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| The meeting of **Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Council** took place by Zoom on Tuesday 9th February 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), 2 Members of the Public |
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Letter of acknowledgement to be sent from the Parish Council.**Receive Notification of Planning Applications Determined**: Noted 20/08887/FUL & 20/09406/LBC The Old Wool House The Green Biddestone Chippenham Wiltshire SN14 7DG Proposal: Internal Re-Ordering to Rear Ground Floor Kitchen and Dining Room Together with a Glazed Link Extension to a Grade ll Listed House20/08826/FUL & 20/09729/LBC Mountjoy Farm, The Butts, Biddestone SN14 7DYProposal: Replacement of decayed modern conservatory extension in masonry to provide ancillary accommodation20/06597/TCA Stables Cottage, Cuttle Lane, Biddestone, SN14 7DFProposal: 30% Reduction to Bay Tree20 8360/TCA The Oak House, Church Road, Biddestone, SN14 7DPProposal: Fell 1 Ash Tree20/09795/TCA Brook Cottage, Slaughterford, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 8RGProposal: Fell 2 Ash Trees20/08035/FUL & 20/08451/LBC Mountjoy Farm, The Butts, Biddestone, SN14 7DYProposal: Conversion of former agricultural barn to dwelling including demolition of modern C20 lean-to outs huts and replace with new extension and provision of new ancillary studio outbuilding. 20/09694/FUL Biddestone Tennis Club, Recreation Field, Yatton Road, Biddestone, SN14 7BZ Proposal: Installation of floodlights to fourth tennis court20/07979/TCA 10, Cuttle Lane, Biddestone, SN14 7DAProposal: 30% Reduction to 1 Cherry (T1) and 1 Maple (T2)20/10217/FUL Whitelands, The Butts, Biddestone, SN14 7DYProposal: Demolition of existing garage/outbuilding, and erection of a new single storey garage/playroom/home office.20/10420/FUL Brook House, The Green South To Cross Keys, Biddestone, SN14 7DLProposal: First floor side extension to create a granny annex, and rear extension to create a newhome office and utility room.20/ 07980/TCA The Close, The Green, Biddestone, SN14 7DGProposal: Fell Group of 3 Larch (G1) Crown Lift Sycamore to 3.5 Metres Above Ground Level (T1) Pollard Lime at 5 Metres (T2) 20/07982/TCA Elm Cottage, The Green, Biddestone, SN14 7DGProposal: 1.5 Metre Lateral Reduction and 3 Metre Height Reduction to Yew (T1)20/7983/TCA Field House, The Green, Biddestone, SN14 7EFProposal: Fell 1 Ash Tree (T1), 2.5 Metres Lateral Reduction Extending Over Neighbouring Property to Ash (T2), Crown Lift 3 Birch Trees to 3 Metres Above Ground Level (G1) 20/08275/TCA Home Farm, Harts Lane, Biddestone, SN14 7DQProposal:Fell 2 Ash Trees (T1 & T2) 2 Pine Trees (T3 & T4) and 30% Reduction to 1 Chestnut (T5)**To Receive Notification of Planning Applications Received:** 20/10217/FUL Whitelands, The Butts, Biddestone, SN14 7DYProposal: Demolition of existing garage/outbuilding, and erection of a new single storey garage/playroom/home office. **NO OBJECTIONS**20/10420/FUL Brook House, The Green South To Cross Keys, Biddestone, SN14 7DLProposal: First floor side extension to create a granny annexe, and rear extension to create a new home office and utility room. **NO OBJECTIONS**20/10605/FUL The Former Biddestone Arms, The Green, Biddestone, Wiltshire, SN14 7DGProposal: Conversion and Part Demolition of Former Public House to Form 2 No. Houses, Erectionof 4 No.New Dwellings, Associated Landscaping and Access Works **SUPPORTED WITH****COMMENTS -** Biddestone Parish Council strongly support the change of use of the former Biddestone Arms site to a sensitively designed and developed residential scheme.The proposed redevelopment of the existing pub buildings, involving the demolition of the front bar and the restaurant, retention of the Cotswold stone roofing tiles, re-instating the road facing front elevation and conversion into two residential units is also strongly supported.As far as the four new houses are concerned, the overall concept is generally accepted but there are some concerns that there might be one house too many which is causing the site to be crowded, the gardens to be small and the use of tandem parking which is considered undesirable as it is inconvenient and its felt that it might cause vehicles to be parked outside the curtilage of the development.  Concerns were also raised with regard to overly fussy architectural detailing incorporating a false coach house door, round and arched windows and in some instances roof verges with soffits and barge boards.  