

Redmarley Parish Council

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

which took place on 15TH April 2021 at 7.00 pm zoom.

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1.	Welcome from Chair of Council
2.	Public participation at the discretion of the Chair of Council-2 members of the public were invited to speak-Residents (also speaking on behalf of other residents) spoke about the MUGA, concerns over the age range using the facility, the noise is causing nuisance to residents, the language being used and confrontations taking place. The disturbance is happening during the day and night time. There is a great deal of stress being caused by the level of noise and behaviour, with the majority of residents expressing concern.
3.	Council recorded the attendance of those present: Councillors' Nigel Rowberry, Theresa Basher, Michael Warner, Mike Holtom and Josh Wheeler: 2 members of the public attended County Councillor Will Windsor- Clive District Councillors Brian Lewis and Philip Burford were invited but did not attend Apologies for absence received from Cllr Jeff Wheeler
4.	Council received no Declarations of Interest related to items in the agenda
5.	Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1ST April 2021
6.	1. Council discussed and agreed responses to planning applications as distributed P0373/21/FUL and P0374/21/LBC The Old Mill, Farm Mill, Mill Lane, Lowbands. Concerns were expressed regarding potential. The decision of the council was no objection- clerk was instructed to make no comment
7.	Council noted correspondence from residents distributed to Councillors via email with regard to the Multi use games area and shelter Following its decision at the previous meeting for Councillor Jeff Wheeler to arrange the removal and storage of the side panels of the youth shelter and to remove the back panels of the basketball hoops and the hoops themselves and that a notice should be posted to show the reason why and who to contact, the Council considered the matter further. See above public participation. Clerk advised on legal position on revisiting decisions taken by the Council Further discussions took place on the MUGA – Councillors considered the original reasons for installation and the fact that it there for over 10 years. It was also noted that the project was funded by grant funding from several organisations. A proposal of acoustic sound proofing 20m ² - at a potential cost of £1500 and that part funding could be sought from developers. It was considered if an audio assessment would be useful. It was also felt that lockdown has increased use and in normal circumstances it was not used very much. It was also felt that the shelter is offering some visual obscurity. It was considered if moving the MUGA or removal of the MUGA would solve the situation and also concern if removal would solve the language/behaviour. There was discussion if a report to the police would help the situation with Anti-Social Behaviour. Budget implication was noted. Council agreed to suspend standing orders to revisit the decision made at the previous meeting. Councillor Warner proposed that the youth shelter panels are not removed. The proposal was seconded. This was agreed by a majority. Standing orders were reinstated.

	<p>Proposal that Cllr Warner investigate and report back to Council on the possible acoustic soundproofing. This proposal was agreed by Council Councillor Basher will follow up with the PCSO. Carry forward to next agenda.</p>
8.	<p>Council noted the resignation of the Clerk/RFO with effect from 30th April 2021 The Council noted its thanks to the clerk. The Council has agreed its replacement strategy.</p>
9.	<p>Date of next meeting confirmed as 7pm on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7pm Parish Assembly on Wednesday 26th May 2021 to start at 8pm Noting however that the legal position is due to change on 7th May 2021 and thereafter meetings may be in the Village Hall “in person”. Meeting closed by Chairman at 20.04</p>

Signed Date

Redmarley Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Which took place on 1st April 2021 at 7.00 pm zoom.

