

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Tysoe Parish Council

Held on: Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.15pm

Place: Tysoe Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jacqui Sinclair, Colin Locke, Steve Allen, Sue Haines, Malcolm Littlewood and John Tongue

In attendance: District Cllr John Feilding, Steve Millward (who was attending to take the minutes)
County Cllr Izzi Seccombe

Members of the public: 27

30/19 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk) & Jane Millward (RFO)

31/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Tongue declared a non-pecuniary interest in a planning application 19/00378/FUL on Peacock Lane as this property is next door to his own. There were no other interests declared in any item of business on the agenda.

32/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4th February 2019 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

33/19 INFORMAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Cllr Sinclair read out a statement advising the public of how the meeting would be conducted and the expected behaviour of everyone present.

Councillors **received** and **noted** submissions with regards to:

- Member of the public read out a statement regarding a personal issue. Cllr Sinclair acknowledged the points raised.
- Member of the public raised an issue regarding a problem with the parking of contractors' vehicles on the Loxton Site on Main Street, and adjacent to Church Farm Court.
- Member of the public supported the above concern. They also referred to the depositing of soil in the field behind and adjacent to the badgers set. DC Feilding responded to these two issues stating that there was no construction plan signed off.
- Member of the public stated that all the issues relating to the Loxton development should be recorded and reported to the police and Stratford District Council (SDC).
- Member of the public asked if a speed gun could be purchased by the Parish Council (PC) and that they would help to acquire this if required.
- Member of the public read out a statement asking for a deferral of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) due to number of planning appeals outstanding

34/19 PLANNING

- a) 18/03059/OUT - Land at Oxhill Road - Permission granted
- b) 18/00001/FUL - Applegrove Farm, Radway Road - Permission granted
- c) 18/03305/FUL - Cornerways, Shipston Road - Application withdrawn

- d) 17/00500/LDR - Oaklands Stables - SDC Not satisfied - DC Feilding stated that there were two issues relating to the Oakland Stables. One matter has now been resolved but the other is still outstanding.
- e) 19/00378/FUL - 2 Peacock Lane, Tysoe - demolition of detached garage and extension - This was considered. Cllr Tongue read out the details of the application. Cllr Tongue recommended that the PC should support the application. The application was studied by the Councillors and Cllr Sinclair asked if there were any comments from the public. A member of the public said that he only one problem relating to the maintenance of the grass verge outside of the property during the construction period. Cllr Sinclair said that this issue would be included in the submissions made regarding the application. The Councillors agreed unanimously to support the application. Conditions will be included in the PC's support of this application.
- f) Telephone mast - Cllr Tongue explained the detail relating to the size and position of the telephone mast. The mast would be in full view from many locations and would be more than 8 metres above the tree line. As the mast would be located by the ANOB it was suggested that it should be in the form of a tree, to enable it to blend in with the landscape. The Councillors would not be supportive of an application on this site. The Clerk would email DC Feilding with the PC's position on this.
- g) Upgrade to Telephone mast Lighthorne - The PC had no comments to make

35/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payments & Receipts
Proposed Cllr Locke

Seconded Cllr Allen All in favour

Payee	Description	Value
Green Energy	Supply of Electricity for street lighting	174.57
Kerry Finlayson	Working from home allowance	17.33
Paul Pitts	Playing field maintenance	54.00
Warwickshire County Council	Street Lighting Maintenance Contract	629.86
APS	Consultancy support & advice for NDP	486.00

- b) Bank reconciliation

Bank balance as at 28th February 2019 £37,443.03 after all payments had cleared.

All Councillors confirmed the bank reconciliation was correct

36/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Sinclair asked David Roache, Chair of the NPG, to present the NDP.

David Roache stated that we have presented the Submission Plan to the Parish Council for your approval to present it to SDC. This is the culmination of several years of work by over 20 volunteers.

The Plan now presents the following:

1. An opportunity to provide much needed affordable housing in Tysoe especially after the very positive recent discussions with the owner of Sites 2 & 3.
2. Policies which will help to protect the environment that residents' value so highly in and around the village
3. Proposed sites where modest development can take place without unduly disturbing the character of the village whilst providing the housing growth that will support the valued facilities - the school, shop, post office etc.
4. Reserve sites which, in the event that SDC fail to maintain a 5 year housing supply, could be developed, subject to planning consent, and which will prevent a scramble by developers which would be difficult to resist
5. A unified village with all three settlements being included and protected by Built-up Area Boundaries which will help to limit unwelcome development and protect the character of the village.
6. A framework or template which will enable the Parish Council and the planners at SDC to ensure that any development in the village maintains the style and character of existing buildings.
7. Finally, a Plan that fully complies with the requirements of the revised NPPF and Stratford's Core Strategy as confirmed by the Statement of Basic Conditions.

All of this can be executed whilst creating as little damage to the environment as possible as evidenced in the Strategic Environmental Assessment recently commissioned by SDC. This report endorsed the environmental policies in the Plan and confirmed that development on the allocated sites, including the reserve sites, would create little or no environmental damage.

Producing this Plan has not been straightforward, it has often been divisive. Some residents, minorities in numerical terms, have been vociferous in their objections but we would urge residents to put aside narrow objections for the common good of the village. There is no alternative Plan, if this one is voted against in the referendum then the village will remain unprotected from indiscriminate development for many more years and we will fail to provide the affordable housing that is so much needed in the parish.

David Roache commend the Plan and associated documents to the Parish Council and residents.

Cllr Sinclair asked the Councillors if they had read all the papers relating to the NDP, including the NDP Consultation paper, the NDP Basic Condition Statement & the NPD covering letter, in addition to all the other appendences that were forward. All Councillors confirmed that they had. Cllr Locke then read a prepared statement which stated:

Cllr Sinclair asked for a proposer to support the plan; Cllr Littlewood proposed, and this was seconded by Cllr Tongue. All Councillors voted in favour of the NDP being submitted to SDC.

- a) Councillors **received** and **noted** the following minutes from NPG meetings
 - 28 February 2019
- b) Changes to NPG Membership
There had been none.

37/19 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- AP1 Jan - Cllr Sinclair recommended that this be deferred until later in the year due to the cost of the trees and stock levels.

38/19 STREET LIGHTING

- Jane Millward deferred until the next meeting as the report from WCC had only just been received and there had been no time to analysis this.

39/19 GRANT APPLICATION FORM

This was deferred until the next meeting. RFO asked to send application form again IT issues.

40/19 S106 AGREEMENT

Cllr Sinclair reminded the PC of the document's context asked for a proposer Cllr Tongue proposed, Cllr Allen seconded all in favour.

PASSWORD FOR PARISH CLERK & RFO

Arrange access for the PC to the Team Room as this is where the PC computer is currently situated. The Parish Clerk and RFO should put all their password to any systems they use on behalf of the Parish Council in a sealed signed envelope and give this to the Chair of the Council. This should be done from May 2019

HSBC Banking Arrangements

Cllr Sinclair suggested that once a new RFO is appointed that a Councillor is also appointed to make the payments through the online banking system once these have been presented to the PC and signed off. This would provide an extra level of security. All Councillors agreed.

41/19 CORRESPONDENCE

This was **received** and **noted**.

42/19 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Cllr Sinclair advised the PC who was attending.

43/19 DC FEILDING

DC Feilding reported on:

- Loxton Developments - a stop notice has been requested but not yet issued. CC Seccombe is also going to report the issues regarding the site, and she will also be asking for a stop notice due to the number of issues. DC Feilding there are issues with the materials being used and health and safety issues due to inappropriate parking and vehicle movements, particularly during the school runs due to the close proximity of the site to the school. Cllr Tongue also asked DC Feilding to raise the issues regarding the landscaping of the Kendrick Homes site.
- DC Feilding is currently looking at Broadband and funds that may be available, the aim of which is to improve broadband speeds in the Parish of Tysoe.
- DC Feilding is meeting with Orbit Housing regarding repair and maintenance of their housing stock. Several shortcomings have been identified.

