



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 7.30 pm

at Mortimer Methodist Church, West End Road, Mortimer

#### Present:

Councillors: Cllr. M. Dennett (Chairman), Cllr. P. Blagden, Cllr. J. Bull, Cllr. A. Butcher, Cllr. P. Challis, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. L. Jones, Cllr. N. Kiley, Cllr. A. Richardson and Cllr. P. Wingfield.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones – Parish Clerk

Public/Press: There were 2 members of the public and no members of the press present.

<b>Part I</b>		
<b>16/533</b>	<p><b>Public Questions</b></p> <p><b>Mr. T. Raynard</b> – Raised the condition of the overgrown hedges along the footpath between Stephens Firs and Stephens Close.</p> <p>When advised that the matter was in the hands of WBC, but there was no indication as to whose responsibility this footpath was, Mr. Raynard pointed out that the footpath had been built when Stephens Close was built.</p>	
<b>16/534</b>	<p><b>To receive a brief update from Philip Church on the Burghfield &amp; Mortimer Handybus</b></p> <p><b>Mr. N. Aston and Mr. D. Butler</b> – gave a concise report on the difficulties that Burghfield and Mortimer Handybus are facing to ensure the service is continued following the withdrawal of the buses loaned by WBC as they are unable to keep them due to the budget savings they are having to find for 2017-2018.</p> <p>A detailed written report was provided of the structure of the service and service use that they meet.</p> <p>They are currently in discussions with a number of Grant providers and with WBC to find ways of taking on the whole service from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, but are looking for further support from the Parishes that they serve.</p> <p>It was explained that there was nothing in this year's budget that could be granted to them and it was asked that they provide us details of what they actually doing and need to meet the challenges they are facing as well as support from other Parishes and any possible input from WBC in the light of their on-going discussions with them.</p> <p>Whilst nothing could be promised at this stage as SMPC are currently setting its budgets for 2017-2018, a contribution could be considered for future years.</p>	
<b>16/535</b>	<p><b>To receive any apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Earl, Cllr. M. Johnson, Cllr. C. Lewis and Cllr. M. Lock.</p>	
<b>16/536</b>	<p><b>To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<b>16/537</b>	<p><b>To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously to approve and sign the minutes, as a true record of the meeting subject to the final paragraph oh Item 16/518</p>	

	being changed to read "Cllr. J. Earl proposed.....".																					
<b>16/538</b>	<b>To receive Clerk's Financial Report on October 2016 Financial A/Cs</b> The October 2016 Financial Report was received and noted.																					
<b>16/539</b>	<b>To receive Committee Meeting minutes of:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Planning Committee - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016</li> <li>2 NDP Implementation Committee - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016</li> <li>3 Fairground, Trees &amp; Amenities Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016</li> <li>4 Roads, Footpaths &amp; Commons Committee – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016</li> </ol> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b>, proposed by Cllr. D. Ives, seconded by Cllr. L. Jones, by 9 votes for and 1 abstention, to approve and sign the minutes, as a true record of the meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016</li> </ol> <p>All received and noted.</p>																					
<b>16/540</b>	<b>To receive planning decisions and information from West Berkshire Council</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Application</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Address</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Decision</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Date</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>16/02242/FULD</td> <td>Land to rear of 4 Victoria Rd Mortimer SMPC had objections</td> <td>Refusal</td> <td>11/11/16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/02228/HOUSE</td> <td>24 St Johns Road Mortimer Common RG7 3TR SMPC had no objections</td> <td>Approved</td> <td>07/11/16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/02274/FULD</td> <td>Turning Point, Birch Lane Mortimer Common. RG7 3UB SMPC had no objections</td> <td>Approved</td> <td>11/11/16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/02885/PACOU</td> <td>Ferndale Court, 6 West End Road Mortimer Common. RG7 3SY Not considered.</td> <td>Withdrawn</td> <td>22/11/16</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All decisions were in line with Stratfield Mortimer's comments except for 16/02228, which was passed before comments could be made as papers had not been received in time.</p> <p>Cllr. A. Butcher gave an update report on the WBC EAPC meeting which considered the application for the withdrawal of the conditions on the Tower House site planning approval and advised that the application had been unanimously rejected.</p> <p>Received and noted</p>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Date</u>	16/02242/FULD	Land to rear of 4 Victoria Rd Mortimer SMPC had objections	Refusal	11/11/16	16/02228/HOUSE	24 St Johns Road Mortimer Common RG7 3TR SMPC had no objections	Approved	07/11/16	16/02274/FULD	Turning Point, Birch Lane Mortimer Common. RG7 3UB SMPC had no objections	Approved	11/11/16	16/02885/PACOU	Ferndale Court, 6 West End Road Mortimer Common. RG7 3SY Not considered.	Withdrawn	22/11/16	
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<b>16/541</b>	<b>To receive a verbal update on the NDP</b> Cllr. P. Wingfield gave a brief summary of the meetings that had been held with WBC to progress the amendments and actions proposed by the Examiner for the SMPC NDP Submission to be acceptable, which was received and noted.																					
<b>16/542</b>	<b>To receive District Councillors' Reports</b> Both Cllr. M Lock and Cllr. G Bridgman had submitted written reports, which were received and noted in their absence.																					
<b>16/543</b>	<b>To receive and agree the Council's response to West Berkshire District Council's Consultation on the Library</b> The response was received and <b>AGREED</b> objection to the addition of																					