Roof finishes in the village are generally Cotswold stone tiles, clay double roman tiles or slate coupled with simple overhanging verges or stone parapets, plain tiles are rarely seen. It was felt that the designs should be simplified and brought more in line with the cottages that surround the Green.20/10737/FUL Manor Cottage, Biddestone, Wiltshire, SN14 7DLProposal: Re-modelling of existing outbuilding (ground floor will continue to be used as a store anddouble garage and the first floor will form domestic annexe accommodation). **NO OBJECTIONS**20/10884/TCA 4 Church Row, Chippenham, Biddestone, Wiltshire, SN14 7DRProposal: Fell 1 Mirabelle Plum Tree **NO OBJECTIONS**20/11098/TCA Land North of The Butts, Biddestone, Chippenham, Wiltshire,Proposal: 30% Crown Reduction to 1 Ash Tree **NO OBJECTIONS**21/00754/TCA Bay Tree Cottage, The Butts, Biddestone, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 7DYProposal: 40% Crown Reduction to 1 Silver Birch, 1 Walnut Tree and 1 Willow Tree **NO OBJECTIONS****Finance** To Receive for Approval Statement of Balances for Accounts #1 & #2 **APPROVED Addenduum #2**To Approve Accounts for Payment January & February 2021 Proposed by AW **APPROVED****To take action on any issues raised by Reps Reports** (Circulated in advance of meeting)-Noted **Colerne Parish Neighbourhood Plan** The following response was to made to Colerne NPG after further consultations with Slaughterford residents:BSPC would be grateful if you would make amendments to the revised text to reflect issues raised by residents of Slaughterford in response to the revised draft. The purpose of these changes is to simplify the entry, removing the wording which has provoked the greatest concern from residents. Again, as the entry has no planning significance, we think these changes will help allay concerns raised without affecting the ability of the site owners to develop the site within existing planning regulations.* Paragraph 2: After “*lies within a rural Greenfield and river landscape setting”* add *“and lies within the Long Dean/Ford/Slaughterford Conservation Area and the Cotswolds AONB”.*
* Paragraph 4: Remove the first sentence itemising a range of activities – ie *Ancillary business use.small scale renewable energy production’ and replace with ‘* and replace with “*Ancillary business uses could embody some limited diversification”.*
* Paragraph 8b: remove ‘*in the main”* to read “…*residential usage ancillary to the above should be furnished by live work units”*
* Paragraph 8d: Omit entirely
* Paragraph 8e: Omit *“to the maximum extent possible”*

**Gigaclear Update –** Work has been completed in Slaughterford without too much disruption. The workforce was well organized and polite. A large number of road closures have been received for the Biddestone work which will commence in March. All alternative routes will be announced in the Broadsheet as too many for the noticeboards. **Highways-** Biddestone Gateways Update - Delayed by one month due to Gigaclear works.Closure of BIDD 24 – Environment Agency taking the lead on the work to the footpaths at the Bybrook.**Tree Audit Update –** Clerk awaiting map from DW showing the site of each tree and the respective landowners she will then contact landowners to request early removal of trees. Clerk was advised by the WC Tree Officer that once the Parish Council had advised landowners of the potential risk of dangerous trees on their land there was nothing further the PC could do, the responsibility lay with the landowner. **Public Conveniences Update -** No decision has been taken on the future of the public conveniences. The PC is still consulting on this issue and welcomed the responses received to the December Broadsheet article. SB explained the ownership position of the public conveniences and the potential options available, and GB explained the potential ongoing costs involved in keeping them open., It was agreed that a further article be placed in the April Broadsheet outlining the options for the retention or sale of this asset including full breakdown of costs and the impact on the precept. Feedback would be sought from parishioners on these options so that a decision could be made based on the preference expressed by the majority of parishioners.. **Broadsheet/Village Website Update –** It was agreed that a brief be given to Bob Child who hosts the Parish Council website to incorporate the Parish Council, Broadsheet and Village websites into one single site with links to all other village organisations. It was **AGREED** that monies outlaid this year on the Broadsheet and Village sites to be reimbursed by the Parish Council.**Census and Elections Updates –** Clerk to attend a WALC virtual workshop on February 22nd,NB confirmed that this year WC would not be charging election costs from the parish council. It was agreed that an earmarked sum should be put aside for future election years as it was estimated that a sum between £4,000 and £7,000 would be required if an election was held.**Clerks Report** (Circulate prior to meeting)Wiltshire Council – Briefing Note 21.01 Future Chippenham ProgrammeCommunity Register – White HorseAgatha Raison Filming – MarchCPRE Best Kept Village – DW agreed to take on the administration of the BKV application from AJ with his help.There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.39pmThe next ‘virtual’ Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at7.00pm  | VCDW/GGVC/GBVC/GB/GGDW |