

ST MARTHA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 2nd August 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Chilworth Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Mrs. P. Allen	Cllr G. Brown
Cllr. M. Lunnon (Vice Chairman)	Cllr. The Rev. S. Sokolowski (Chairman)

In attendance: Parish Clerk – Anne Tait

Public Session: Members of the public are invited to express a view or ask any questions of the Council between 7:45 and 8:00 p.m. and then are welcome to observe the rest of the meeting

18/85 APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE

To accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with LGA 1972, Sch 12, para 40 – Parish Cllr Peake, GBCllrs Billington and Wright and SCCllr Keith Taylor. Apologies were accepted.

18/86 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

None were declared.

18/87 PLANNING

(a) Notice of those received since last meeting:

Cllrs to discuss the following planning applications and agree a corporate response to GBC:

- **18/P/01180 - Basie Cottage, 24 Roseacre Gardens, Chilworth, Guildford, GU4** – Erection of a single storey side extension

RESOLVED: The Clerk was asked to request further information from the Planning Officer - Chris Gent. Cllrs found it difficult to determine the relevant facts from the plans supplied. There were questions on the accuracy of the block plan, the position of the property in the curtilage of the boundary and the elevation drawings.

- **18/T/00163 – 5 Postford Mill Cottages, Mill Lane, Chilworth GU4 8RP** – Fell Oak tree (T1) Chilworth Gunpowder Mills Conservation Area. Councillors discussed this application at length and found that there were serious inconsistencies in the form.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was asked to request further information from Tim Holman with a request that he visit the site, report his findings to Councillors prior to giving their recommendations.

(b) The Clerk reported on the decision from GBC of those applications previously received:

- **18/P/01056 - St Marthas Priory, Halfpenny Lane, Chilworth GU4 8PZ** – GBC Approved 17/07/18
- **18/P/00782 – Tyting Farm Halfpenny Lane, Chilworth GU4 8PZ** - GBC Approved 19/07/18

18/88 REPORTS:

Reports, Communications and Updates (for information only, or to be discussed at a future Council meeting)

Parish Clerk

- a) Footpath Signs - The Clerk reported that SCC have erected three new Footpath Signs. Cllr Mrs Allen reported that an unauthorised notice has been screwed to the new sign at the entrance to Vera's Path, next to Chilworth C of E School on the Dorking Road. This is believed to have been done by the occupants of 51 Dorking Road.

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RESOLVED: The Clerk was asked to write to SCC with a request that it is removed.

- b) Sample Oak Lane Footpath – The Clerk reported that a message has been received from Daniel Williams SCC Countryside Access Officer:

As was previously noted this situation is somewhat complicated by the fact that the path already runs across highway land and so there is strictly speaking no need to add it to our definitive map of rights of way. I have taken some legal advice on this. Investigation has shown that this path was in fact dedicated as highway (footpath) by the landowner in 1944. This was clearly to take pedestrians off the dangerous narrow lane. Our Highways Solicitor noted that on any common sense reading the Landowner was dedicating the frontage land as a public footpath and that indeed compensation was to be paid if the Highway Authority decided to widen the vehicular highway hence incorporating the footpath. She then went on to state that she saw no prejudice arising from my suggestion that this be added to our definitive map and statement of public rights of way. I therefore intend to add this path to our definitive map and statement at our next annual legal event. This is a process by which we may modify our map based on some legally binding event or document without having to advertise or consult upon it. This normally happens between March and May each year. So, this will not happen until 2019. When the time arises, this will be known as public footpath 582 (St Martha). We will then be able to consider formally whether this goes onto our vegetation clearing schedule.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Mrs Allen reported on the Shalford Parish Council meeting held on 26/07/18 and the notes circulated on 26/07/18. GBCllrs explained that the proposed development at Hornhatch Farm was put forward to the Inspector by a Developer and not GBC. GBC had not put it forward as a suitable site for early housing. The Inspector didn't pick it up as one of the sites and instead picked out Shackleford, Send and Normandy. It was reported that Hornhatch Farm is very low on GBC's list.

18/89 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly expenditure list for July 2018 (totalling £1,669.90), as attached to record minutes.

18/90 SURREY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLVED: The Clerk was asked to book two places at this event for Cllrs The Revd. Sokolowski and Mrs Allen.

18/91 DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN MAY 2019

The Clerk reported that the Local Elections are on Thursday 02/05/19.

RESOLVED: The date of the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 9th May 2019 in Chilworth C of E School.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 6th September 2018

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:15 p.m.