	“The proposed financial implications for Parishes has not been agreed and needs to be discussed”.	
<b>16/544</b>	<p><b>To receive and discuss West Berkshire District Council’s CIL Consultation paper</b></p> <p>Cllr. M. Dennett summarised the paper and saw no negative issues for SMPC in the paper, which was received and noted.</p>	
<b>16/545</b>	<p><b>To receive Clerk’s Update (for information only)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Attended meeting with TVP &amp; Burghfield Parish Council regarding part funded PCSO.</li> <li>2 Chased contractors regarding the surface breakdown of the Tennis Courts.</li> <li>3 Worked on getting contractors for quotes on Garth Hall</li> <li>4 Worked on getting quotes for Fairground Car Park re-surfacing</li> <li>5 Attended BALC AGM with Cllr. M. Dennett</li> <li>6 Attended meeting with WBC with Cllr. M. Dennett and Cllr. P. Wingfield concerning the NDP Examiners Report</li> <li>7 Dealt with various NDP communications with WBC</li> <li>8 Carried out daily responses to communications made to the Parish</li> <li>9 Completed October A/Cs for presentation to the Council</li> </ol> <p>The report was received and noted.</p>	
<b>16/546</b>	<p><b>Garth Hall</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that 2 builders had now agreed to provide initial cost estimates and arrangements are being made to get access through the security company.</p>	
<b>16/547</b>	<p><b>To receive an update on meeting with West Berkshire Council to discuss devolution options and opportunities</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that so far only 1 response had been received in response to Item 16/525 of the Full Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – “Cllr. M. Dennett requested that Councillors should give The Clerk a list of services that they would like to see SMPC getting involved with.” And it was requested that Councillors respond so that we can go back to WBC to discuss.</p>	
<b>16/548</b>	<p><b>To receive update report on part-funded PCSO</b></p> <p>The Clerk presented and summarised his written report, which highlighted the fact that the role of the PCSO has rapidly evolved from a pro-active role to a reactive role.</p> <p>This has resulted in Thames Valley Police being unable to give us any Key Performance Indicators, as required by the contract. In view of this it is difficult to assess the real impact the Community is getting from the role of the Part-Funded PCSO and there is no real visibility in the Community of what he does and the contract is now no longer seen as value for money.</p> <p>It was therefore proposed by Cllr. N. Kiley, seconded by Cllr. A. Butcher that SMPC do not continue with the contract after its expiry on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, which was <b>AGREED</b> unanimously.</p> <p>It was also <b>AGREED</b> that this must be communicated via the Newsletter to sound out the Communities response.</p> <p>The Clerk commented, in response to Cllr. A. Richardson’s proposal that SMPC should consider a mitigating service for the Community, that there</p>	

