

MINUTES of the Meeting of Sigglesythorne Parish Council which was held on Thursday, 12th January, 2017 at 7.30pm in the School

3363 PRESENT: Cllrs P. Langley (in the Chair), N. Tomlinson, P. Collingwood, Mrs. J. Collingwood, Mrs. J. Palin, and P. Chicken. Cllrs Mrs. B. Jefferson and J. Whittle (ERYC), Stuart Allen and Josh Stubbs (Animal Warden Service ERYC) and ten members of the Parish were also present.

3364 APOLOGIES: Cllr Ms. Sarah Watson.

3365 LOCALISM Act 2011. Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests-members to declare any interests in items on the agenda and the nature of such interests. No interests were minuted.

3366 MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting which was held on 10th November, 2016 were circulated, read and approved for signature. Proposed by Cllr Chicken, seconded by Cllr Tomlinson, all in favour.

3367 MATTERS ARISING:

a) Cllr Chicken referred to item 3341c) Tree Felled by Rise Estates. Clerk confirmed that a retrospective application had not been received by ER. Noted.

b) Cllr Chicken further referred to item 3359d) and asked if the comments regarding the Contractor could be redacted. The Council suggested that potentially sensitive comments should not be placed in draft minutes, but only in final minutes after full Council approval.

3368 PLANNING:

a) DC/03563/TCA, Old School House, White Poplar tree. Withdrawn.

b) 16/02581/PLF Revised information re Lillands, Main Street. Refused by Council 29.11.16
Standing Orders suspended. Parishioners reported that the new plans showed that the new development of houses were to be set back in line with the original bungalow, there were hedge boundary problems and a tree which would be felled. Cllr Mrs. Jefferson to inform the Council when the Cttee would be meeting to discuss the new application.
Standing Orders reinstated.

c) Decisions:

i) 16/03905, West Garth, Approved 21.12.16

ii) 16/03765/TPO, Old Rectory, Approved 6.1.17

At this juncture Cllr Chicken recorded that he had not received a satisfactory response from Enforcement regarding the Grade 2 listed building works being carried out at the Old Rectory. Clerk to write to Des Simmonds for further information.

iii) 16/03538/TCA, Bulsara, Old Lane. No objections. 28.11.16

3369 BROADBAND update. Cllr Collingwood reported a new St Cabinet would be installed at Pasture House Farm serving Rise, but some 6/8 properties in Rise Road will not be connected. Also a new Cabinet for the top of Main St. It was further noted that a new Phase was imminent and Clerk to write to Steve Howdle for further information. It was noted that no update had been received from BT.

3370 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

a) Play Area. Clerk referred to Ruth Watson's comments regarding the Play area during the Village Task Force scheme in August in which she noted the lack of repair works in order for the swings to be reinstated. Clerk reported that, for several years now, we had been told that Paul Palmer was waiting for a Structural Report.

b) Old Rectory, Brick Pier. Chairman read extract of email received from Mike Peeke who had inspected and found that the new pillar was not in the highway but set behind the line of the ditch and therefore in the ownership of the landowner. Cllrs expressed concern regarding motor vehicles skidding into the pillar and any insurance claims therefrom. Clerk to speak again to Mike Peeke who promised further research into this. At this juncture Cllr Mrs. Jefferson indicated that ER Legal Dept were involved regarding the bollards either side of the entrance to Spring Garden Centre.

c) Dog Fouling/Dogs, lack of control

i) Stuart Allen gave a presentation on Dog Fouling problems in our village and what the Council could do to assist ER via information leaflets, small posters etc. signage in the village boxes and also our Church newsletter. It was noted that dogs were excluded in Bentinck Lane/East Lane play areas and also in the school grounds. Fines of up to £1,000 plus costs were applicable to dog owners not picking up after their dogs. Members of the public cannot give statements, but can report names/addresses etc. and ER would follow up any reports. Parish Cllrs could report. It was noted that, apart from the risks to children, there are also risks to cattle and sheep etc. SA indicated that, with enough people, training sessions would be made available to Cllrs and Chairman keen to pursue this course.

ii) Clerk reported that an incident had occurred just after Christmas in which two cross Rottweiler dogs had attacked a family cat in East Lane. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Dog Warden Team at ER for advice and this was a Parish concern.

d) Village Task Force- Schedules. Clerk circulated both schedules after writing comments in blue and it was noted that these should be forwarded back to Ruth Watson at ER. Chairman indicated that some works in cutting back hedging had been done after the walkabout, but had clearly regrown. It was noted that a Satisfaction Survey could not, at the moment, be forwarded as clearly little had been done in the village so far.

e) West Road Planter. Cllr Chicken recorded having spoken to an employee of Spring Gardens and it was agreed that the Clerk write to their Head Office to formally ask if Spring would be prepared to take over the maintenance of the planter on our behalf.

f) Hedge. After discussion it was noted that Cllrs Collingwood and Tomlinson would make an inspection of the hedge in East Lane/Gt Hatfield Road to fill thin areas and remove invasive species. At this juncture, Cllr Mrs. Palin asked if the Clerk had contacted the Contractor regarding the recent hedge trim. Clerk recorded that she did not do this.

3371 ROADS, FOOTPATHS, SEATS etc:

a) Bus Shelter, Signage, timetables/£100 excess. Clerk reported that the signage, poles and timetables had not been installed, but with advice from Debbie McGurn noted that the pole was ordered but we still awaited the timetables. Cllr Mrs. Jefferson indicated that a new bin would be installed in due course. The £100 had still to be repaid and Clerk to chase this up.

3372 POLICE:

a) Figures. Clerk reported that during the period 1.10-27.12.16 there was 1 x non-dwelling, garage padlock damage. No lines of enquiry. 1 x car crime unauthorised taking of car. Withdrawn. 1 x damage to the wooden school gates. No lines of enquiry. Cllr Chicken recorded that an Anti-Social behaviour incident was recorded in Church Lane in November.

b) Cameras. Chairman had spoken with Chair of Seaton PC who had nothing further to report regarding the APNR camera scheme.

3373 FINANCES:

a) Balances - Hsbc c/a £11-83, Community a/c £2,316-87

b) Precept 2017/18. After discussion it was proposed by six Cllrs, with one abstention, that we Precept in the sum of £2,500. It was noted that any further donation to St Lawrence Church would be deferred to our next meeting in March.

3374 CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman read extract of letter received from Sigglesthorpe Primary School in their endeavour to make an application to the Award for All England programme for a grant to enable them to provide an outdoor activity space on part of their existing playground. Council agreed to endorse this project by way of a letter. All in favour.

3375 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Cllr Mrs. Palin noted Cllr Tomlinson's previous comments regarding the humming noise from the direction of Spring Gardens.

b) Cllr Mrs. Palin reported that several volunteers had, again, planted daffodils in and around the village.

3376 DATE of next meeting. It was resolved that the Council would next meet in the School on Thursday, 9th March, 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm.