

Malborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th July, 2010
In the Village Hall Annexe commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr. John Yeoman (in the Chair), Cllr. Mrs A. Kendall, Cllr. Mrs G. Boyce, Cllr. E. Putt, Cllr. Mrs A. Smallman, Cllr. P Pedrick, Cllr. R Rendle and Cllr. T. Lyle.

In attendance: The Clerk, the Tree Warden and PCSO Gibson.

616 APOLOGIES Dist. Cllr. Carter.

617 MESSENGER – Cllr. Mrs Kendall will write The Messenger report.

618 INTERESTS – No interests were declared.

619 MINUTES – The minutes of the June meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

620 MATTERS ARISING

- a** Cllr. Yeoman reported that the interview for the new Clerk had been held. There were 10 applicants for the post and 4 candidates, all living within the parish, were interviewed. All the interviewees had relevant qualifications but the post was given to Mrs Debbie Ede. The change over will take place during September.

621 POLICE BUSINESS

- a** PCSO Gibson reported that in the last month there have been 3 incidents of domestic violence and a burglary of an empty holiday home at Rew. In June the Police and the Fire Brigade worked together with school children on a speed watch in the village. Drivers going too fast were stopped and questioned by the children which is very effective in encouraging them to reduce their speed. PCSO Gibson has also been helping the children with bike skills.
- b** A Street Surgery will be held at Cumber Close on Wednesday 4th August at 3.00pm
- c** Cllr. Rendle said that the parking in Lower Town is still a problem, he said that it would not be possible for the Fire Engine to get through most of the time. He said that it is particularly bad outside October Cottage, Cllr. Mrs Kendall added that it is worse at evenings and weekends she also said that the building work at Dyers Cottage will cause even more problems. Cllr. Yeoman said that we will contact Highways again about this and PCSO Gibson said that he will also mention it. Cllr. Mrs Boyce said that vehicles are being parked at the side of Fourways on the Hope Cove road. PCSO Gibson will look at this also.

622 HIGHWAYS

- a** Cllr. Yeoman reported that the residents at Churchill Farm have complained about the speed of traffic passing their entrance and the speed of some cyclists on the track. It was agreed that the entrance to Churchill is dangerous and better signage on the road and the cycle track is needed. Cllr Yeoman said he had emailed Sir Simon about this issue and he will raise it at the next Highways meeting. PCSO Gibson will also mention this when he speaks to Highways.
- b** Cllr. Yeoman said that he asked Mike Watts to look at the road by Pheasant Cottage as some parishioners feel that the building there is starting to encroach on the road, Mike Watts felt that it is not a problem. Cllr. Yeoman reported that we have received an email from the owners of Pheasant Cottage asking if something can be done about large vehicles coming down the lane and damaging their property. There was general agreement among the Councillors that the owners of the cottage have built out into the road and that since dairy farming at Rew has stopped the size of vehicles using that lane has actually decreased. Cllr. Yeoman said that we would write back to the owners and Highways with our views.
- c** Cllr. Yeoman reported that the owners of Colas Tonne in Collaton wanted to lower the bank opposite the property, Cllr. Yeoman said that he assumed this verge would then be used for parking. He said it is not clear who the land belongs to but there was general agreement among the Councillors that the bank should not be lowered. We will write to Highways about this and PCSO Gibson will also raise the matter with Highways.
- d** Cllr. Mrs Smallman mentioned that the hedges up Shute Hill need cutting back at the bases, the Clerk will contact the owners of Vale Cottage, Highfield, Limecroft and Sunny View.
- e** Cllr. Mrs Boyce mentioned that there is still rubbish and dead weeds under the bench by the Church gate and also that there is still some clearing needed in Hay Lane.
- f** Cllr. Mrs Kendall said that the growth on the lower side of the Church wall by Luckhams Lane

needs clearing.

- g** The Tree Warden reported that the trees on the school land by Vicarage Corner also need cutting back.

8.30pm PCSO Gibson left.

