

Bridgwater Without Parish Council

A meeting of Bridgwater Without Parish Council was held in St Francis of Assisi Church Hall on Wednesday 28 November 2012

Present Messer's Hudson, Tucker, Warner and Young and Councillors Turner, Redman and 1 parishioner.

- 675. Apologies received and accepted from Messer's Hooper, Lewis and Councillor Hall.
- 676. Minutes of the meeting held September 26 2012 were signed as correct record.
- 677. Arising –Mr Young would prefer no abbreviations in the minutes.
- 678. Councillor Turner reported that all was well at the moment, the hospital is progressing well. A jobseekers club is being run on the Kingsdown estate and planning permission has been sought for a play area there. This will be funded by Yarlington. Mr Young asked why the parish council were not invited to the laying of the foundation stone for the hospital? Councillor Turner did not know as he had not been invited either. Clerk to write to SDC chief executive to ask.
- 679. Planning – 09/12/00028/RM Change of use of approved development site to recreational space, land at Imperial Way Bridgwater, Yarlington Housing Group, this will be funded by Yarlington, no objections. 09/12/00029/CG, Installations of 5 pole mounted CCTV cameras for security of Park Wall Solar Park, land between M5 motorway and A372, Westonzoyland Road, Bridgwater, TA7, Tonatiuh Trading 2 Ltd, no objections. 09/12/00027/RM, formation of senior football pitch with associated temporary changing facilities and parking (includes discharge of conditions, from outline permission 09/08/0007, for reserved matters application site), land at north east Bridgwater, EDF, amended plans to include additional transport information, no objections. 1/09/12/026, construction of lagoon for the storage of digestate for agricultural purposes, operation of hardstanding and retention of pond at OS field ref 8469, Horsey Lane, Horsey Bridgwater, update on this application is that there have been a lot of late objections. Morrisons are concerned that the odour from the waste could taint their produce. SCC planning dept say that they have no objection to this application, Mr Hudson stated that if they look at the sustainability of the project they will find considering the strength of the objections it is unsustainable on the present site. The Parish Council should ensure they are at the planning meeting so that they can have their say at the appropriate time.
- 680. Accounts, a discussion around the setting of the precept, consider that there will be 2500 houses in the parish which attracts around £12,000. The sports club on Kingsdown was discussed as this would be an expense to be considered. It was suggested that charity status be sought for this as it would then fall into different tax ruling. A meeting needs to be organised with SDC to discuss the sports club. Clerk to look at the formulae for funding and email parish councillors for their agreement prior to setting the precept. Clerks salary £370.
- 681. Highways, path on motorway bridge from Bridgwater to Mole Valley is overgrown and requires attention, clerk to contact clean surrounds. Pot hole caused by Wessex Water works in Horsey Lane needs attention also, clerk to contact highways.
- 682. Mr Hudson shared information about the website, Mr Young congratulated him on the work he had put in setting this up.
- 683. National Grid, Mr Hudson reported on the meetings that he had attended. Comments need to be made on the draft proposals for the preferred

route. There are discussions ongoing with land owners regarding access for the installation of the pylons etc. Any comments on the routes must be made now as it will be difficult after formal planning consultations in summer 2013. Comments cannot be made direct they should be directed through the inspector. Mr Hudson will be attending a meeting tomorrow and was asked by the parish council to put their views. There will be a junction of heavy weight cable in Horsey near to the motorway. There is an area of historic interest here, archeology states there are remains of significant interest. There will be considerable activity within the parish from National Grid. There should be a graphical representation of the proposed compound in Horsey available at the meeting at County Hall tomorrow. Councillor Redman left the meeting.

- 684. Clerk distributed the Code of Conduct asking parish councillors to read through it and come back to her with any objections, she will then complete paperwork and send in to SDC.
- 685. Insurance paperwork distributed which needs reading to allow an informed decision to be made prior to the renewal of insurance in August 2013.
- 686. Correspondence, letter from Red Cross requesting a donation, declined. RLT 2 funding forms, which in the past have not been considered, will need to be.
- 687. AOB Mr Hudson shared information from meetings he had attended with Morrisons, who have offered a room for parish council meetings and Yarlington, Clerk has notes from these.
- 688. Date of next meeting 23 January 2013 at 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.