

Halberton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Halberton Parish Council held remotely on Zoom on Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 7pm

Present

Councillors Browse (Chairman), Saunders, Waugh (joined during item 176-7), Graham and Batchelor, K Ward (Clerk)

176-1 Apologies

None

176-2 Declarations of Interest

None

176-3 Public forum

No public present

176-4 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting 10 November 2020

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes, and for the Chair to sign them.

176-5 Consideration of Mid Devon District Council's planning applications

The Council was unable to access the MDDC planning portal during the meeting and therefore it was it was RESOLVED to submit the following response:

The parish council was unable to make comments on the applications listed below as the MDDC planning portal was not available at the council meeting. The council would like to enquire if this was a planned outage, and if so do you inform the public when these take place?

20/01858/CAT Millbrook Cottage High Street Halberton
Notification of intention to fell 2 Norway Spruce within the Conservation Area

20/01847/HOUSE Purbeck Crown Hill Halberton
Erection of garage extension

20/01850/CLU Great Curham, The Cow Shed and The Stone Barn Ash Thomas
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing works to provide 3 ground source heat pumps

176-6 Consideration of Mid Devon District Council's Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were NOTED:

20/01587/NMA Land at Harvesters Uffculme
Non Material Amendment for 18/01739/NMA to change the roof tile colour on Plot 34 to red/brown
Decision: Non material

20/01200/MARM Land West of Fishers Way Pethertons Halberton
Reserved Matters for the erection of up to 10 dwellings, including alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access following Outline approval
18/01091/MOUT
Decision: Granted

20/01435/FULL Poole Farm Ash Thomas Devon
Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling (Revised Scheme)
Decision: Granted

176-7 Highways matters and the Road Warden Scheme

Councillor Browse fed back from a discussion with the local highways officer regarding complaints about an overgrown hedge between the farm shop and Greenway noting the alternative path is too wet and muddy to be usable and that the signage to the path was inadequate.

Councillor Batchelor reported he had cleared the leaves from Church Path which may help alleviate the dog mess problem, but it was suggested more signage was needed. It has been reported to MDDC.

It was also reported that the 30mph sign was still missing from the High Street, and that a further road sign has been pushed into the hedge by the farm shop.

Councillor Batchelor reported there was trip hazard on the paving slabs on Church Path and requires urgent attention. Councillor Graham said that whole paved area was a slip hazard and was aware of a number of incidents in recent years.

Correspondence from a resident of Luccombe Park was discussed.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED:

- to accept an offer of free road planings from DCC and to organise a Road Warden working group to use the planings to raise the level of the path from the farm shop to Greenway where the water accumulates and to organise a working group for the works. Councillor Browse to speak to the farm shop owner to make them aware.
- to obtain footpath signs to be placed at either end of the pathway, and to obtain a further "pick up dog poo" sign for Church Path
- and that Standing Order 10.3 be waived for the footpath signs and to obtain the signs from Orbital on the basis that 3 quotes were recently received for the car park sign and they were the cheapest.
- Councillor Browse to speak to the resident regarding the overgrown hedges at Greenway.
- Councillor Browse to speak to DCC Highways regarding the planing, signage, issues at Luccombe Park and the trip and slip hazards on Church Path.

Actions: Councillor Browse as above

176-8 Devon Air Ambulance Trust night landing site

Councillor Browse reported the landing mast was installed on the 17th November and on the 18th Western Power arrived to connect it to the grid. There was a problem with getting the cable through the duct, but this was fortunately resolved on the day. The mast will be operational as soon as the Council has arranged an electricity supplier.

Councillor Batchelor has got an initial quote from Ecotricity, and the Clerk identified a comparison website and contact details for a broker. There was a discussion on the impact of putting in electric charging points, but it was AGREED this was a matter for future discussion. It was AGREED to obtain 3 quotes for the electricity and the draft budget for 2021/22 be increased for the estimated cost of electricity.

Action: Councillor Batchelor to obtain 3 quotes.

176-9 Amenity matters

a. Cordwents scheme:

Action: Councillor Browse to obtain 3 quotes for the access track.

b. S106: It was AGREED to obtain 3 quotes for replacement goal posts and nets and to apply for S106 funding for them. After discussion it was AGREED to obtain quotes and apply for S106 funding for 2 picnic benches and 1 park bench for Cordwents.

Action: Councillor Batchelor to obtain quotes, Clerk to do S106 application

c. The Mead: After discussion, it was AGREED to begin preliminary investigations into the costs and feasibility of placing a temporary changing facility at the site, noting it would require planning permission in due course.

Action: Councillor Batchelor to investigate price of water and sewerage connection.

176-10 Grounds maintenance contract

The Council reviewed the grounds maintenance specification for 2021 and it was RESOLVED to amend it to include at Cordwents: cutting a pathway through the Cordwents amenity area, cutting the frontage (but not disturbing planted flowers), to spray the parking area as required only.

Action: Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for the revised specification

176-11 Community items

a. Jubilee Path: It was AGREED to defer the project and consider again in the new year

b. Halberton Christmas tree: It was **RESOLVED** to the purchase a Christmas Tree and gift it to the parish.

Action: Councillor Batchelor to obtain the Christmas Tree.

176-12 Willand Neighbourhood Plan

It was AGREED to contact MDDC Forward Planning to arrange a meeting, preferably in December, in order to progress the matter.

Action: Clerk to contact MDDC

176-13 Financial accounts 2020/21

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payment:

MAT Electrics installation of the DAAT night landing site £7928.75 (£6607.29 + VAT)

176-14 Appointment of Clerk

Councillor Browse fed back from the Clerk interviews, and it was RESOLVED that, in line with the recommendations from the interview panel, the Chairman be delegated to offer the position and negotiate of terms with the successful candidate. Any appointment to be subject to references. The Council thanked the current Clerk for her work and wished her well for the future.

176-15 Members business including meetings attended, and miscellaneous matters (not for decision)

Councillor Browse will attend the funeral (remotely) of the late Councillor Birch.

Councillor Graham reported the railing by the pond has still not been fixed.

Action: Councillor Browse to speak to DCC Highways

Regarding the complaints received about unauthorised activity near Selgars Mill, Councillor Batchelor reported he had been to visit the site and spoke to local residents and MDDC planning enforcement and will endeavour to try an obtain further information and revisit the site.

Action: Clerk to chase planning for further information on planning approvals on the site.

176-16 Items for next meeting

Budget and precept for 2021/22.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8 December 2020, 7pm via Zoom

Signed:

Dated: