ZEAL MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Zeal Monachorum Parish Council on Thursday 27th July2023

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Rob Peck (Chair) Ken Hogg (Vice Chair), Sally Rowden, Alison Birchwhite, Peter Heal, Mike Russell, Councillor Margaret Squires (County), + The Clerk
6 MOP
Apologies – Ken Down, Cllr Natalia Letch (District) & Cllr Stuart Penny.

Action

1.	**Declarations of Interest** No declarations of interest were provided by members.	
2.	**To approve and sign Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th May 2023** The minutes were agreed by all members and were signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** – Cllr Hogg **Seconded** – Cllr Heal **Matters Arising from the Minute** Matters relating to Western Way parking as per 5.d from the minutes of 18th May 2023 were not published into the magazine that has just been published. This would be rectified for the next issue.	
3.	**Open Forum** – an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open Forum. **Leslie Rogers** attended regarding British Sign language taster courses are being offered within Zeal Monachorum. There are deaf people in the village and the event would also provide more detail on Deaf History. Can the Council pay for the hire of the hall, 2 hr sessions per week for 6-8 weeks. This has also been advertised at the Monachoum Maters. Members of the council thought that this was a reasonable approach and asked to be kept informed of the potential dates for bookings etc. **MOP -** The planning application that was before the council was discussed. The application is on their neighbour's site and the development was to be as over-development. There is a significant effect on the drainage system being used and in the future. It was noted that all the redundant agricultural buildings were not removed as per the original application. Concerns were also raised on the height of the proposed development and hedgerows having been already removed and access arrangements to the site being difficult. It was asked that the Parish Council object to the application. There was no other comment from members of the public. It was noted that planning application ref 23/00964/FULL was to be considered on the agenda and it was agreed by all member of the council to move agenda item 8 forward to discuss now.	
4.	**Planning** **Ref:** 23/00964/FULL **Proposal:** Conversion of outbuildings to garage and ancillary accommodation Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 272591 104621 (South Park Barn) Zeal Monachorum **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 272589 / 104641 **Parish:** Zeal Monachorum 61 **Link:** https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RWK0E8KS0I100 **Note** – Parish Council undertook a site visit on the 11th July 2023.	

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	Cllr Heal provides information on the planning application and considers that there are National planning policies in place to show that the application should be rejected. Policy DM 9, 'Conversion of rural buildings and Policy Dm 11 – 'residential extensions' need to be considered. Members present felt that the application was too much and considering the lack of adherence to the previous planning permissions, objecting to the application was sought. It was also thought that conditions would be appropriate to the roofing and drainage work required. **Zeal Monachorum Parish Council would object to the application.** Proposed – Cllr Heal Seconded – Cllr Rowden	
5.	**County Council report.** **Cllr Margaret Squires** A debrief after the highway meeting appeared to show that there were roads within the network that required attention. Cllr Peck, Hogg and Rowden attended and thought it was a useful meeting. Cllr Squires would report back when Highways have updated their schedules for work in Zeal. **Mobile Library's** – This has been called into scrutiny committee at DCC It was thought that the removal of the service was unacceptable, and alternatives are being sought. DCC are seeking views from the public on what the library service would offer in Devon. DCC have also received Green Flag Awards for Stover Park and the Grand Western Canal.	
6. **a.**	**Property / Environment** **Jubilee Shelter replacement / Conservation Area Application** – Report on s.106 funding and payment for project. It was thought that the work should continue and await MDDC input for the application. It appears that MDDC require further quotes for the work. Cllr Heal considered this and would report back. The Clerk is still asked to liaise with MDDC on the matter.	
b.	**Allotments within Zeal Monachorum** – Report on developments since last meeting. There are still some issues regarding the legal use of the land. It has since turned out that there are ownership issues after the FA considered a funding application. The allotments are on hold until this is rectified. The Parish Council still intend to progress this matter as land has been provided but as this is being dealt with by the current owner / occupiers, it must be put on hold until contact is made from Bow Recreation Association.	
c.	**Village Hall –** Report. **Cllr Rowden reports.** A New electricity provider has been found which would save money in the long run. Fundraising initiatives continue and the Autumn Show is in September. It has also been agreed that the boules court and playground can be used by resident during the Sumer Holiday. It was also noted that a grant of £10k from The National Lottery has been turned down. Reserves may now be used for improvements.	
d.	**Monachorum Matters –** Report following further information. No meeting has been arranged yet, but the editor of the magazine has calculated that finances are ok to continue. Further discussion can take place at the September meeting on the matter.	
e.	**Highways Meeting 25th July 2023 –** Report It was noted that the 20-mph speed limit for the village would not be made available. Moving the 30mph sign at the top of the village cannot be moved due to technical requirements over number of access points onto the road.	
7.	**Denbrook Windfarm Fund –** Report Recent meeting to deal with funding issues. £6537 exists and needs spending. Very few requests for funding have been made and further publicity is required. If we do not spend money, money will be shared with another village. Cllr Peck or Rowden can be contacted for application details.	

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8,	**Finance** **Balance Instant Access** - £13,014.03 **Savings** - £2,053.29 **Payments to be made.** **Clerks Quarterly Salary –** £905.23 **Village Hall Defibrillator Battery Replacement -** £204.00 (Paid by Clerk) The above payments were agreed by all members. **Proposed** – Cllr Birchwhite **Seconded** – Cllr Heal – PH All in favour.	
9.	**Correspondence via the Clerk / Chairman** The Chairman had received correspondence from a resident offering the Village Hall Land to build a new hall on. There is no information on the cost of the land and how this is to progress. Discussion was undertaken on funding sources. Cllr Peck would seek further information from the current owner on costs before discussing further. This would be added to the September agenda.	
10.	**Member Statements** Cllr Peck wished Ken down all the best as he was absent and in Hospital. All members wished him a speedy recovery. **Cllr Heal / Cllr Hogg -** Damage to the Fishing Club hut. Damage has occurred, money was taken, and equipment was stolen. Approximately £600 worth of equipment. Toilets damaged. £200 to repair it all. An offer of CCTV cameras has been provided. All costs and repairs would cost about £1000. The Police were impossible to contact, and the matter had to be reported online to generate a crime reference number.	
11.	**There were no further topics for discussion and the meeting concluded at 19.55pm** By resolution a Part 2 meeting was held. The meeting discussed general matters relating to Council arrangements with third parties. **This meeting concluded at 20.10pm**	

Date of next meeting – 28th September 2023 at 7pm

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