**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** **MEETING**

held on **MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024**

**Present:** Cllr’s Greg Lavers (GL) (Chair), Mark Bladon (MB) (Vice Chair) June Lee (JL), Michelle Webb (MW), Bruce Benyon (BB), Mark Haynes (MH), Tim Coleman (TC), Dermot Bambridge (DB), Martyn Nash (MN).

Mohamad Djahanbakhsh (MD)

Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council).

30 Members of the Public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies of Absence:** CllrSally Cann (SC) were accepted.
2. **Requests** for Dispensations, Declarations of Interest, Gifts and Hospitality: None.
3. **Public Participation:**

* **Stewart Buller, Jules White, Mark Dolman, Gerald Lovell:** Individually expressed their concern at the PC considering stopping funding, and the motion proposed under item 12 on the agenda. They believe that the publication is too important to lose.
* **Paul Whittaker:** Advised the council that his daughter had not been allocated a place at Sponne School, she is one of 4 families who had not been given a space. He asked if the PC could write to Sponne School admissions and WNC and ask for further information, and ask for the allocation to be reassessed**.**

It was agreed to make this an agenda item for April.

1. **The Minutes of the 12th February 2024** **Parish Council Meeting** were approved as a true and fair record.

**Proposed**: MW, **Seconded**: DB – all in favour.

1. **Report from the Chair of the:** 
   1. **Planning Committee**: 5 applications, 1 objection to felling of an ash tree, there was no tree survey to verify the requirement for the tree removal.
   2. **Leisure Committee:**

* Police holding a drop in event on online fraud 17.4.24.
* Helen Howard of WNC to attend site visit with CC to address highways issues; this is still outstanding.
* The defib for the phone box on Brackley Road has been ordered with installation expected early April.
* The replacement of the large bridge in Brickle Pocket Park is not required, but approval for the repair of the smaller bridge was approved.

1. **West Northants (WNC) Councilor update:** WNC Cllr. Dermot Bambridge had previously circulated his report, there were no questions on it.

Additions: DB had chased the Neighbourhood Plan response. New technology was for resurfacing road similar to Kingsley Road is now available to Kier WSP, DB demanded that this be used on Kingsley Road. DB had contacted Fiona Baker, Cabinet Member at WNC for school admissions to ask for clarity on Sponne Schools admission policy and the appeals policy, to help the 4 families within the village not allocated a space.

1. **Section 106 Legal Matters:** DB gave the following update: There are currently two identical planning applications for Permission in Principle for 2/4 self/custom-build dwellings on the land separating the settlements of Silverstone village and Cattle End – 2023/6839/PIP and 2024/0033/PIP – the latter is being appealed. This piece of land effectively links Olney Meadows Pocket Park to Brackley Road.

This is the current situation -

* The land is the separation between two recognised WNC settlements and therefore policy through the South Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part two), which is adopted by WNC, says that this land cannot be built on.
* The land was originally part of the grounds of Silverstone House. This land and the house itself have been subject to several planning applications over the last 14 years or so.
* The original relevant planning permission S/2010/1575/MAF in its S106 agreement had a unilateral undertaking (UU) that, with certain conditions, this land would be offered to Silverstone Parish Council as public open space.
* This application was granted planning permission but it was never started and has now expired so its S106 agreement including the UU is effectively null and void.
* Application S/2015/0395/MAF is the one that was completed and now comprises the group of houses on The Elms. Nothing in this application makes mention of the piece of land in question and there is no S106 or UU related to it.
* Subsequently, application S/2017/1068/106CD was approved, where the Council agreed that the UU was null and void. It was not a planning application. Instead, it was an application to discharge matters relating to a legal agreement. As a result, the same statutory consultation requirements, time limits, etc. do not apply. The Council is not obligated to undertake public consultation, and the only consultation it would undertake would be those necessary (e.g. just consulting Highways, if submission related to highway matters).
* The points above are the view of Principal Planning Officer Daniel Callis and he has requested Catherine Hall WNC’s Head of Legal to request a formal document from one of our solicitors to ensure complete clarity on the matter.
* I have called in the latest application unless it is to be refused.

1. **Sponne Bus Service Consultation:** WNC had provided a link to consult on the service and charges for the school bus. It costs approx.. £600-1000 per annum and has been at this price for 10 years. It was noted from a member of public that the billing of the service needs to be regulated to allow for families to spread the cost.
2. **Neighbourhood Plan:** BB requested approval to interview and appoint an individual at the rate of £20.00 per hour up to 10 hours per week, for up to 6 months, to undertake the administration of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Proposed:** BB, **Seconded** GL – All in favour – **Approved**.

