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| The meeting of **Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Council** took place by Zoom on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.00pm The following members participated:  **IN THE CHAIR:** S.Bruce (SB),  **PRESENT: Cllrs:** A Walton (VC) A,Williams, (AW), G Brown (GB), A.Kelsall (AK), M.Crystal (MC), D.Webb (DW), A.Short (AS),  In attendance: G.A,Gill Clerk, Nick Botterill (Wilts Council), P.Sneddon, D.Evans, A Stafford & I Sidmouth | | |
| 256  257  258  259  259.1  259.2  260  260.1  261  261.1  261.2  262  262.1  262.2  263  264  265  266  266.1  266.2  267  268  269  270  271  272 | **Prior to the meeting the Parish Council heard representations from Paul Sneddon, Biddestone resident and Dale Evans, Planning Consultant regarding item:261.1 and from Andrew Stafford, resident regarding item 264 The question of whether the Village Fete should be held in June or late September was raised by Ingrid Sidmouth, Chair of the Fete Committee. It was pointed out that Slaughterford Fete was also held in September and should be taken into consideration when the Biddestone Committee make their decision.**  **To Receive & Approve Apologies for Absence:** A Juniper (AJ),  **Declaration of Interest:** - SB and VC declared an interest in item 261.1  **To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council General Meeting held on Tuesday 9th February** **2020** Proposed by AS as a true record and **APPROVED**. To be signed and dated by chairman.  **To Receive & Act Upon Rolling Action List** – **Addendum #1**  Biddestone Traffic Calming should proceed with the additional funding from the reserves starting with the raised levels. The Gateways and signage to follow as funding allows.  Filming will take place this month for ‘Agatha Raison’. It was noted that the use of the Village Hall by the production company has been reduced considerably and further financial negotiations might be necessary.  **Receive Notification of Planning Applications Determined**: Noted  20/10739/FULManor Cottage, Biddestone, Wiltshire, SN14 7DL  Proposal: Re-modelling of existing outbuilding (ground floor will continue to be used as a store and  double garage and the first floor will form domestic annexe accommodation).  **To Receive Notification of Planning Applications Received:**  20/07920/FUL The Oak House, Church Road, Biddestone, SN14 7DP  Proposal: New Car House and Garages for Private Collection of Cars – Notification of retrospective  revised drawing**. – SB and VC withdrew from the meeting. The revised drawing for the North Elevation removing all rooflights to present a blank roof was** **SUPPORTED (1 abstention, 1 Objection) as it fully addressed the Objection raised by Council (Min Ref: 215.5 13th Oct 2020).**  **The Parish Council noted that public concerns had been raised with regard to the changes in height, width and length as built to the original dimensions of the 2018 approved building application to which the Parish Council had had no objections. Concerns were also raised by some councillors that these deviations may have an impact on the conservation area where previously none were evident or identified by the planning authority and may have implications for future builds. Council AGREED that although we could not now make any formal objection, we wished to put something on record to reflect these concerns, and acknowledge those of residents.**  SB & VC re-joined the meeting.  21/01772/TCA The Coach House, Harts Lane, Biddestone, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 7DQ  Proposal: Reduce Goat Willow Back to Previous Pruning Points (T1), Fell 1 Poplar (T2)  **NO Objections**  **Finance**  To Receive for Approval Statement of Balances for Accounts #1 & #2 **APPROVED Addendum #2**  To Approve Accounts for Payment March 2021. Proposed by MC **APPROVED**  **To take action on any issues raised by Reps Reports** (Circulated in advance of meeting)-Noted  None raised  **To Receive & discuss complaint regarding installation of mirrors at Wavering Brook Farm.** It was noted that a Planning Officer had visited the site and had agreed that the owners should apply for retrospective planning permission. Concern was raised that whilst the mirrors, which are over 2mtrs, remain in situ without screening they present a hazard to motorist. Clerk to write to WC Planning to request either removal or immediate screening.  **To Receive a Request for Bird Boxes to be incorporated in the** **Biddestone Arms Development**  SB reported that the application had been ‘called in’ and that the developers were looking at a more farmyard style development for the site.  **Highways-**  BIDD 19/20 Update – No response to VC’s email had been received to date and no actions to installed the gates due for completion by the end of March had been made as yet.  Fixed Posts for speed indicator device (SID) – It was explained that the transportation and installation of the SID was difficult due to the weight of the solar panel, this together with the required social distancing at this time had delayed the rotation plan. It was **AGREED** to approach D. Taylor with a view to him being contracted for this work and update other parish duties. To be discussed at the **APRIL** meeting.  **Tree Audit Update –**  TheClerk had contacted Kate Tate (WC Planning) who in turn had passed the information on dangerous trees in Slaughterford Road to both the Tree Officers and Highways. No response as yet to hand.  **Public Conveniences Update – No decision has yet been taken and public consultation will determine the outcome.** Confirmation has been received from Wiltshire Council that in the event of any sale, this would be a clean sale with the restrictive covenants and overage provisions removed with a 60/40 split in WCs favour. It was **AGREED** that VC should put a public consultation together for the April Broadsheet to seek a clear mandate from parishioners on whether to sell, releasing funds for road and other capital projects, or retain for the benefit of residents and visitors, requiring an increase in the precept and no funds being released for capital projects.  .  **Broadsheet/Village Website Update –** A brief incorporating the Parish and the Parish Council various websites into one website had been sent by the Working Group to Bob Child (BC), the Council’s website designer and host . *The clerk advised council that some members of the public were still confused and believed the PC to be connected to the Church and gave an example of other PCs who had adopted a .gov.uk website to acknowledge the PC was part of local government .She also advised that the PC members should have a council email address rather than use a personal address which would be linked to the new website,* The Clerk was requested to contact BC for a mock up for consideration at the April meeting.  **CPRE Best Kept Village Update –** DW still to collect documentation from AJ. Application to be sent by end of April. Map of village to be reviewed.  **Wiltshire Council Local Plan Consultation -**  In essence, there is no proposed change to Biddestone’s status as a small village and there are no changes proposed in respect of the policies relating to Small Villages. VC will write with regard to the overall environmental impact and lack of any real policies to address climate change.  While this isn't specific to the parish it is crucial to everyone.  **Clerks Report** (Circulate prior to meeting)  Census and Elections Updates – Census letters are now landing on doormats. Anyone wishing for assistance with completion of forms can contact Chippenham Library 01249 650536 or attend in person after 12th April. Election on 6th May, there are nine parish council places all current council members will stand down and must apply should they wish to re-stand. Nominations should be sent to Wiltshire Council after 29th March, the Parish Number is MB1. AW announced her decision to retire as Parish Councillor for Slaughterford, AJ had sent a written confirmation of his intention to retire. The Clerk reiterated that once nominations had been compiled, should there be more than nine nominees a parish election would ensue, should there be nine or less those nominees would be automatically elected with no requirement for a poll to take place.  There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.13.  The next ‘virtual’ Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.00pm | GG  AK  VC  GG  DW/  AJ  VC |