

# **Merriott Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th August 2018  
at 7.00 pm, Blake Room, Merriott Village Hall**

**Present.**

**Cllr I Hall (Chair).**

**Cllr Steve Ashton**

**Cllr Jim Shorting.**

**Cllr Dave Aslett**

**Cllr Caro Paine**

**In Attendance:**

**Clive Brown of Brown & Boon architects, 4 members of the public.**

**18/084. Public Open Session**

**Cllr Hall welcomed all present and advised those present wishing to raise items other than those on the agenda, to raise those matters now. All members of the public present wished to contribute to the Shiremoor planning application.**

**18/085. Apologies for absence**

**Cllr Grant Wright**

**18/086. Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interest**

**Cllr Hall declared interest in planning application 18/02231/LBC (neighbour)**

**18/087. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**The said minutes were discussed and agreed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**Proposed; Cllr Paine      Seconded; Cllr Aslett**

**18/088 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**No issues were raised**

**18/089. Reports**

**Neither the County or District Cllrs were present.**

**18/090. Planning (including applications currently in circulation/determinations**

- a. 18/01917/FUL - Land off Shiremoor Hill, erection of 39 dwellings and associated works.**

**The Chmn read out the submission of the planning sub committee, attached as Annex A. Mr Clive Brown then addressed the meeting explaining that Stonewater (his clients and owners of the designated land) were a housing association (the 2nd largest in Somerset) who wished to deliver affordable, sympathetic housing to the community. He considered that the MPC planning submission needed further consideration outside this meeting. He then answered questions from the public. The main points being the possibility of an alternative access to the site by extending Manor Drive or from Lower Street. Also the overview of intended properties over properties in Manor Drive. His response was that there were no**

**current plans for any change to the current access proposal from Lower Street but agreed to explore the situation. He promised to review the design of the windows in the qty 6 chalet bungalows bordering existing adjacent properties so that no 2nd storey windows would overlook those properties. The Chairman thanked Clive Brown for his attendance and contribution to the meeting.**

**Actions: Chairman to liaise with the architects to hold a further meeting on the issue. Post that meeting planning sub committee to revise their submission to align with the agreed outcome of that meeting**

- b. 18/02292 - 5, Higher Street. Demolition of part, and erection of qty 2, 2 storey extensions.**

**This submission was recommended for refusal on the grounds that planned extensions were not conducive to the intended community living. The recommendation was based on the grounds that there was a serious mismatch for the inhabitants by having 7 bedrooms and only 1 kitchen and 1 lounge planned, and also appeared to be significant over-development of the site.**

- c. 18/02131/LBC - 55, Lower Street. Loft conversion plus various modifications including PV panels.**

**The submission was approved with exception of the proposal to fit PV panels to an outbuilding within the boundaries of a listed property.**

- d. MPC submission to SSDC on the 2014 - 2034 Local Plan / Housing Needs Survey (HNS).**

**The HNS is now in the public domain. The MPC submission is primarily that the survey confirms that the limited housing requirement identified will be met in the period by the currently planned and existing builds.**

**It was agreed that MPC would advise SSDC that Merriott should retain `Rural Settlement Status` in the 2014-34 Local Plan.**

#### **18/091. Finance & Procedure**

- a. Invoices for Payment.**

**The invoices, at Annex B, were considered and fully justified by those present. Proposed Cllr Paine      Seconded Cllr Aslett.      Resolved for Payment**

- e. Payments Received**

**The payments received, also at Annex B, were considered and noted.**

- c. Risk Register**

**No updates required**

- d. To Agree a Third Member to Authorise Online Payments**

**It was agreed that Cllr Ashton would be the third member**

- e. To Agree a Third Member for the Interview panel for a new Clerk.**

**Cllr Aslett accepted as the third panel member.**

**f. To determine works to Clapperhay and Holywell Community Land**

**Cllr Hall reported that there was a requirement to repair the fence to allow sheep to graze the land. He further reported that the planned planting of the orchard should be deferred to late autumn.**

**18/092. Recreation Ground/Pavillion**

**a, Cllr Aslett reported that he required the recreation ground proforma to complete. He further reported that the defibrillator cabinet had been accessed for an emergency but had not been required subsequently.**

**b. To consider LTA affiliation**

**Cllr Hall reported that although the Saturday morning Touch Tennis sessions were well attended it was considered that participants were not particularly interested in professional coaching. As the main point of LTA affiliation was to access free coaching for proper tennis, not Touch Tennis, it was not considered worth the expense of joining at this time. However both he and Cllr Aslett would monitor the situation regarding public interest in coaching.**

**c. Determinations**

**The Chairman reported that the following decisions were outstanding**

- 1. The contractor for car park refurbishment. Ric Hyett was approved.**
- 2. The requirement for further tree planting**
- 3. The supplier of new tractor tyres**
- 4. To identify the contractor for new water main**
- 5. To determine if FA funding could be procured for items 3&4.**

**Cllr Shorting reported that he was obtaining quotes for the new water main. He further stressed that the actual connection of the pavilion water piping to the proposed Water Boards main supply could only be carried out by the Water board. Their quote for this work would be invalidated by the 23rd September if the MPC did not give notice to proceed before this date the request for connection and the related quote would take at least 6 weeks.**

**Date of Next Meeting. 10/09/18.**