

## **BULCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 7.00 pm in Bulcote Farm Committee Room**

**Present:** - Councillors K. Simpson, P. Mountain, Mrs. K. Jackson, N. Leaves and A. Washbrooke.

**Clerk:** - Mr. R. J. Aston

**In attendance:** - District Councillor T. Wendels, County Councillor R. Jackson and Mrs. Annette Knowles.

#### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies, all members being present.

#### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### **3. Public session**

Members of the public did not attend.

#### **4. Report of the County Councillor and District Councillors**

##### **a. Bulcote Farm**

The County Councillor reported that the Highways Department are still objecting because of the poor access.

The District Councillor reported that the Planning Authority was moving towards a recommendation for refusal. He advised that a representative of the Parish Council should attend and speak at the meeting on behalf of the Parish. Agreed that the Chairman would do so.

#### **5. Highways and Footpaths**

##### **a. Damaged litter bin**

Noted that the new bin has been delivered and has been installed. Cllr. Washbrooke was thanked for attending to this. An old bin has been repaired and, when installed, Cllr. Washbrooke will notify Newark & Sherwood District Council so that it can be emptied.

##### **b. Speeding on the A612**

A speed indicator, installed on the A612 opposite the church, has been removed. A speed count has found that the average speed of the traffic is around 42 mph. However, members pointed out that, if the average is 42 mph, there must be a number of vehicles travelling considerably faster. The Parish Council has queried with the Highways Department if, when the speeds were monitored, the speed indicator was in place.

##### **c. Village Sign**

The sign at the eastern end of Old Main Road, located on the A612, has been found by some drivers to be obstructing vision along the A612 when leaving the junction. The Chairman has taken measurements, which indicate that there is a problem, and these measurements have been submitted to the Highways Department.

## **6. Planning Matters**

### **Planning applications**

#### a.11, Corporation Cottages, Old Main Road

Rear ground floor extension – there was no objection.

#### b. Bulcote Mount, Old Main Road

Installation of ground mounted solar PV array – there was no objection.

#### c. Bulcote Garage

The application to build apartments on the site has been approved by Newark & Sherwood District Council. The Council expressed its disappointment that there would be no Community Infrastructure Levy but this would not be payable because there is to be a community room within the complex.

The property can only be occupied by people over the age of 55. The County Council wanted the age raised to 60 or additional parking to be provided but neither recommendation was implemented.

## **7. Community Matters**

### a. Neighbourhood Plan

Noted that work is progressing and that the Steering Group has met the Urban Designer who is to produce a character assessment of the village.

The village has been split into 6 areas in order to retain the character of each area. It is hoped to complete the work in the summer when a presentation will be made to the village.

### c. Village Hall

AWith the potential loss of the Farm Rooms through redevelopment, a resident of the village has indicated that it may be possible to erect a building on the Tall Trees site. Services are already in place on the site. It was agreed to explore the offer.

## **8. Finance**

### a. Bills for payment

HMRC – PAYE - £45.40

K. Simpson – Website subscription – 115.20

N. Leaves – Neighbourhood Plan meeting refreshments – 23.61

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the past and current month was approved. Bank statements up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 were produced for inspection.

## **9. Correspondence**

### a. HSBC enquiry

An enquiry has been received concerning the Council's investments in the USA. Seeing that the Council does not have any such investments, the Clerk advised HSBC accordingly and returned the requisite documents

## **10. Any other business/AOB for which written notice has been given**

There was none.

## **11. Reports from delegates**

There were none.

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**12. Date of next meeting – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2019**