- h** Cllr. Yeoman reported that SHDC assured the Clerk that the Old Vicarage will be moving to trade waste. Cllr. Mrs Smallman said that there are no trade waste bins at the property currently. The Clerk will contact SHDC again about this.

623` AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- a** Cllr. Yeoman reported that the sod had been cut on the allotment site. The event was attended by our two District Councillors, representatives from SHDC, Hastoe, the builders, C.G.Fry and Sons, and the press as well as a number of Parish Councillors.
Cllr. Yeoman said he spoke to the builder about getting a tap for the allotments but it may be easier to access the water pipe in Mr Hocking's field. Cllr. Lyle said that the need for water was now not so great and it would be possible to wait until December when the building will start.
- b** A notice from Hastoe with information about the houses was circulated. Copies will be put on the notice board and extra copies will be put in the Post Office. It was agreed that Cllr. Yeoman will write an article for the October issue of The Messenger with more information about the houses. Cllr. Lyle said that people are still confused about the new system, especially that they have to "bid" for houses when they are available. Cllr. Yeoman said that this does not mean any money changes hands it just means people can pick the houses they would like to be considered for. Cllr. Lyle said that Malborough residents are still being given misleading information by SHDC about their eligibility for the new houses. Cllr. Yeoman said that Hastoe will give priority to Malborough residents but houses will be allocated to those Malborough residents in the most need of housing. He said that the Parish Council will be given a chance to verify the applicants local connections and he said again that people must be on the Devon Home Choice list to be able to apply for one of the houses. It was agreed that the Clerk would put more information about the "bidding" process on the notice board.

624 FOOTPATHS, TREES and ALLOTMENTS

- a** A letter has been received from the National Trust regarding improvements to the car park at Snapes Point. A new collection box will be put there with a suggested parking charge of £2.00.
- b** Information about a proposed diversion to footpath 66 has been received. This is just formalising the path that has been used for the last 20 years.
- c** Cllr. Mrs Boyce reported that vehicles have been seen driving down the path to Soar Mill Bay.
- d** The Tree Warden reported that the dead oak tree at the top of Pinneys Hill has been removed, she added that it had definitely been poisoned as you could see where holes had been drilled into the trunk. She said another tree should be planted in its place and that she would then monitor the new tree carefully to ensure that this did not happen again.
- e** Cllr. Yeoman reported that the owner of 13 Shute Park has complained about the overhanging trees at Chadders Shute. The owners of Chadders Shute wanted to cut the trees by 5 metres but SHDC would only allow 1 metre. This is too expensive and potentially dangerous for the tree surgeon to do. Cllr. Yeoman said that SHDC will send someone to look at the trees again and we will write requesting that they be cut back properly.

625 VILLAGE HALL

- a** The Clerk said that she has not received the last few sets of minutes from the Village Hall, Cllr. Lyle said that he would look into this.
- b** Cllr. Mrs Smallman asked again about the bank beside Collaton Road. Cllr. Yeoman said that SHDC have said they are contracted to cut a strip 2 metres wide and leave the rest. There was general agreement that the rest should be cut as it is full of brambles. Cllr. Lyle will raise this with the committee to see if they know who is responsible for the rest of the bank.

626 CYCLE TRACK

- a** Cllr. Putt said that the verges on the first part of the track need cutting as there are a number of weeds growing, also some weeds are growing up through the tarmac. The Clerk will report this.

627 FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- a** Cllr. Yeoman reported that we have been allocated £5,000 from the Devon Youth Fund which means we now only need another £10,000. Cllr. Putt said that we need to go ahead and build the

park, Cllr. Mrs Boyce and Cllr. Lyle agreed. Cllr. Yeoman said we could borrow the additional money as there was a possibility of Section 106 funding if the development at Alston Gate is approved. Cllr. Putt asked if we could reduce the cost of the park by £10,000, the Clerk said it may be possible to lose a feature thus saving £10,000.

It was agreed that Cllr. Yeoman would investigate the cost of borrowing the money and the skate park company would be contacted regarding the possibility of reducing the cost. Also we would write to Sir Simon to see if any additional funding is available.

