

ST MARTHA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Chilworth C of E Infant School

Present:

Cllr Mrs. P. Allen
Cllr G. Brown
Cllr J. Peake Vice-Chairman (Chairman until 8:30 p.m.)
Cllr Mrs. C. Price
Cllr The Revd S. Sokolowski (Chairman) arrived at 8:25 p.m.

Also present:

Cllr Adrian Cansell – Shalford Parish Council
One member of the public

In attendance: Parish Clerk - Anne Tait

Public Session:

It was reported that the water levels in the stream behind 79 Dorking Road are very low. However, water can be heard running/gushing from behind the garage of number 79. The Clerk was asked to write to the Manager at the Percy Arms advising that the flow of water through the Percy Arms land is a very complex situation and the Parish Council will attempt to investigate. It was agreed to gather as much intelligence as possible to ascertain the source of the stream from the residents of Postford House, 100 Dorking Road and Lockner Farm. Cllr Peake agreed to speak to Hilary Parker, the Clerk agreed to find the contact details of the residents of Postford House.

19/95 APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE

None - all Councillors present.

19/96 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

All Councillors (except G. Brown) declared that they knew the applicant of planning application 19/T/00280.

19/97 PLANNING

19/P/01757 – Heathfield House, Lockner Holt, Chilworth, GU4 8RG – Replacement dwelling as an alternative to the previous permission **19/P/01008**. **Cllr Mrs Allen** reported on her conversation with Tim Holman regarding our request for a TPO. Mr Holman considered that the owners will look after the tree and value its existence. He will file our concerns and monitor the site.

- **Recommend APPROVE:** Additional comments: However, on this property there is concern regarding a single giant sequoia (redwood) which is 35 metres high. This tree is significant, visually important for the surrounding area and can be seen for miles around. Cllrs have asked that a TPO is applied to this tree which is not forthcoming. We feel strongly that this tree warrants a TPO.
- **19/P/01786** – 33 Roseacre Gardens, Chilworth, GU4 8RQ – Erection of single storey rear extension with roof lantern and alterations to decking including installation of new steps and safety railings following demolition of existing conservatory.
Recommend APPROVE
- **19/P/01773** – Middle House Lockner Holt, Chilworth, GU4 8RG – Replace existing entrance gate with new automated hardwood gate with stone pillars and adjoining fence.
Recommend APPROVE

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- **19/P/01774 – Listed Building Consent** - Middle House Lockner Holt, Chilworth, GU4 8RG – Replace existing entrance gate with new automated hardwood gate with stone pillars and adjoining fence. As above - **Recommend APPROVE**
- **19/T/00280** - Little Brook, Old Manor Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8NE. Fell sycamore in the Gunpowder Mills Estate. **Recommend APPROVE**
- **19/T/00286** - Juniper Cottage, Blacksmith Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8NQ - Lawson Cypress (T1) Fell due to close proximity to garage and bungalow. Chilworth Gunpowder Mills Conservation. **Recommend APPROVE**

(b) Clerk to report on the decision from GBC of those previously received:

- **19/T/00231: Land west of Mill Lane & opposite 1 & 2 Mill Lane Cottages, Mill Lane, Chilworth, GU4** – Fell two oaks subject to a TPO. The Management Company wish to remove both trees, due to safety concerns over the volume of passing traffic if trees fail. **GBC APPROVED 08/10/19.**

19/98 REPORTS

a) The Parish Clerk reported:

- **Percy Arms Car Park** – the wood pile stacked up against the UK Power Networks Sub-Station has been removed. (2) Enquiry from the Landlord re the flow of water in the stream. – see note in Public session.
- **Halfpenny Close** – Surrey County Council has agreed to remove the large piece of trunk from the fallen tree that is currently on the grassed area. Reference: 1377411.

b) Parish Councillors

- **Network Rail** - Cllr Mrs Allen reported that over-night work will be starting w/c 19/11/19 to demolish part of the existing platform and extend it to accommodate Great Western Railways new four car trains. The work is expected to last until February 2020.
- **Surrey Wildlife Trust** – Cllrs discussed the proposal to adopt new Articles of Association **RESOLUTION:** Agreed to adopt
- **Surrey County Council Highway Service Survey** – it was AGREED that Cllrs will complete the survey individually.
- **War Memorial** – Cllr Mrs Allen reported that on one of the lower 'steps' the stone has broken away. **RESOLUTION:** The Clerk to send a photo to John Bailey (Thomas Ford & Partners) for his advice.

19/99 GUNPOWDER MILLS

- Councillors agreed that a date around the middle of January 2020 would be timely for a meeting to discuss the Gunpowder Mills Celebrations 2020.
- It was noted that Maggie Scott is planning to canvass ideas for celebrations at the meeting on 14/11/19.
RESOLUTION: Cllrs agreed to spend up to £50.00 to update the Gunpowder Mills site on the Parish Council website.
- The Clerk reminded Cllrs that information from Zurich Insurance regarding firework displays had been forwarded to Cllrs on 25/10/19.

19/100 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cllrs approved and signed the schedule of cheques presented for payment by the Clerk.

19/101 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

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The following were requests for items for discussion at the next meeting:

- Cllr Mrs Allen Steering Group – North Down Line
- SSALC – update from the Annual mtg - communications

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday 21st November 2019