



Slindon Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Slindon Parish Council

Held at Slindon Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, Mill Road, Slindon BN18 0RD.

On Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 6 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jan Rees (Chairman), Barbara Brimblecombe, Peter Fenton and Derek Thomas.

In attendance:

Sarah Linfield BSc (Hons), CiLCA (Parish Clerk/RFO/Proper Officer)

3 members of the public

39. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Fenton declared his role as a Co-Chairman of the Slindon Community Land Trust.

40. Apologies for Absence

Not applicable, all Parish Council members present.

41. Minutes from the Council Meeting Held On 23rd August 2021.

It was **Resolved** - to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record of the decisions of the meeting and the Chairman be authorised to sign them.

42. Tree work at the pond

i. The Willow Tree by the Pond

Three further quotes had been sought, although only one had been obtained, to fell the willow, remove debris and treat the roots with eco-plugs, with ongoing treatment arranged by the Council to manage re-growth. The work would only be undertaken if the application under Operation Watershed was successful.

It was **Resolved** – to appoint Richard Moore Tree Surgery to undertake the work at a cost of £550 + VAT.

(Proposed by Councillor Rees, seconded by Councillor Fenton and by the agreement of all present).

ii. Ash Trees by the Pond

One quote had been sought in respect of work to the ash trees by the pond and the Clerk would endeavour to obtain others. It was suggested that the Parish Magazine was used as a source of contractors which the Clerk confirmed was already the case. On a previous occasion one had failed to reply despite many requests, and another had advised that they tended to avoid tree surgery/root removal as they have so many core forestry contracts. Another had spoken against the felling of the willow at a previous Council meeting, and it was felt they might not wish to be involved on this occasion.



43. Planning Matters

New Applications

SDNP/21/ 03328/HOUS Tiverton, Sunnybox Lane – two storey extension, revised vehicular access, response date 6 September 2021.

It was **Resolved** – to object to the application on the following grounds

1. The extension proposes a substantial increase in Gross Internal Area (GIA) without exceptional circumstances being cited. The original dwelling is understood to have had a GIA of approximately 90 sqm, then increased to approximately 130 sqm, and this further extension seeks an additional 35 sqm (excluding the garage area subject to it remaining for the storage of vehicles). This equates to a proposed increase of approximately 83% when comparing total increase in GIA with the size of the original dwelling, contravening SD31. (SD31)

2. The extended property will become a much larger one reducing the stock of smaller family housing. (SD27)

3. The scale and design do not reflect a 'landscape-led approach' and would fail to integrate with or sympathetically complement landscape character, with an adverse visual impact. The extension appears overbearing in relation to the neighbouring property along the north-east boundary, adversely affecting neighbouring amenities both in terms of a loss of privacy - being very close to its boundary - and also outlook through the overall mass/height of the building (SD4, SD5).

The Council noted the absence of ecological reports for overview but understood that no decision could in any event be made before this information has been provided.

(Proposed by Councillor Rees, seconded by Councillor Fenton and by the agreement of all present).

44. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 13 September 7 p.m. at Coronation Hall.

45. Public Participation (moved to the end of the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman)

A member of the public expressed an interest in joining the Council and an application would be provided.

A member of the public spoke regarding surface vegetation (the responsibility of West Sussex County Council) and overhanging vegetation (the responsibility of the adjacent landowner) partially obstructing the pavement on Mill Road and the Clerk undertook to review the situation to address matters.

The meeting ended at 6.35 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Dated