1. **Silverstone Recreation Association:** MN had previously circulated his report, there were no questions on it. He advised that the final cost of the build will be circa £450,000, but the restating of the asset will reflect in the balance sheet.
2. **Silverstone Circuit:** SC submitted a report, read by MH.

i. To receive an update from the Council’s representatives: SC submitted a report read by MH – main points

* Calendar of events is now available.
* A413 Whittlebury Road will be closed for several months when new water pipes are laid.
* 10 year deal for F1 has been agreed
* GP Ticket sales are down on 2023
* Escapade site will be finished in May, the circuit will take control of the properties when the residents are not present. 51 of the 60 are sold ranging from £800,000 to £1 million.
* Hilton not owned by the circuit; 200 bedrooms available.
* F1 GP is over 4 days.
* Traffic Management plan is to be discussed
* Taxi rank issue still outstanding
* Light pollution is not from the circuit, but the Aston Martin site.
* The SRA has been booked for the 15th May for a residents drop in with the IAG for questions on the F1 2024.

ii. Councillors were updated on the Engagement Plan from the circuit and to **AGREED** support for distribution of it. It will be produced and printed by the circuit.

iii. The map of roads to be closed for essential reasons during the F1 was discussed: The following feedback to the IAG/CLG was **AGREED:**

* Add Whittlebury Road and Little London to be added to the red route.

iv. The PC discussed if it would like to request the Circuit and IAG to cone and enforce any additional roads, under a separate TTRO. It was AGREED that:

* Yes to the TTRO
* Blue badge holders should be exempt form the TTRO

**Proposed** BB, **Seconded** DB **Agreed:**

**Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 2**

* MW asked if there could be road closures rather than TTRO’s?

1. **News and Views Motion:** Following several discussions with the News and Views team, the option of independence from the PC was proposed. **JC proposed the following motions, seconded by MB:** a vote was taken, where the first motion fell. It was agreed that the PC would go back to News & Views team for further discussions.

1. We accept the N&V team desire to seek their own arrangement, divesting any perception or agreed role the PC has. We will be invited to participate content from the PC as we have been. This will be effective immediately to enable clear separation before the new fiscal year.

**Vote: For: 0 Against: 5 Abstain: 2**

**Motion Fell.**

**It was proposed that the below 4 motions were stricken from the agenda:**

**Proposed: GL; seconded: MH – All in favour**

2. There is an outstanding financial matter that the Clerk will need to advise us on. The News & Views team are requesting the sum of £1561.28 which they describe honours a commitment made by the PC in 2006, owing to the end of our printing & distribution of the N&V.

3. To decide if the April edition (new year) will be funded by the PC or taken from the amount requested

4. The PC will instruct the Clerk (new, once appointed) to arrange, print and organise distribution of a Parish Newsletter. This will become the official printed communication for important PC and Community matters. It will not feature paid-for advertisement.

5. Silverstone Circuit will agree the F1 Residents Information Booklet with us, print it and pay for it. We will then support them by arranging delivery.

*At this point of the meeting* ***GL proposed*** *that Standing Orders were suspended to allow the meeting to continue running and business can be carried out.* ***Seconded BB – All in favour***

***Standing Orders were suspended.***

1. **Finance:**

**i. Payments for approval:** The following payments were approved in line with the council’s budget, payments are made online via bank transfer. **Proposed: BB, Seconded MW – APPROVED.**

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| **Gross Amount (£)** | **VAT Value**  **(£)** | **Payee** | **Details** | **Power** |
| 1036.81 |  |  | Clerks Salary & WFH Allowance | LGA 1972  S111 & S112 |
| 168.00 | 28.00 | Playground Facilities | Bi-monthly playground inspections | Open Spaces Act |
| 137.30 | 59.55 | DNH Contracts | Feb Dog Bin emptying | Open Spaces Act |
| 100.00 |  | St Michaels Church Rooms | Community Café room hire | LGA1972  S112 |

**ii. CIL and committed spends:** CC circulated the CIL breakdown report. This was **noted** & **accepted**.

**iii**. Spend from CIL for a Roundabout at SRA play area (approved by Leisure Cttee Members) and a baby swing chair was **APPROVED**: total cost £12,324.51 plus VAT:

**Proposed BB, seconded MH all in favour**.

**Date of the next meeting:** 8th April 2024 @ 8pm

The meeting was declared closed at 10:14pm.

*Signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair of the Council:*

**Chair: Date:**