

# SILVER END PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 14th August 2019 in the Parish Council Office, Silver End Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Galley (Chair,) Cllr Waine, Cllr Bugg, Cllr McDonald, Cllr Hughes, Mrs Temple (Clerk) and 2 members of the public (the first arrived at the start of the meeting and left after 0819/FC1496 and the second arrived after 0819/FC1499 and left during 0819/FC1500.)

0819/FC1494     **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Ashford, Cllr Holmes and Cllr Hopkins.  
**Absent without apologies:** None.

0819/FC1495     **Declarations of Interest** by Members in respect of any items on the agenda. None offered.

0819/FC1496     **Members of the public** are given an opportunity to speak at this point.  
Member of the public – long standing village resident - complaint about the toilets still being out of use in the Memorial Gardens. Toilets in the village hall are only available whilst the library is open. Suggested that BDC make radar keys available for disabled access. The Chair explained that a short time ago the toilets were badly vandalised and BDC paid a large amount of money to repair them. They then re-opened for them to become damaged once again. BDC have yet to inform SEPC of their long-term plans for the toilets. Cllr Hughes replied that he too would like to see them open, but the issue is with BDC and the decision is theirs to make as they have to front the cost.  
The Member of the public was thanked and left the meeting at this point.

0819/FC1497     **Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting** were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

0819/FC1498     **Report from District/County Councillors**  
Due to a miscommunication, Cllr Abbott was not present at the meeting.  
The Chair suggested to Members that they approach Cllr Abbott in advance of meetings to allow him time to reply at Full Council.

0819/FC1499     **Planning Applications**  
**Application No:** 19/01160/HH     76 Western Road  
Alterations to change flat garage roof to pitched roof.  
No comment.

**Application No:** ESS/03/18/BTE     Bradwell Quarry  
Extraction of 2 million tonnes of sand and gravel (from Site A5) including the retention of the existing access onto the A120, the processing plant (including sand and gravel washing plant), office and weighbridge, ready mix concrete plant, bagging unit, DSM plant, water and silt management systems and extension of the internal haul road into Site A5 with restoration to agriculture and biodiversity.  
No comment.

### **Planning Applications received after agenda setting**

None for comment.  
Member of the Public arrived.

0819/FC1500     **Reports (urgent only)**  
Joel Fayers, MPC, on behalf of Croudace Homes would like to organise a meeting with SEPC regarding building proposals in the village. He is not keen to wait until the meeting in September and has suggested a meeting with the Chair and Clerk in the meantime. Cllr Galley read out the response that he sent to Mr Fayers stating that it is not appropriate to hold a meeting with himself and the Clerk to gauge opinion as this would be inappropriate and very much based upon personal opinion. There has been no response. Cllr Galley asked if Members want to meet with Croudace Homes. Cllr Waine responded that they should be invited to a meeting that they must come armed with a proposal whereby the process can be seen as transparent. All agreed. Cllr Hughes reported on the Local Plan update. The proposal put forward to BDC by Green and Independent Parties was not passed. The proposal put forward by Conservatives was accepted with some amendments.  
Cllr Bugg reported that he and Cllr Hughes have been around the Memorial Gardens, reviewing the contractor's work, they still can't see that enough work has been done. Cllr Bugg suggested group volunteer sessions to help get things up to scratch. Cllr Hughes will contact Greener Silver End and suggested an article in the next WoSE, although this won't be until the winter. Cllr Hughes asked if he should draft something to put in WoSE for him to lead some volunteer sessions. He will also contact Greener Silver End. The **Clerk** was asked to contact the contractor asking him to write the dates that he is in attendance on the monthly return, from August onwards. She has already given him details of the areas that improvements are required in, following her meeting with Rick Sargent, BDC, to review contractors work due to their greater investment. The contractor took the information personally believing there to be a lack of trust on behalf of SEPC.  
Daniel Way resident – issues with tree to rear of property. **Clerk** understands that Cllr Abbott is aware of the situation and has messaged him to find out what the current situation is, before she responds to the resident again.  
Cllr McDonald reported that Greene King are having a meeting to discuss potential funding of a defibrillator.

Cllr Waine reported that from 14-22/9 Silver End Heritage Society are holding Heritage Open Days. 6 properties to be opened during this time. A talk will be given at 2pm on 21/9.

Cllr Galley is waiting for risk assessments to come back from BDC re Christmas lights in the park and also a query is out to John Bailey to make sure we have enough lights to cover the entire area.

Member of the public left the meeting at this point.

Cllr Galley reported on the planning application that Cllr Waine went to BDC Planning meeting to discuss. It was publicised over social media and in newspapers/online with SEPC being portrayed in a poor light. BDC suggested that SEPC were at fault and delayed matters by objecting and therefore taking it to a planning meeting. Cllr Hughes stated that he hasn't seen the report but is concerned that BDC have made comment on another authority, when they shouldn't. The Clerk found the article at this point for clarification. Cllr Hughes suggested that the **Clerk** ask BDC's Chief Exec why SEPC were blamed for holding up the process despite it being an option for us to complain as part of due process. This is made worse by SEPC feeling forced to object on the basis that BDC are refusing to even consider updating the outdated Conservation Guidelines. SEPC have chased and offered assistance for years, without response. This has left SEPC in a very poor light with no justification at all. Public apology required. All agreed.

0819/FC1501 **Finance**

**Payments made since the last meeting on 10th July:**

BDC Office service charge	40.00	Petty cash	12.97
PJ Cars (L/Club)	80.00	E-on	87.21
Essex pension fund	470.07	Flowers re L Parker	35.00
J Jeffrey (Memorial Gardens)	500.00	Stationary	13.50
Speedprint (WoSE)	549.00	HMRC	2110.97

**Payments to be made:**

BDC Office Service Charge	40.00	Petty cash	16.23
RCCE Membership	105.60	E-on	78.83
Essex Pension Fund	470.07	J Jeffrey (Memorial Gardens)	500.00
EALC (cost of postage)	5.47	Refuse truck	222.00
Election	60.29	Retirement gift cards	300.00
Additional items for P Game's gift	18.50		

All agreed.

**Bank Balances**

Current Account	£ 2,354.23
Deposit Account	£ 18,120.54

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**Agenda items for next meeting**

Christmas Lights

Memorial Gardens

Public Toilets – all Members to consider potential solutions in advance of the meeting

Listed Buildings – Cllr McDonald

Cllr Galley offered apologies for this meeting.

The Chair then called the meeting into closed session for which the minutes are not available to the public.

**CLOSED SESSION**

0819/FC1503

**Staffing Issues – Retirement**

**Terms of Employment Draft for Agreement**

Next Full Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> September.

There being no further matters to discuss the Chair called the meeting to a close at 20.48pm.