

MINUTES

Charlton St Peter and Wilsford Parish Council Quarterly Meeting- held at Wilsford Village Hall Wednesday 14th August 2019 7:30 pm

Declarations of Interest

Note: Members who are bound by the provisions of the National Code of Conduct are required to declare either personal or prejudicial interests and, where necessary, leave the meeting during consideration of any relevant matters.

Present: Chairman - Neil Golding (NG), Clarissa Reilly (CR), Bob Montgomery (BM),
RFO - Tim Fowle (TF), Geoff Reilly (GR), Joanna Fraser (JF)

Also, Present: Cassandra Fowle (CF) - Clerk, Paul Oatway (PO), Sharon Prance, John Norton,
Jo Halton, John Warren, Yosh Reilly, Mr Beese

1. Apologies for Absence

Norman Beardsley- Chairman of Wiltshire Bridleways Association
Mary Gilmore

2. Minutes of meeting held 8th May 2019

Agreed by those present and signed by NG

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

3.1. GSW- ongoing

3.2. NDP - ongoing

3.3. Wilsford Shoot and Training School Update

- PO gave a comprehensive report at the previous meeting and he still intends to visit the site, unannounced, during upcoming shooting season.
- Risk assessments and insurance is all in place and have been seen by PO and signs will be installed.
- Question from Jo Halton - "Is Mark Carpenter intending to inform the village of dates of the shoot and training will be taking place?"
- **It was agreed this may not be feasible. PO to discuss with Mark Carpenter**

3.4. Emergency Planning - Wilsford Salt Bins

- Salt bins have been purchased- for the price of 99p for 3 bins. A vote of thanks to Clarissa and Yosh for obtaining and collecting these!!
- The Emergency Plan had been updated by Christopher Beese and Yosh Reilly. **NG to amend CSP details before circulating to Councillors for approval at next quarterly meeting.** PNG thanked CB and YR.

3.5. Wilsford Byways and Rights of Way

- NG has spoken to WC regarding the maintenance of footpaths and rights of way. WC confirmed growth on the footpaths and the by-ways are the responsibility of WC. However, WC currently prioritise spends for vulnerable adults and children and not enough is left in the budget to fulfil their responsibilities for maintenance. The response to the question "Where does that leave the footpaths?" is "The landlord is not compelled

to do anything about grass growth on the footpath, though overhanging hedges are his responsibility, but may allow volunteers to help maintain acceptable grass levels.

- A discussion was held and issues such as the change of ownership from the Hortons to the Guinnesses, security of land, the length of the grass on the footpaths surrounding Wilsford, responsibilities of landowners and placement of crops were discussed by members of the public as well as members of the council.
- The conclusion of the above discussion is as follows:
 - Wils 3 - The rape crop has fallen across the footpath making it hard to pass. This footpath was cut at the beginning of the spring and once the crop has been cut shouldn't be a problem.
 - Wils 2 - has been obstructed with hurdles and barbed wire. A new gate has been ordered from WC and will be installed in September.
 - Wils 7 - The issue with the gate which cannot be opened by a horse rider is also being resolved as a new gate latch has been ordered.
 - The PC considered that the report submitted by Mr Beardsley and the photos attached were misleading and not helpful. Photos illustrating this were displayed for public view on a display board.
 - Malachy Guinness is very happy for employees of Wiltshire Council or members of Wilsford's Emergency Assist Team to cut grass on his land, but is not happy for anyone else to do so, whether from Wilsford or outside, without his express permission.
 - CR raised concerns of mischief-making involving the removal and hiding of farm equipment, and personal kit belonging to the Guinnesses and Mark Carpenter. On several occasions items have been removed, concealed or dumped in nearby hedges, electric fences have been tampered with and damage done to a Wiltshire Wildlife camera on Guinness land. Most recently the gate to a field containing cattle was left open. This could have resulted in cattle escaping to the A342 and caused a serious accident affecting motorists as well as livestock. This behaviour is very much to be regretted.
 - NG requested that ongoing communication regarding PROWs and Hedging should be verbal and that emails should be discouraged. Those present agreed and NG suggested that this would lead to better relationships and a return to harmony.