44/19 CC WILLIAMS

CC Seccombe reported on behalf of CC Williams:

- Updated the PC regarding footpath issues relating to the Loxton development and the blocking of the footpaths.
- Gave an updated regarding the drainage by Old Tree Lane which were being addressed.

45/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Cllr Sinclair advised the PC that Jane Millward has resigned as the paid RFO but will continue as unpaid RFO until the appointment of the new Parish Council in May when a decision regarding a replacement can be made.

The Councillors thanked Jane for all her hard work as the RFO.

Cllr Sinclair advised the Councillors that dealing with correspondence is a problem and that this needs to be resolved.

Cllr Locke referred to the footpath and hedge row by Windmill Way. Cllr Locke advised that the PC that Thomas Fox should be asked to sort the problem out. Cllr Sinclair asked for a proposer, Cllr Locke proposed, seconded by Cllr Littlewood, all Cllrs voted in favour. Thomas Fox will be asked to deal with this matter urgently before bird nesting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st April 2019 - In addition to the normal meeting this will also be the Annual Parish Assembly and the Parish Clerk was asked to invite the vicar.

46/19 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm

47/19 PERSONNEL MATTERS

The RFO's timesheet was signed off.

Appendix A - Statement Read out by Cllr Locke - Approval of NPD submission Plan

I would just like to take a few moments to address my fellow councillors and give my thoughts on this really important decision that we are being asked to make!

For a long time, we have been saying that this plan represents hundreds of hours work from many people - that statement is now outdated, and it is without exaggeration that I can say with confidence that it now represents not hundreds but thousands of hours work.

So how do I view this plan we have before us, for consideration in moving it forward to the next stage?

I see this this document as a guide line, a recommendation and a wish list for the way the vast majority of Tysoe Residents would like to see us develop over the ensuing years to 2031, to preserve the good things we have and accommodate (whilst maybe undesirable) but the inevitable additional housing stock we will be expected to absorb.

We have and suspect we will continue to have some controversy and disagreement, but it is my belief that even those who are unhappy, still at heart want to achieve the same or a very similar result, and their disappointment is with the route we have taken to get there. I sincerely believe that this plan has listened and taken into consideration all comments, but we have to accept that not all comments could or in some cases we felt should be incorporated.

I am more than confident that the policies and recommendations that have been built into this plan truly represent the overwhelming thoughts and wishes of the people and accepting there will be some dissent I have seen or heard nothing that convinces me that this dissent, no matter how well intentioned and despite being particularly vocal, represents only a tiny fraction of the electorate and stems almost exclusively from Lower Tysoe residents. I am further confident that this plan and its contents has evolved in a clear and transparent way, with all residents being given ample opportunity to voice opinion and comment.

I am particularly encouraged by the LEPUS report which collectively gives support to the environmentally friendly way this plan has been put together and serves to remind us that this plan has very much more to offer than simply arguing as to whether Lower Tysoe is better off as part of Tysoe or not.

I have often likened the decision making on this plan to Brexit - In reality it's not - Brexit has a fairly even split - This plan does not, it has a huge bias and has been created to achieve what we consider is best for the whole of the community. Where we do have a parallel with Brexit is in the fact that people now want to see a result, so it becomes essential to keep this momentum towards referendum moving, so I am therefore happy to recommend we now approve this document and pass it on for submission to the SDC

But would not wish to sit down without expressing my real thanks, particularly to David Roache and his team for their tireless efforts and generous giving of time, but not forgetting all his predecessors, who have got the plan thus far, and that includes, Keith often labelled the 'Bad Guy' and true to say has given us a bit of a bumpy ride but I am mindful and sincere in saying that this plan came very close to grinding to a halt, and may well have done so without his intervention, so at times all on the same side, hence would hope we can now put behind us all our grievances and unite for the good of Tysoe and its residents.

Cllr Colin Locke