

Minutes Berrick Salome Parish Council

The Meeting of the Berrick Salome Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Berrick Salome, on Thursday 10th May 2018. Present:

Ian Glyn [IG] (Chair)
Steve Rhodes [SR] (Vice Chair)
Craig Tribe [CT] (Treasurer)
David Bridgland [DB] (Councillor),
Ellie Cross [EC] (Councillor)
David Turner [DT] (District Councillor)
Chris Cussens [CC] (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Steve Harrod [SH] (County Councillor), David and Katie Higgs

2. Re-election of officers
All agreed to carry on and were re-elected.

3. Declarations of interest regarding items on the Agenda
None

4. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of 8th Mar 2018
Approved

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

From meeting of Mar 8th: The action on CC relating to the weight limit did not go ahead, as further clarification was first required on the scope of this limit. CC was actioned to seek this clarification from OCC.

OCC response: *We wouldn't change the signing without changing the Traffic Regulation Order that covers the restriction, if we tried to remove the vehicle weight restriction from the surrounding area so that Berrick Salome had a 'stand-alone' order I would expect to get multiple objections from the surrounding Parishes that would be affected; as it is Berrick Salome forms part of a large area that is covered by the restriction and which is correctly signed.*

It was agreed that this topic should go on the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime councillors should give it some thought. The view was that some form of vehicle monitoring would be required to ascertain the impact of heavy traffic on the villages.

ACTION
CC

6. Treasurer's Report (See Appendix 1 for report)

The council approved Sections 1 and 2 of the annual return and the schedule of payments and transfer.
CT's recommendation to renew our insurance with Inspire was approved by the PC.

7. Planning

- 7.1. Parish Decisions and Applications

7.1.1. Decisions

[P18/S0064/FUL](#) This is for clarification only, being not significantly different from what we previously agreed, so no further response is required to SODC.

7.1.2. Applications

[P18/S0353/FUL](#) – Stonehaven – This application for 3 houses has been withdrawn by the applicant, so our previous support for one house stands and no further response is required by the PC.

- 7.2. Applications External to Parish

7.2.1. [APP/Q3115/W/17/3180400](#) - South of Watlington Rd (Ben05) – Appeal against refusal of planning permission.

7.2.2. [P17/S1964/O](#) - 240 dwellings north of B4009 (Ben 03/04) – Target decision date was Mar 7th

The Ben05 appeal has been recovered to the government minister, resulting in the Examiner not being able to adjudicate. We therefore await the minister's response. This is relevant in the context of Ben3/4

because Ben5 is not 'allocated' in the BNP - one of the reasons for which is that it does not assist Benson to deliver the relief road that they crave.

IG referred to his comments earlier in the evening at the Parish Meeting ([full report on website](#)) covering Advice received from Counsel (briefed by PC) generally re the BNP& Ben3/4 and noted that Counsel has told us that Ben5 could well contribute to the relief road through the Community Infrastructure levy (CIL) contribution.

The key question for us now is – Should we consider a judicial review of the BNP on the basis of the advice we received from Counsel that there are good grounds that we may succeed? SR questioned what our objective would be in challenging the BNP; modification of the plan could be of help to our parish, but he would be nervous if our action were to jeopardise the whole BNP process, which otherwise had been exemplary. CT objected to taking legal action.

Colin Hoad made two points:-

1. If the case is taken to the High Court, the costs would be considerable
2. Members of the bar have a tendency of promoting options which favour taking a course of action which those instructing them wish to pursue, so we would have to be very satisfied that the reasons why we think the action would succeed would be very cogent.

IG responded that our financial exposure could be manageable, as a cap on expenditure should be available to us. He agreed with the second point.

Currently we have leverage, as we have a strongly worded Counsel's opinion to say that the BNP is legally unsound and open to challenge because it seeks to justify the housing allocation in order to provide infrastructure that is considered to be advantageous to Benson. Such a premise is not contemplated in the NP regulations and nor is the need for the relief road proven by verifiable studies. This is the basis on which we could invoke a Judicial Review. So - how should we use that leverage to protect the interests of our Parishioners from the clear and significant damage of Ben3/4 without unduly interfering with the apparent will of the people of Benson?

IG proposed that we promote an informal discussion with the Benson NP team at the earliest possible opportunity. SR questioned what we would be aiming to achieve with such a discussion. IG replied that it might be as simple as trying to persuade them to minimise the effect of Ben3/4 on Rokemarsh by 'allocating' Ben 3 but not Ben 4.

All councillors agreed to IG's proposed course of action.

EC and Ray Perfect agreed to attend the meeting on May 16th in Benson to discuss the next stage for the BNP, i.e. the referendum.

7.2.3. [P18/S0181/O](#) – 19 dwellings adjacent to The Orchard, Rokemarsh

The PC have objected to this application and the response can be viewed on the SODC website.