3.9 Footpaths, Verges and Hedging - Hedging at T junction

- The visibility at the east junction with the A342 was discussed. Hedging has been planted and has grown which is causing an obstruction of the visibility and is therefore dangerous. CR reported that the foliage has been cut 3 times this year and the hedging will be cut right back in the autumn while it is replaced with a hedge planted behind on the diagonal which should improve the problem. The front hedging to be entirely removed once the hedge behind is established.
- **The PC will monitor the problem.**

3.10 Wilsford Signpost Repair

- The signpost has been refurbished by Yosh. NG thanked him.

3.11 Dog Poo Update

- CR is putting ad in the Redhorn News for dog owners to pick up after their dogs and take the bags home with them.
- **This is an ongoing issue**

3.12 New Policies - Complaints Policy

- **All council - to adopt a complaints and vexation policy at next meeting.**

3.13 A342/A345 Strategic Route

- Strategy is being reviewed by WC. A large investment on A350 from the M4 to Chippenham/ Warminster and investment needs to happen in A345 and A342. A result of the increase in traffic volume is the roads are falling to pieces and cannot take weight of the heavy goods vehicles - Rushall past Upavon is prime example.
- PO continues to fight on the behalf of the area to secure better investment.
- THE A345/ A342 etc is a strategic route - BM asks what the requirements of maintenance on the council are and if that is a document the PC can see.
- **PO will send the PC a copy of the WC policy.**
- BM asked what the timescales of the review are - WC need to be held accountable to that timescale.
- CR to PO - how can Councillor Wayman's briefs include highways, transport and waste - that is a large workload for one person and perhaps she should hand one over to somebody else.

4 Crime and Disorder

- The report from Wiltshire Police will be distributed when received.

5 WC Report- Paul Oatway

- Crime and disorder - not much in our area. Increase over summer from theft from vehicles and dwelling house burglaries
- A few sporadic shed break-ins
- Hare coursing is an issue in our area but the police are working towards preventative measures
- Wiltshire Council - Philip Whitehead is appointed leader to WC - not much is expected to change as far as policies go.
- Brexit - WC are planning with Wiltshire Police to prepare for different Brexit scenarios.
- Paul explained the elections process which our local councillors will go through in the next couple of months. If he is not re-selected, he will stand as an independent candidate for election.

6 Planning Matters

6.1 Drawings attached to planning applications (BM)

- BM asked that tree applications should have better drawings attached as several have been submitted which don't make it possible to identify which tree is actually being discussed.

7 RFO's Report

- A donation has been given to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.
- The insurance quote is the same price as it was last year
- NG suggested a donation of £20 be given to Pete Mead for cutting the grass
- NG reported the CSP phone box needed urgent redecoration. It was suggested a PAB Grant application could be made.
- **PO will look into this for us.**

8 PAB Reports

- Notes from both meetings attended by NG and GR were circulated at the time of the meetings.

9 Climate Emergency - Environmental Issues

- Christopher Beese proposed a working group be set up comprising 2 volunteers from each village to establish a framework to ensure environmental issues are considered when making decisions as a parish council. It was agreed to seek volunteers prior to the next meeting.

10 A Footpaths Walking Group (GR)

- GR proposed the creation of a walking group for residents of both villages to provide an opportunity to meet and walk the local footpaths.

11 Correspondence Received

- The Rushall and Charlton Villagers Day is being held on the 31st August from 3pm.

12 Rushall and Charlton Village Hall Update

- A new committee has been formed and the PC doesn't need to become involved in an official capacity.

13 PEAS (Winter 19/20)

- An order will be placed for the Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme for both villages. Yosh Reilly has volunteered to collect the order and it will be stored by TF at Charlton St Peter.

14 Any other Business

- GR a defibrillator has been installed to the front porch of Wilsford Village Hall and training has been given to members of Wilsford.
 - It was suggested By CR that refresher training should be arranged for members of both villages in the future. The meeting agreed this was a good idea.

Meeting closed 9pm

Dates of next meetings -

Parish Council:

- 13th November 2019
- 12th February 2020

Pewsey Area Board:

2/9/19	JF	Woodborough Social Club
11/11/19	TF	Burbage Village Hall