

Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council

MINUTES of a meeting held on Tuesday, 2 September 2014, at the Village Hall, Bramshall. The meeting commenced at 7:50pm.

PRESENT: Mrs J. Pattinson-Evans (in the chair), Messrs. T. Ollerenshaw, D. Oulsnam, J. Whittaker, R. Jones, T. Postlethwaite, P. Smith, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. R. Dunn, Cllrs. P. Atkins and the clerk, C. Whittaker arrived late due to another meeting.

9.14.1 APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

9.14.2. MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, 1 July 2014, having been circulated, were signed by the chairman on the approval of the members.

9.14.3. CLERK'S REPORT:

The clerk circulated his report, adding that there were no amendments.

9.14.4. CORRESPONDENCE:

4.01 Royal Mail Group – Letter confirming that the Senior Collections Team has resited the post box in another area, therefore the removed post box cannot be returned. Councillors considered that this probably means that it has been sold.

4.02 Department of communities and Local Government – A two page letter exempting the Government from getting involved with the Council's concerns about development in Uttoxeter without a link from west Uttoxeter to the A518.

4.03 East Staffs Police – Email confirming that The telephone kiosk sited in Mallens Croft had been put on the patrol plan for passing attention. The necessity of this was supported by a report that youths had been seen standing on the top of the kiosk.

4.04 Staffordshire playing Fields Association – Notice of AGM.

4.05 ESBC – Notice of Confirmation - Stopping Up Order 2013 of land fronting 1-8 Church Lane, Bramshall.

4.06 Staffs CC – A50 Growth Corridor Side Roads Orders. The clerk distributed the drawings. There arose the need to understand one aspect of the drawings, relating to the connection of Footpath 57 Uttoxeter with Footpath 52 Uttoxeter.

4.07 Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner Stafford - Notice of a public meeting at Burton Town Hall.

4.08 ESBC – Email confirming that the oak tree at Ridgeways, St. Michael's Road, Stramshall was not being confirmed as subject to a Tree Preservation Order. It was stated that it had already been cut down.

4.09 SCC Community partnerships – Email re interest in a follow-up meeting to that in March including the A50 Corridor on the agenda. Interest depending on venue.

9.14.5. TRAFFIC CALMING:

There was nothing further to report. Keep on the agenda since action will be triggered by JCB latest planning permission at Beamhurst.

9.14.6. BMX TRACK :

DO advised the Council that the scheme had been accepted for a Neighbourhood Scheme Grant and an inspection needed to be carried out. Furthermore, the insurance company wants to charge extra for this facility, although it is not a proper BMX track. That also depended on inspection and agreeing to a weekly inspection. DO said that recommend that this is entirely necessary but asked that the insurance company's recommended PI should be employed to undertake the inspections and at the same time complete the annual inspection of the playground equipment. JW expressed the opinion the fee was worth providing children with somewhere off-road to play.

9.14.7. ITEM FOR THE CHAIR:

7.01 JPE had received a letter of complaint about requests for information. This was discussed at the meeting in July and JPE said that she would collate all the information and report to the next meeting. She advised the Council that all the information available had been examined and that the Council's findings are that all correspondence requested has been provided within the 20 working days allowed. There is therefore nothing more to discuss and that is the end of the matter.

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7.02 The Chair had reviewed a second letter in connection with a formal complaint against two Councillors. The Council was aware of the decision of David Duckitt to take no action on the allegations.

9.14.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

8.1 RESULTS:

- 101 P/2014/00619 Vehicle access and hard standing at 4 Hollington Lane – Permitted
- 1.02 P/2014/00195 Erection of detached double garage at Spath Cottage Farm - Permitted

8.2 NEW APPLICATIONS:

2.01 P/2014/00768 Development: Conversion and alterations of former workshop to form a dwelling, external alterations to include recladding and installation of solar panels & septic tank, The Garden House, Crakemarsh – Recommend refuse.

2.02 P/2014/00825 Construction of a 5.1MW Solar Farm with ancillary development including solar panels and frames, inverter cabins, switchgear enclosure and metering point and security fencing Land south of Marchington Recommend contact Marchington PC and support it's decision.

2.03 P/2014/00831 Erection of an extension to existing stables to form a tack room and fodder store land & buildings at Bramshall Ind Est. Recommend permit

2.04 P/2014/00879 Erection of a woodland shelter Tean Valley Meadow Nature Reserve Hollington Lane, Stramshall - Recommend permit

2.05 P/2014/00883 Development of phase 1 of the west of Uttoxeter development of 59 dwellings, green infrastructure, engineering works, access to Bramshall road, internal access roads including demolition of Park Fields Farm & buildings - recommend refuse

2.06 P/2014/00923 COU units 17A,B,F,G & H from storage/haulage to manufacturing for track painting & pre-treatment facility with operational times of 24/7, Bramshall Industrial Estate recommend refuse

2.07 P/2014/00949 Erection of a part 2m high, part 1.8m high wall and fence, 10 Buckley Close, Bramshall recommend permit

2.08 P/2014/00985 Erection of a two storey side and rear extension, Bankside, Abbots Bromley Road, Willslock no recommendation

9.14.9 ACCOUNTS/FINANCIAL MATTERS:

9.01 The clerk reported that the results of the audit were available and had been accepted by the auditor. However, in the auditor drew the Council's attention to the inclusion of the Council Tax Support Grant should be included in 'Total Other Receipts' and not part of the precept. The clerk stated that it was received as part of the Precept and he could see no valid reason why it should be separated, especially given that this has never been raised before.

9.02 Whitehill Direct	348.00	Yeomans	30.00
Doveridge	141.00	SJL	60.00
McCulloch	220.00	South Staffs Water	26.55
Entrust	178.00	Durose	249.60
Grant Thornton	120.00	HMRC	85.62
M. Bagguley	81.35	SJL	216.00

The above accounts were passed for payment on the approval of the members.

9.14.10 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

10.01 Flooding at Spath was raised. This is waiting for SCC.

10.02 Playing field looks good, consider planting quicks along new fencing.

10.03 Ditch in Quee Lane needs clearing, W. Durose to do?

10.04 Hedge in Stocks Lane overgrown.

10.05 Footway from Eldon Nursery to A50 is overgrown. This is an important school route.

10.06 Vehicles parked on the highway at the cottage next to Spring Farm are a distraction and a danger.

10.07 Advertise vacancy for Clerk in the local press

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, 7 October 2014 at Stramshall Village Hall at 7:45pm. The meeting was formally closed at 9:15pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

