

MINUTES of the meeting of Soulbury Parish Council held on Monday 20th February 2017 at 7.30pm at The Parish Hall, Soulbury.

PRESENT:- Cllrs Mr V Wright (Chairman); Cllrs Mr A Stevens; Mrs M Rowe; Mr M Cross; Wendy Taylor; Mr J P Day; and 12 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mr I Culley and District Councillor Mr N Blake.

2. **MINUTES:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th January 2017 were approved by the Council and signed as a true record.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:-**

There were none.

4. **FINANCE:-**

4.1 Payment of the following accounts was unanimously approved:-

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| British Gas | Parish Hall | £183.87 |
| Bucks Playing Fields Association | Annual subscription | £20.00 |
| B&Q | Poly sheets | £32.00 |
| EON | by direct debit | £53.43 |

4.2 The Parish Council had been advised by the District Council that if the developments at The Boot fields and Oaklands proceed the Parish Council would receive Section 106 money amounting to approximately £50,000. The District Council wished to be advised of the particular project for which this money would be used. The Parish Council decided unanimously that they would use this money to finance the provision of a visitor centre or similar facility on the Millennium Green and the Clerk said he would advise the District Council accordingly.

5. **PLANNING:-**

5.1 **APPLICATIONS:-**

The following applications were considered:-

2017 - New House opposite The Boot, High Road, Soulbury – first floor side extension.

There was no objection to this application.

2017/00527 - Clay Ridge, Hollindgon Road, Soulbury – outline application for single dwellinghouse.

The Parish Council did not think there was enough information regarding this application and the Clerk was asked to obtain more details.

5.2

2016/02278 - Land at The Boot field, Soulbury – development of up to 6 dwellings etc.

Comments were made that the Council's response to this application did not cover all the points raised when the matter was discussed at the previous meeting. It was therefore proposed and agreed that the following grounds be added:-

(a) The Parish Council consider that there is insufficient provision for low cost

- housing in the proposed development.
- (b) The Parish Council has concerns over the highways aspect of the application. They do not consider that the High Road is of a sufficient standard to accommodate the extra traffic which will be generated by the proposed development.
 - (c) Flooding – the Parish Council are not satisfied that sufficient weight has been given to the possibility of flooding on the site.

6. **ENVIRONMENT:-**

6.1 CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:-

Nothing to report.

6.2 GRASS CUTTING:-

The Clerk is waiting for a quotation from Mr Keel.

7. **PARISH HALL:-**

Nothing to report.

8. **REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE:-**

Recent crime statistics were given by the attending police officer. There was a burglary on the 22nd January but the culprits were apprehended and goods returned.

There was a robbery from a farm in Leighton Road and some car thefts had been reported.

9. **MILLENNIUM GREEN:-**

It was reported that the community pay back workers had been working extremely hard and considerable progress had been made. There was now an abundance of logs on the Green and these can be collected by residents who burn logs.

A quiz night was to be held the weekend after the meeting and further tickets sales would be welcome.

Trustees had prepared a welcome pack for new residents including a leaflet giving the history of the Millennium Green.

10. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-**

It was reported that access to and from Laburnham Cottages was becoming very dangerous. Cars came round the bend from The Green at speed and drivers wishing to exit the cottages had neither time nor visibility to do so safely. It was decided to ask County Highways to provide a strategically placed mirror.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

11.1 There was information on the provision of Broadband in the Aylesbury Vale area. It stated that Broadband would be in the village by April. Cables would be laid to the end of Dean Farm Lane and Church Lane in particular with connections to be arranged by individual householders.

11.2 Cllr Alan Stevens informed the Council of forthcoming expense on the crash barrier at the end of Stapleford Bridge Road. The barrier had been erected 30 years ago but he did not think that the proposed refurbishment/maintenance was necessary and for that reason the expense was not justified. He requested the Council to write and object to what was being proposed and the Council agreed.

11.3 A decision on the purchase of another dog bin was deferred.

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

Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.30pm.