8. General Data Protection Regulation

This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

9. Village Hall

9.1. Governance

This concerns the financial implications of managing the Village Hall within the Parish Council. CT agreed to investigate in time for the next meeting.

ACTION
CT

9.2. Car Park and other developments

John Bird from the V Hall Committee has had informal discussions with the planning authorities about improving the surface of the overflow car park without the need for a Planning Application. The work will need to be done in the summer. If a full planning Application is needed, then it will include consent for the newly aligned entrance to the car park and, potentially some additional storage facilities for the Hall itself. Informal discussions with OCC about this from a Highways perspective had been positive.

CT suggested it would be better to include the new entrance at the same time as the car park surface. Also, he stated that once the VHMC has decided how they want to proceed the PC will need to confirm the decision.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

IG reported that the work is ongoing and that we have recently received the £9k Locality Grant, which enables us to employ our external consultant.

11. Friends of Benson Library

The PC agreed to make a donation of £200 pa for 3 years towards their annual funding for the forthcoming 3 years.

12. Litter

The PC offered a vote of thanks to Ian Kirkwood for the collection weekend he organised in March. It was also noted that a “deep clean” organised by SODC would take place over the weekend of June 21 to 25th. If parishioners can recommend areas requiring a clean, please advise the clerk.

13. Next Meeting

Although scheduled for July 12th, the Chairman and at least one other Councillor are unable to make this. CC was asked to seek an alternative date.

ACTION
CC

Signed Chairman Date.....

Appendix 1: Responsible Financial Officer's Report

To Parish Council meeting Thursday 10 May 2018

1. The council is requested to approve Section 1 of the annual return – annual governance statement 2017-18. Copies of the draft statement have been previously distributed to members. Approval is subject to external audit.
2. The council is requested to approve Section 2 of the annual return – accounting statements 2017-18. Copies of the draft statements have been previously distributed to members. Approval is subject to external audit.
3. Bank balances as at 30 April 2018 totalled £19,211. There were no unpresented cheques. The total reserves of the Parish were therefore £19,211.
4. At 30 April 2018 the accounts show a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,183. Half of the annual precept has been received. The only expenditure was for £2,000 legal fees.

5. Schedule of payments

Confirmation of the Council requested for the following cheque payments:

Date	Chq. no.	Payee	Amount (£)	Purpose
09/03/2018	100719	OALC	135.06	Annual OALC subscription
28/03/2018	100720	SODC	62.80	Dog bin emptying
28/03/2018	100721	Bateman Painting & Decorating Ltd	516.00	Recreation ground maintenance
02/04/2018	100722	Richard Max & Co clients account	2,400.00	Legal fees
10/05/2018	100723	Came & Company	584.96	Parish council insurance 01/06/2018 – 31/05/2019
10/05/2018	100724	Centrewire Ltd	1,469.76	Kissing gates re The Chiltern Society

There has been one bank transfer since the last meeting.

Date	Transfer from	Transfer to	Amount £
09/05/2018	Community account	Business Premium account	1,528.28

6. Insurance renewal

Details of the renewal insurance premium and cover have previously been provided to councillors. This is the second year of a three-year agreement with the insurers to enable us to get a premium reduction.

Appendix 2: Planning Application Summary as at 10.05.08

Click on link in Planning ID Column for SODC document

Cllr Abbreviations: CT – Craig Tribe; DB – David Bridgland; EC – Ellie Cross; IG – Ian Glyn; SR – Steve Rhodes

Date Abbreviations: PC – PC notification; EC – End of consultation; TCM – Target Committee Meeting;

TD – Target Decision

Planning ID	Cllr	Location	Description	Dates	Status
P16/S3441/O		Land South of Watlington Road (BEN 05)	Outline application for the erection of up to 120 dwellings. (Lead case)	TD (appeal): Not yet decided Enquiry evidence due 23 Jan	SODC refused (26 May 17) Application appealed
P17/S1964/O		240 dwellings north of B4009 (BEN 03/04)		PC: 25 May EC: 31 Jul TD: 07 Mar	PC does not support this; reasons are given on SODC website
P18/S0064/FUL	SR	Roke Farm, Roke	New Driveway/Access onto Highway	PC: 5 Jan EC: 31 Jan TD: 2 Mar Drawings amended: 19 Feb, 18 Apr	PC: no objections (Jan 30)
P18/S0353/FUL	DB	Stonehaven	Erection of three detached dwellings with access, parking and gardens	PC: 1 Feb EC: 12 Mar TCM: 2 May TD: 4 May	Application withdrawn (May 09)
P18/S0181/O	CT	Up to 19 dwellings adjacent to The Orchard, Rokemarsh	The site is in Benson parish, though immediately adjacent to Rokemarsh	PC: 16 Jan EC: 12 Mar TD: 20 Apr	PC objected Mar 9th