

South Mimms Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 11 January 2018 at 7.30pm at South Mimms Village Hall

Present: Councillor Paula Arnold Chair
Councillors Paul Binstead, Andrew Brewster,
Mark Edwards and Yvonne Harverson
Ms H Rook Clerk

76 Members of the Public

01/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies.

02/18 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

CLlr Harverson declared an interest in planning application 17/2146.

03/18 PRESENTATION BY KING & CO

Representatives from King & Co attended the meeting to discuss a new proposal by their company for a mixed use (residential and employment use) development on the St Albans Road adjacent to the settlement boundary of the village of South Mimms. Councillors became aware of the proposal a few days before Christmas and invited King & Co to the meeting. The proposal is conceptual and is at a very early stage. The landowner has asked for the site to be promoted as a possible area for development. The scheme comprises 117 new homes of which 58 will be affordable homes; 50,000 sqft of employment space, a new 2.5 acre park in a waterside setting, and separated means of access to the employment use and the residential uses. King & Co agreed to attend the parish council meeting to hear resident's views.

04/18 PUBLIC SESSION – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT ITEM 03/18

Timing – the site has been identified as a possible area for housing following Hertsmere BC call for sites as part of their new Local Plan. The proposals are conceptual at the moment and may form part of a 3-5 year plan.

Flood zone – the Catherine Bourne is in a flood zone, the proposals include the creation of a wet zone/open park area of approx. 2.5 acres which provides space for water in the extreme flood event.

Infrastructure – residents were concerned as to whether infrastructure would be in place before building, if approved, commences.

Who will live there – residents asked if priority would be given to local people.

Will the housing be affordable?

Traffic – St Albans Road is used as a cut through especially when the M25 is blocked – will the development have a significant adverse impact on the existing traffic issues?

Traffic calming – the entrances to the site are very close to the traffic calming along St Albans Road – will this be moved?

Footpath – will this be extended/improved along St Albans Road?

Schools – does St Giles School have the capacity to take more children?

Community facilities – doctor, local shop – are these part of the proposals?

Representatives from King & Co and several residents left the meeting.

05/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 2 November 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06/18 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENT

A Schedule of accounts as follows (attached) were **RECEIVED** and **CONFIRMED**:-

11 January	-	SO to H Rook & HCC LGPS	
		Cheque numbers 276-278	£1,898.92

07/18 2018/19 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

NOTED Council Tax Base expected to be 319 for South Mimms. No Council Tax Support Grant for the parish.

Members considered the draft budget discussed at the Budget Meeting held on 6 December 2017.

RESOLVED to approve the budget figures as set out in the Budget Proposal 2018/19 (copy attached).

RESOLVED to approve a Precept for 2018/19 of £15,223.00 (ie tax base of 319 x band D rate £47.72). The increase is to cover staff costs, office expenses and a small increase to the community and grant budgets.

08/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New planning applications:-

- **17/2146 6 St Giles Avenue, EN6 3PZ** – Single storey rear infill extension – *No comment*
- **17/2403 93 Blanche Lane, EN6 3PE** – Demolition of existing rear out-houses, erection of single storey side and rear extension and creation of new side access to facilitate subdivision of existing property into 2 x 2 bed cottages – *No comment*
- **St Giles School** – school sign on the Glebeland – *difficult to determine without a planning application*

The following planning applications were previously considered by the Parish Council and are either pending or a decision has been reached by Hertsmere BC:-

- **17/1988 Kitts End Farm, Kitts End Road** – Single storey front extension following demolition of existing glazed front door extension – *Awaiting decision*
- **17/0659 Roundabout Trotters Bottom, St Albans Road & Dancers Hill Road** – Installation of 2 freestanding signs on roundabout – *Grant consent*
- **17/1826 Earls Farm, Earls Lane** – Erection of roof structure supported by a steel frame over an existing manege – *Grant permission*
- **17/1782 NIBSC Blanche Lane** – Single storey side extension to CBRM building – *Grant permission*
- **17/1687 NIBSC Blanche Lane** – Erection of temporary portakabin for a period of 5 years for use by manufacturing sales support staff – *Awaiting Decision*
- **PL/0853/17 Redwell Wood Farm, South Mimms** – Agricultural lagoon capable of storing 30,000 cu.m of PAS110 compliant digestate fertiliser – *Application withdrawn*
- **17/1110 8 Hamilton Close EN6 3PG** – Internal and external alterations to include new windows and doors to facilitate the conversion of existing office to 4 residential units (1 x bedsit, 2 x 1 Bed and 1 x 2 bed) – *Awaiting decision*

Enforcement

- **17/0264/UCU - 8 St Giles Ave, EN6 3PZ** – Change of Use of Outbuilding to Self-Contained Accommodation
- **17/0263/UBC - Badgers Mead, St Albans Road, EN6 3PW** – Breach of Condition 2 (ancillary use only) of TP 10/0198 – *Hertsmere BC issued Planning Contravention Notice to acquire additional information*
- **Land next to 2 Blanche Lane** – *Hertsmere BC Enforcement Team continue to seek the removal of hard core from the land and will review the position when resources become available.*

09/18 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

NOTED the village Christmas Tree and lights were vandalised during the night of 3-4 December. PCSO Ramdeen carried out house to house enquiries but no local resident had seen or heard anything, no cctv. The investigation is now closed. Reports of tools stolen from 4 vans in the village and a report of a domestic incident in the village.

10/18 WARD INITIATIVE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

NOTED £500 grant has been received under the WIIS towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator. RESOLVED to approve the additional expenditure (total cost £1249+VAT) from parish council funds (community and the balance from Reserves). Members proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Wayne for approving the grant. Cheque to be signed at February meeting.

11/18 GRANT APPLICATIONS

St Giles School – 15 new dictionaries. RESOLVED to approve a parish council grant of £164.70 from Reserves. Cheque to be signed at February meeting.

12/18 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Members wished to record a vote of thanks to Mick Harverson for making the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. There had been a small mix up on the number of wreaths ordered and the parish council wreath was laid by Cllrs Arnold and Harverson on the Monday after Remembrance Sunday. There had been a problem with the microphone but it was now in good working order.

13/18 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION/DATA PROTECTION BILL 2017

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a lockable filing cabinet. Cllr Arnold to attend SMVHMC to discuss where in the village hall the cabinet can be stored.

14/18 DRAFT MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

NOTED Hertfordshire County Council Consultation on the Draft Minerals Plan. The documents are available to view at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/minerals . The consultation ends at 5pm on Friday 9 February 2018.

15/08 PUBLIC SESSION

Residents parking on grass verges.

Speeding in Blanche Lane – email Sgt Ross Leopold to request speed boards

16/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Council is **Thursday 1 February 2018 at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman Date