

# **FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - DRAFT**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 pm at Falfield Village Hall

## Present

**Parish Councillors:** Mrs J Hathway Chair, Miss E. Jarvis, Mrs V. Stanley, Mr A. Gregory & Mr K. Fryer.

**Clerk:** Mr J. Carpenter and 3 Parishioners.

## **00678/16 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr M. O'Connor, Cllr A. Isaac, Ward Cllr J. O'Neill, PCSO S. Drewitt & Mr M, McBrien (HMP Eastwood)

**00679/16** Cllr Hathway welcomed Mr J. Carpenter as Clerk to the Parish Council

## **00680/16 To Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Fryer, seconded by Cllr Stanley and **resolved** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be signed as a correct record.

## **00681/16 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Dispensation Requests**

None

## **00682/16 Public Forum**

**00682.1/16** A parishioner gave an update on the situation with the contamination reported in the stream in Sundayhill Lane at the meeting in September. The Environment Agency are still trying to establish the source.

## **00683/16 Planning Matters**

00683.1/16 **To Discuss the Following Application**

**00683.1/16 PT16/5345/RVC** – The Cornfields, Gloucester Road, Whitfield – Removal of condition 3 attached to planning permission PT10/3362/F to enable agricultural vehicles to use access.

A parishioner indicated they wished to speak on this matter and although the Chair allowed the parishioner to speak, she pointed out that if parishioners wished to speak on any item on the agenda that they should do this under Public Forum section on the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

## **Councils Response:**

The Council are surprised that the new owner is now seeking to vary this condition **as removing the agricultural access was a fundamental highway safety consideration at the time of the decision and it was a trade off to allow the access to be used for two new dwellings**. The original applicant's main arguments to finally secure his permission was that he would stop all agricultural access through this entrance and use it only for residential purposes. He had to demonstrate that he could access his fields from other access gates on his land and block up other unsafe agricultural accesses onto the A38. Although the upgrading of the junction of the B4061/A38 has since been completed this has had no effect on the safety of the section of the A38 which passes this access due to the quantity of commercial vehicles combined with other fast moving vehicles using this section of road and therefore the council **OBJECT** to this condition being removed.

## **00684/16 To Approve Notes from Meeting with Representatives from the Buckover Garden Village**

Councillors had previously been circulated with the draft notes. Following an email from Cllr O'Connor who was concerned that the issues with Transport, Utilities and Employment were not covered forcefully enough, Cllrs present felt that this had been adequately covered.

It was agreed that the following amendments/modifications were to be made:

- Question 4 – The addition of a poor public transport system.
- Question 10 – Remove the wording "the Garden Village" in the question as it was repeated twice.
- The paragraph between question 12 and question 13 is a question in its own right. This will be numbered question 13 and the remaining question numbered 14 to 29.

Once the amended draft has been completed it will be circulated to Cllrs for approval before being officially adopted at the next council meeting. **Action: Clerk**

## **00685/16 Matters for Further Discussion**

**00685.1/16 Joint Spatial Plan – Briefing Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October 5:30 to 7 pm at the Chambers, Thornbury Town Hall**

This invitation was open to 2 representatives from each council. Cllrs felt that as Falfield was affected by the possibility of 2,200 houses in the parish (Buckover Garden Village) where other parishes in the North of the County were not directly affected, that it was unfair to restrict the number to two and the Clerk was asked to contact Patrick Conroy at South Glos requesting that this should be reconsidered. All the Councillors present expressed a wish to attend this meeting. **Action: Clerk**

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## **00685.2/16 Joint Spatial Plan – Briefing Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November 3pm to 5pm at Kingswood Civic Centre**

This meeting is open to all parishes in South Gloucestershire. Cllrs Hathway, Stanley and Gregory offered to attend this meeting.

## **00686/16 Reports**

### **00686.1/16 Cllr Fryer gave a report on the Community Engagement Forum (CEF) which he attended on 6<sup>th</sup> October, in particular**

- A request that Councillors communicated more information to the CEF.
- Crime was on the increase and that when the public reported any crime the preferred method was by ringing 101 and not by email as these can be mislaid, lost or overlooked.
- Wickwar recently carried out a traffic survey and reported 1,000 vehicles an hour which is up three times on the previous survey.
- Planning permission for a further four to five warehouses in Armstrong Way, Yate which will only increase the traffic on and off junction 14 of the M5.
- A new pedestrian crossing in Charfield will not be funded by the developer until the first house built is occupied.
- Other items discussed: Joint Spatial Plan/Junction 14, M5 meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October between Highways England and South Glos.

Next Meeting: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February,

### **00686.2/16 William Stephens Charity.**

Cllr Fryer reported that he had not received any nominations for a recipient of the William Stephen Charity. The date of the meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### **00687/16 Matters for Further Discussion / Information.**

#### **00687.1/16 Precept**

The Clerk advised Cllrs that the remaining precept for 2016/17 had been received from South Gloucestershire.

#### **00687.2/16 Policies and Resources Committee**

Cllr Hathway was concerned that there was no adequate representation on the Policies and Resources Committee for our area and requested that this be an item on the agenda at the next meeting.

#### **00687.2/16 Second Phase of Libraries Consultation**

This consultation is open from Monday 10 October 2016 until Monday 2 January 2017 - For discussion at the next meeting.

Following the conclusion of business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**