	are other possible alternatives that could be considered, such as Community Wardens, and was asked to investigate the options and report back to Full Council for the February meeting.																	
<b>16/549</b>	<p><b>Finance - To resolve to agree accounts for payment:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1 WBC – Office Rental July Quarter 2016</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£750.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Thames Water – Recreation Ground Water Trough – Aug – Nov 2016 2016 D.D.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£23.57</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Suez Recycling – Fairground Waste Collection – Nov 20126 D.D. inc. VAT</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£97.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 CastleComms – Licence Key for Bullguard Computer and Internet Security application for 1 year’s licence</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 The Jubilate Group – Public Performance Licence for carols used at the Community Carol Service inc. VAT</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 Vision ICT – Vision Backup Service Nov 16 – Oct 17 inc. VAT</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£144.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 The Benyon Trust – Burial Ground Rental – 25/12/16 – 24/03 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£62.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 J. Earl – Expenses in collecting Christmas Tree for the Fairground – 233 miles @ 45p per mile</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100.35</td> </tr> </table> <p>The motion to agree the finances was <b>AGREED</b> unanimously.</p>	1 WBC – Office Rental July Quarter 2016	£750.00	2 Thames Water – Recreation Ground Water Trough – Aug – Nov 2016 2016 D.D.	£23.57	3 Suez Recycling – Fairground Waste Collection – Nov 20126 D.D. inc. VAT	£97.66	4 CastleComms – Licence Key for Bullguard Computer and Internet Security application for 1 year’s licence	£15.00	5 The Jubilate Group – Public Performance Licence for carols used at the Community Carol Service inc. VAT	£20.00	6 Vision ICT – Vision Backup Service Nov 16 – Oct 17 inc. VAT	£144.00	7 The Benyon Trust – Burial Ground Rental – 25/12/16 – 24/03 2017	£62.50	8 J. Earl – Expenses in collecting Christmas Tree for the Fairground – 233 miles @ 45p per mile	£100.35	
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<b>16/550</b>	<p><b>To receive Correspondence (for information only):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. CIL Consultation letter</li> <li>ii. Library correspondence regarding proposed Parish share in library scheme costs</li> <li>iii. Various Invoices, Planning Applications and Planning Notices Received and noted.</li> </ul>																	
<b>16/551</b>	<p><b>To receive Minor Matters (for information only):</b></p> <p>Cllr. J. Bull advised that the St John’s Crossing has been designed with 4 Streetlights, but an Independent Safety Audit is being carried out to check this out. WBC, Mr. C. Vidler will be advising the outcome.</p> <p>Cllr. A. Butcher advised that there had been an incident on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December when an elderly couple parked in the disabled parking area behind Bugden’s in the evening when it was dark had been harassed by 4 youths, all dressed in black. He commented on it being too dark for safety in that area as a result of the dark village policy for Mortimer.</p> <p>Cllr. L. Jones reported on the NDP Implementation Committee scoping report for Village Sporting facilities and, under Standing Order 10.a.ii, a move to vote was proposed by Cllr. L. Jones, seconded by Cllr. N. Kiley, to accept the report, which was unanimously <b>AGREED</b>.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Wingfield raised the question of our Section 106 funds spending timetable deadlines and was advised that it was open but a “reasonable timeline” was expected.</p>																	
<b>16/552</b>	<p><b>To receive any future Agenda items</b></p> <p>Clerk to report back on Part-Funded PCSO alternative options in February 2017 Full Council</p>																	

The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.