

Parish Council of Balsall

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 7.30pm at The Westlake Room, Village Hall, Station Road, Balsall Common

Present

Cllr Raymond Ritchie (Chair), Cllr Judy Lea, Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr Douglas Money, Cllr Peter Trend, Cllr Elizabeth Macdonald, Cllr Ian Hedley, Cllr Marie-Louise Marsden, Cllr Lionel King and 3 members from Minton Health Care and 7 members of the public to include Dave Felthouse (Residents Association)

Headings are those set out on the Agenda

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Peter Lea

2. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office by New Councillor Rob Horsfield**

Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct was signed by Cllr Rob Horsfield. Chair welcomed Cllr Horsfield onto Parish Council

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None

4. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 20th November 2013**

Resolved – The Minutes are approved and the Chair signed the Minutes as a true and accurate record

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

None

6. **Public Forum**

Cllr Hitchcock of Berkswell Parish Council advised of distress being caused to him and his family by bright signage at Sainsbury's. This is disturbing their enjoyment.

It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the planning meeting.

Dave Felthouse advised that Solihull Clinical community group will be making a presentation to the Residents Association.

It was agreed that the Residents Association will provide an update to the Parish Council following the presentation.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1. E-mail from Residents Association regarding Magpie Lane
- 7.2. Solihull Local Plan with Inspectors Final report and confirmation that the Plan has been adopted by SMBC
- 7.3. E-mail from Minton Health Care giving notice of public exhibition
- 7.4. SMBC regarding setting precept
- 7.5. Letter from SMBC – Solihull Housing Allocation Scheme

8. Minton Health Care/Harper Fields – short presentation concerning proposed scheme

This item was brought forward and discussed before the public forum.

Adam Simpkins, Donna Savage and Tony Entwistle of Minton Healthcare gave a presentation of the proposed plans to develop land at Harper Fields. They propose to submit an application to construct 39 extra units in the former of dormer bungalows and apartments on land surrounding the home. This is land that was returned as Green Belt.

The aim is to provide the accommodation to elderly residents. There will be an eligibility criteria and one resident must have a care plan. The aim is to allow residents to live in their own homes before the need arises to move into a care home that is already on site.

The average age is late 70's early 80 year olds.

Cllr Trend asked what model do you have to show this is working and there is a demand. AS advised that this is new and there is no evidence.

Cllr Trend asked what the effect is of the property not being able to be sold on due to the strict criteria to be met.

AS stated that Barchester will market the property for a fee.

Cllr Trend expressed concern at the discreet market and vulnerable people that were buying these properties. Once they had moved into a care home, they may not be able to find a buyer thus causing distress.

Cllr Lloyd asked for typical fees. AS could not give prices but informed that this would be an annual service charge and a care package of at least 1.5 days

Cllr Money advised that traffic is a major issue on Kenilworth Road. The access is not very good. What impact will all the extra vehicles have on the road.

AS advised that a traffic survey had been undertaken.

9. Cemetery – Update from Clerk

Clerk confirmed that she was still waiting to hear from the Bishops Chaplain with a date. Due to the bad weather, we are not looking at a date before Spring

10. CCTV – update from Clerk

Clerk advised that repairs had been instructed to bring all the cameras into operation. We are still waiting for the quotations regarding the upgrade and Clerk will report back once further information is received

11. Precept – To agree Precept for 2014/2015

Resolved – That the Finance Workshop shall consider the Precept and that if a freeze is recommended, this is approved by the Parish Council and the Clerk may submit the Precept request to SMBC

12. Reports from Committees

12.1. HS2

Cllr Lloyd advised that the consultation regarding the environment statement has been extended to 16th February 2014. A general update was provided by Cllr Lloyd.

Resolved – That a response to the Environmental Statement is submitted by the Parish Council to be co-ordinated by Cllr Lloyd and Keith Tindal, Chair of the Residents Association

12.2. Airport

Cllr Money advised that the meeting in November had not taken place. Cllr Lloyd confirmed that the departure trials will take place from May this year. It is intended that the planes will fly one month on one route (option 5) and the next month on the other route (option 6).

It was agreed to place details on the website with links to log complaints

13. Joint Working with Berkswell

13.1. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Clerk advised that she is arranging the meeting with Sara James at SMBC but due to a busy schedule, this has not yet been arranged

14. Accounts & Governance

14.1. **PROPOSAL** - To approve list of Payments for Approval and Payments Made

Resolved – That the accounts are approved for payment

15. Committee membership – To agree Committee membership of new Councillors

Resolved – That Cllr Horsfield is appointed to the Planning and Finance Committees

16. Date for next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting shall be held on 19th March 2014 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Station Road, Balsall Common

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.29pm

Signed..... Dated.....

Cllr Raymond Ritchie

Chair

Balsall Parish Council