

# **SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in Swainswick School Upper Swainswick on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Mr J Miles (Chairman): Mr G Davies: Mrs E Charrington: Mrs P Shutter: Mr R Foster: Mr R Shackell & Mr R Clist (Clerk)  
Apologies: G Batts (BANES - Ward Councillor)

**1. Minutes of previous meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013**

The meeting approved the minutes and they were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**2. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Planning**

**(a) GVP – Woolley Valley Developments**

**Applications Ref: 12/05660/FUL; 12/05661/FUL; 12/05662/FUL;  
12/05663/FUL; 12/05664/FUL:**

Following the refusal of the above applications ( 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013) enforcement proceedings have been initiated on some of the major elements of these already completed developments. E Charrington reported that the large ‘chicken units’ and associated bases had been removed. The mobile home was gone as were the feed hoppers. The BANES Development Control Committee report (5<sup>th</sup> June 2013) did not recommend enforcement action against the agricultural building development, the farm track and hard-standing or the stock pond, indeed it suggested that a resubmission for planning permission for these should be considered. Applications have indeed been submitted to BANES.

**New Applications:**

**Application Ref: 13/03374/CLEU** Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing alterations to access and formation of hard-standing and track around existing building.

Charlcombe Parish Council is investigating the possibility that there may be conditions to challenge this under certain clauses within the 1990 Planning Act. Legal expertise would be needed to evaluate this and if so a contribution to costs may be needed from Swainswick PC.

**Application Ref: 13/03358/FUL** Alterations and extension to existing agricultural building, formation of farm track, construction of stock pond and ancillary works (Retrospective) (Resubmission of 12/05660/FUL)

J Miles stated that BANES seemed to be treating this as permitted development but there were many issues, such as change of use, that had not been reacted to.

P Shutter pointed out that M Willis (GVP agent) had notified BANES that goats were being considered as livestock although there is no mention of this in the application.

E Charrington said that Charlcombe Parish Council is submitting objections. J Miles stated that Swainswick PC should do the same but include other concerns such as light pollution. GVP have installed PIR lighting systems as a replacement to the offending floodlights. The floodlights however remain.

E Charrington proposed a meeting with P Shutter and R Clist to compose a suitable objection to this application. Date to be determined.

R Foster reported that Viewpoint Farm is being sold. This is adjacent to GVP land. It would be interesting to see if GVP showed interest! It was also noted that the stock pond has three land slip areas in close proximity.

- (b) **Application Ref: 13/00596/FUL** Hillside Gardens, Tadwick Lane. Erection of extension and demolition of multiple out buildings and internal modifications. BANES Decision – Approved (June DCC), subject to certain conditions. There is no decision noted on the application documentation.
- (c) **Application Ref: 13/01476/FUL** Rosebank Gloucester Road Conversion of outbuilding to artist studio.  
BANES Decision – Pending  
The delay on this was not understood. J Miles said that there were problems with planning throughput because of the increased volume of applications probably due to builders and businesses reacting to relaxed planning regulations. There even appeared to be a shortage of building materials as reduced stocks were held during the downturn.
- (d) **Application Ref: 13/01232/REG04** Swainswick School Installation of new door and window in existing building.  
BANES Decision – Permitted
- (e) **Application Ref: 13/03198/FUL** Red Thorn Blacksmith Lane Swainswick, Erection of single storey extension to north elevation with accommodation in additional roof space.  
BANES Decision – Pending

#### **Other Planning Matters:**

- (a) **Enforcement Ref: 13/00320/UNDEV** Tree Tops land usage.  
Land being used as car sales area and car wash. BANES investigating.
- (b) Little Cottage Tadwick – Bank replacement  
It was reported that the bank removed for access to this development work would be replaced. As this did not occur BANES were requested to assess. It appears that as Tadwick Lane is not a ‘classified road’ any access created does not require planning permission (Part 3, Class B of the Permitted Development Order 2008). As such no action can be taken by the Council.

#### **4. Core Strategy Review/Neighbourhood Planning**

A BANES presentation/meeting is scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> September. The clerk is to identify the relevance to Swainswick PC. Julie O’Rourke (BANES) is sending relevant information to the clerk.

#### **5. Highways.**

##### **(a) Solar Sign on the Gloucester Road**

The speed sign is still monitoring southbound traffic and traffic volumes and speeds are consistent with previous reports. Only 25% of vehicles were identified as exceeding the speed limit. The idea of turning off the display has been abandoned as it appears that this particular display does not have the facility to do this!

J Miles suggested that an alternative post could be considered positioned near Monks Cottage. This would give more flexibility but this would involve transferring the solar panel as well. Maybe not the simplest of tasks! Further discussion would be needed.

(b) **Deadmill Lane/Ferndale Lane Traffic Study**

After many attempts to get an update on this project BANES had failed to give any definitive information or indeed any acknowledgement of our enquiries. It would appear, from an update given to M Veale, that resources had been lost or redeployed. The quest for a response would continue but the clerk believes a more formal letter is required.

**6. Finance**

The clerk reported that the Audit had been completed and was approved. The required notices had been posted on the notice board. A report detailing the status of the Council finances was circulated.

Discussion over constructive the use of some of the reserves took place. One suggestion was the creation of a web site for the Parish. The clerk was asked to investigate this and identify initial and running costs.

**7. School Governors**

Nothing to report.

**8. Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

**9. Any Other Business**

(a) E Charrington informed the meeting that a £20 contribution towards the village fete had been made by the owners of Tredegar, Blacksmith Lane

(b) J Miles reported that the traffic lights on the roundabout failed mid August due to a cable failure. It was noted that traffic flow was much improved. It was suggested that the Highways Agency be contacted regarding this observation.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm in Swainswick School  
Meeting Closed at 9.25pm**