PV modules to provide electrical power for domestic use for Hollingdon Grange House.

Application opposed. Strong opposition from locals. The Council consider that the proposed installation of solar panels is in the wrong place and in particular is a considerable distance from the property which it is proposed to serve. The panels could and should be erected nearer to the property and this would not entail the necessity for a change of use of the land to residential. The Parish Council would oppose a change of use in any event.

6. **ENVIRONMENT:-**

6.1 **CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:-**

The draft of the Licence to Occupy which the District Council have submitted for approval is with the solicitors who will be reporting to and advising the Council on the document.

6.2 **GRASS CUTTING:-**

The Clerk reported that he had arranged with Mr Keel for one more cut of the grass and also for the churchyard to be made presentable for the Armistice Day ceremony.

7. **REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR NEIL BLAKE:-**

Councillor Blake described the present position regarding the new Local Plan which was in the course of preparation. In particular he drew attention to the new housing targets which had been set for the District Council during the next 5 years.

Broadband – Councillor Blake reported on the present position of this and also announced that the Aylesbury Vale Lottery was shortly to be launched.

Cllr Blake gave an update on the progress of the East West Rail Link.

8. **PARISH DEVOLUTION:-**

The Chairman reported on a meeting which he had attended recently at Aylesbury on this subject. He was disappointed at the progress being made in setting up the scheme for commencement next year. There was as yet no sign of the Agreement which the Council would be asked to enter into setting out the obligations which there were to take on.

9. **PARISH HALL:-**

Nothing to report.

10. **MILLENNIUM GREEN:-**

Councillor Alan Stevens gave details of the robbery which had taken place on The Green involving the break in to the equipment shed and the loss of mowers etc. An insurance claim was in hand.

It was reported that the setting up of small flower borders at the base of trees in the orchard area was progressing and several were already in hand.

11. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-**

There were comments about the increase in the speed of traffic passing through the village. The flashing speed sign was in position in Leighton Road and would be moved around the village to the areas where the speeding was worse.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

The Clerk was asked to order the winter salt for the roads as soon as possible.

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

Monday 23rd November at 7.30pm.