

SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Soberton Parish Council
held on 19th May 2020

PRESENT: Mr J Hyland (Chairman) Mrs V Weston (Vice-Chairman),
Mrs R Hicks, Mr R Stranks, Mrs J Masterman, Mrs W. Prangnell,
Mr N Findlay, Mrs A Turner, Mr D Salmon, Mr T Collins

In attendance: Jenny Clarke – Clerk

64/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

65/20 PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

A copy of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct was previously circulated.
There were no disclosures made by members of the Council.

66/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 21ST APRIL 2020

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated were
taken as read and will be retrospectively signed by the Chairman.

67/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

68/20 CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS AND OPERATION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr J Hyland presented a draft new structure for the Parish Council. Members
were asked to let the Clerk have any comments before the next full Council
meeting on 16th June 2020.

ALL

69/20 COUNCILLOR TRAINING

All Councillors to attend a 'Councillor Core Training' course every four years.
The Clerk to organise once lock down has been lifted.

JC

70/20 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

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| Defibrillator Boxes | - | It was agreed that the defibrillator boxes
would be changed for more sturdy metal
boxes. | JC |
| Tree Plaques | - | Once lockdown is lifted the Clerk arrange a date
for the plaques to be placed by the newly
planted trees. | JC |

71/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

See attached.

72/20 OPEN SPACES

CPA The Children's Play Area is still closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

REC Pavilion Water leak to be investigated

Football Pitch Mr J Hyland and the Clerk to meet with the manager of the football club to inspect the pitch.

JC

73/20 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND FOOTPATHS

Roads Church Road, Newtown Flashing Signs
Grant applied for from County Councillors Grant Scheme.
Clerk to look at other ways of raising money to pay for the signs.

JC

Footpaths Access Team Priority Cutting List is likely to be delayed.
HCC are going to source the cutting themselves rather than use contractors.
The Council has had reports of landowners putting up signs indicating that footpaths are closed. Mr T Collins has received confirmation that footpaths should remain open and to close them is illegal. Any closure signs should be reported to HCC.

Transport The Community Bus is still not running due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

74/20 FINANCE

Proposed by Mrs J Masterman and seconded by Mr R Stranks
Clerk's salary, Clerk's expenses £70.14, Taylor's Tree Services £200,
Brunel Engraving £538.32, Halc £482.81, Lightatouch £500
Receipts: HCC £8,800

Finance Update	C/A	£57,710.41
	Less	£8,032.00 Lengthsmens Grant remaining
	Actual	£49,678.41

75/20 FLOOD ACTION REPORT

Mrs R Hick's FLAG report was received by the Council.

Foul smelling discharge through the ditches has been reported at Forester Row. Mrs R Hicks to contact Hyde Housing.

RH

The dye testing through the ditches and culverts has been authorised and given the go ahead by the Flood and Water Management Group and the Environment Agency who should now liaise with the Parish Council.

RH

76/20 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr V Weston's report was received.

Cllr Weston specifically referred to Long Road, Soberton. Due to Covid-19 progress has been delayed.

A written report was received from Cllr P Stallard in her absence.

77/20 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence for consideration.

78/20 ACTION LIST AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Usual Items

79/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.59pm

20/00758/FUL

Land Adjacent to The Maples Church Road Newtown Hampshire

To build a new detached two-bedroom chalet style bungalow plus a detached double garage with workshop, on a vacant paddock, including a new vehicular access on to Lodge Hill/Hundred Acres Road and a new pedestrian gate on to Church Road.

Closing Date 28 May 2020

This application covers the building of a small, modest chalet bungalow on a plot on the corner of Church Road and Hundred Acres Road Newtown. The land is currently an unused paddock.

The application is submitted by the owners of the land who currently live on Church Road and were the previous owners of the old garage which was previously developed into housing. This is the last piece of the plot and is being built for the current owners to downsize to.

It appears to be a sensible infill with a modest bungalow on a sizeable plot. Downside might be the removal of small lengths of established hedging on Hundred Acres road to provide vehicular access to the garage, and a new gated pedestrian access off Church Road. New hedging will be planted on the western boundary.

No reason for the Parish Council to object.

20/00600/FUL

Ingoldfield Farm, Flintwall Cottage Ingoldfield Lane Soberton SO32 3QA

Proposed erection of a replacement three-bedroomed bungalow, car-barn and use of land as residential garden.

Closing Date 14 May 2020

This application covers the erection of a replacement dwelling on a plot which sits to the east of Inglefield Lane. The existing property is derelict, and the replacement property is modest and befitting of the area. Access to the site is via a shared driveway which provides vehicular access to the other 5 properties at this location.

Two of the direct neighbours have been consulted and their views and concerns addressed in this proposal. A preapplication submission 17/00182/PRE was submitted and the officer reported that the proposed dwelling was acceptable.

No reason for the Parish Council to object.

SDNP/20/01710/FUL

South Downs Trekking Station Road Soberton SO32 3QU

Extension to and conversion of barn to form holiday cottage

Closing Date 03 Jun 2020

This application covers the conversion of an existing barn into a modest one-bedroom holiday let. Vehicular and pedestrian access is via a public right of way (ROW), Bridleway 214/1b/2.

The plot is currently used as a base for South Downs Trekking, an established small business providing pony trekking to local residents and visitors to the area. It is not clear from the application whether the proposed holiday let will replace or complement the existing business.

The Parish Council objects to this application; further clarification of the intended use of the plot should be sought. And the vehicular access via the ROW Bridleway needs to be checked and approved by the Hampshire Access Team, in conjunction with the landowner. Further clarification of the application should be sought to support a decision.

It is understood that the current owners applied for pre planning permission advice (SDNP/18/03395/PRE) to convert this barn in June 2018, and the report from the planners clearly identifies many reasons why this conversion should not be permitted; specifically regarding the access via a Bridleway and the increased volume of noise and traffic resulting from the change of use. The report also highlighted the fact that there was no planning consent in place for the use of the land as a business. The Highways Agency report also highlighted the fact that the Bridleway junction with Station Road is not suitable for Vehicular access and presents a hazard and danger to users of both the Bridleway and Station Road. They also highlighted that the applicants do not own the Bridleway, thus they have no authority or position to amend the junction.