9.30pm the Tree Warden left

628 PLANNING

The following applications have been received by the Parish Council for consideration:

- 1349 Mr and Mrs Towne – Loft conversion to include 2 dormer windows – Clover Patch, Salcombe Road
- 1445 Malborough with South Huish Primary School – Retrospective application for change of use from dwelling to educational use - Malborough Primary School, Higher Town
- 0892 Mr & Mrs Helmer – erection of agricultural building – Woolston Court, Woolston
- 1492 Mr T Austen – Erection of new adjoining dwelling - 28 Malborough Park

The following decisions have been received by the Parish Council:

- 1404 Mr J Rogers – Agricultural determination of general purpose storage building - Ilton Farm, Malborough – **withdrawn**
- 1401 Mr Wilson & Miss Stockdale – Non-material amendment to 0116, increase in dormer dimensions and sun lounge windows – 2 Great Lane -**granted**
 - b** Cllr. Yeoman reported that an application for an agricultural dwelling at Woolston had been received and he had replied on behalf of the Council.
 - c** Application 1404 was discussed.
 - d** Cllr. Yeoman reported that SHDC has looked into the sign at the Old Vicarage and the sign has now been removed.
 - e** Cllr. Mrs Kendall mentioned that the business signs on the side of a building in Higher Town were larger than the old ones and that there are still a number of A boards around the village.

629 FINANCE

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| Bank interest | 1.04 |
| Messenger Income | |
| Scan printing | 244.10 |
| Donations | 10.00 |
| Subscriptions | 46.00 |
| Sales | 1.50 |
| TOTAL INCOME | £302.64 |

Expenditure

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| N. Bass (salary) | 358.98 |
| N. Bass (expenses) | 7.68 |
| Saltaire Garden Services | 90.00 |
| Danwood | 414.49 |
| Malborough Church | 15.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £886.15 |

Balance at Bank at 30.06 10 £7,959.03 Wheels Park Fund £15,795

Accounts for payment

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| N. Bass (salary) | 358.98 |
| N. Bass (expenses) | 7.68 |
| SVRA (Copier storage) | 180.00 |
| Ken Abraham | 94.00 |
| South Hams Newspapers | 224.00 |

Accounts for payment were proposed by Cllr. Mrs Boyce seconded by Cllr. Putt and agreed.

- b** Cllr. Yeoman said that having looked at the salary scale for the Clerk it is clear that the wages need to be increased for the new Clerk. Cllr. Pedrick proposed that the wages be increased to the correct amount, Cllr. Rendle seconded and it was agreed. Cllr. Putt asked if the increase should be applied to the present Clerk. After some discussion Cllr. Mrs Kendall proposed that the increase be applied from the beginning of the current tax year, Cllr. Rendle seconded and it was agreed.

630 BUSINESS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a** Two books of minutes have been taken to be bound.
- b** Parish Council emergency planning support sessions will be held in September.
- c** We have been sent information about a service for Parish Council to access OS maps online. It costs £20 to set up and £10 per annum. It was agreed that this was not needed as the Council owned maps of the area.
- d** Information regarding SHDC Draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy has been received.

631 CORRESPONDENCE

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| Guide to Devon Home Choice | Salcombe Harbour Board Annual Review |
| SHDC Agenda and Minutes | SHDC Minutes of Executive Meeting |
| Community Safety Newsletter | Voluntary Vine |
| DALC Newsletter | Senior Council for Devon Newsletter |
| South Hams Society Bulletin | Clerks & Councils Direct |
| Open Door | |

632 OPEN FORUM

- a** Cllr. Mrs Boyce reported that the dog bin on Collaton Lane needs to be put back up.
- b** Cllr. Lyle said that the new cricket square has been officially opened and is a great success.
- c** Cllr. Lyle said that the lights in the Village Hall car park are on during the day.
- d** Cllr. Mrs Kendall mentioned the small holding at White Cross, she said she has received numerous complaints about the sheds on the site as it is visible from a number of houses in the village. Cllr. Yeoman said that we could write to the planning department about the sheds.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.