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1.	Welcome from Chair of Council
2.	Public participation at the discretion of the Chair of Council- No members of the public attended.
3.	Attendance of those present recorded as: Parish Councillors' Nigel Rowberry, Theresa Basher, Jeff Wheeler and Josh Wheeler Parish Councillor Michael Warner did not attend Apologies for absence recorded from Parish Councillor Mike Holtom and District Councillor Brian Lewis County Councillor Will Windsor- Clive & District Councillor Philip Burford were invited
4.	Council invited Declarations of Interest related to items in the agenda
5.	Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th March 2021
6.	<p>Council discussed and agreed a response to planning applications as distributed Planning matters considered and agreed to object on the following basis P0541/21/AG – clerk to email planning officer and general planning office email address the following comments as response is too large for upload to planning portal Planning approval was previously sought for a reservoir on this site and refused under P0693/20/AG.</p> <p>Yet again we are deeply concerned that there is an apparent attempt to get this planning application rushed through and approved in two weeks underneath the terms of an Agricultural application and timed over the Easter break.</p> <p>The reservoir being requested is extremely large and there is no supporting information of any description of how the water will be managed, without flooding and eroding the land below its intended siting.</p> <p>This 'agricultural reservoir' and the adjacent pond creation are not straight forward developments and we believe this should be being assessed under a full planning application. This is now the fourth application for this site for a similar construction and the previous history can be found in full planning applications P1706/12/FUL which was firmly rejected and P0181/18/FUL which was withdrawn because the applicant failed to supply the necessary information and reassurances being requested by the various authorities including the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Of concern is that the maximum water level of the new reservoir is well above the heights of the nearby Public Footpath GRA31 and Public Bridleway GRA32 / GDY75 (Poets Path). We know from experience that GRA31 has been inaccessible for years due to being flooded from the run-off from the surrounding intensively farmed landscape.</p> <p>The provision of a pond on the other side of GRA31 away from the reservoir is a great idea but we believe this will only potentially lead to more widespread flooding in this basin area and yet again cover GRA31 and make it impassable.</p> <p>We find it unacceptable that planning permission may be given before these details are resolved with the Public Rights of Way team.</p> <p>It is also detailed in the landscape strategy of a fill channel and proposed route of drainage ditch to convey water from an existing pond to the new pond and reservoir next to the Poets Path GRA32.</p> <p>This existing 'pond' was once full of Great Crested Newts and other amphibians and is now nothing more than a muddy pool which is rapidly filling with sediment eroded from the surrounding landscape.</p> <p>In the last three months alone the landowner has had to undertake substantial groundworks on two occasions to cover over the erosion that has occurred between Redhill Farm and this</p>

	<p>existing pond. The sheer level of erosion can still be seen by this pond despite the constant attempts to cover it over and we have photographs which show this. There are no answers as to how this excess water that will run down to this bottom pond will be dealt with. We know from experience there will be many times when it will simply overflow as it there is not the capacity to deal with the run-off.</p> <p>Significant harm has already been caused to the landscape character here due to the intensive farming undertaken here and the placement of poly tunnels and cloches.</p> <p>The asparagus farmed in these fields has been grown for the last ten years or so, with it being harvested generally from April until the beginning of July.</p> <p>As it appears that there are no plans to change the crops being grown, one has to question why there is the need to site such a large reservoir here for irrigation purposes.</p> <p>It is also stated in the Forest of Dean Core Strategy Policy (CSP2) that 'Additional features provided should be consistent with the characteristics of the surrounding area', which this application simply doesn't.</p> <p>In summary, Redmarley Parish Council is not convinced that these works can be carried out without causing any more unacceptable adverse and irreplaceable harm to the natural environment, which will only be exacerbated by miles of irrigation piping if approved.</p>
7.	<p>Council noted correspondence from residents distributed to Councillors via email Multi use games area and shelter behind the Vines- Council discussed and agreed to remove the side panels of the youth shelter</p> <p>It was stated that noise is also coming from the back panels on the basketball section. It was also agreed to remove the back panels and basketball hoops. It was agreed that a notice should be posted to show the reason why and who to contact.</p> <p>Clerk to contact the members of the public who has raised the complaints.</p> <p>Cllr Wheeler will arrange the removal and storage (cost implications to be confirmed)</p>
8.	<p>Date of next meeting PO373/21/FUL & P0374/21/LBC- additional meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>Also previously confirmed AGM at 7pm on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7pm format to be confirmed (anticipated via zoom) Parish Assembly on Wednesday 26th May 2021 to start at 8pm</p> <p>Noting however that the legal position is due to change on 7th May 2021 and thereafter meetings may be in the Village Hall "in person".</p> <p>Meeting closed by Chairman at 19.25</p>

The legal process for responding to planning applications

- a. details are distributed to Councillors via email on receipt.
- b. 2 or more Councillors can request the Chair of Council to call an extra-ordinary meeting, who will contact the Clerk to prepare and distribute a single item agenda. Agenda's are subject to the legal "3 clear days" notice period. Decisions taken at the meeting are minuted and submitted via the Clerk on the authority of the Council. Decisions can be unanimous or by majority
- c. At bi-monthly Council meetings where planning items are listed as part of the agenda. Decisions taken at the meeting are minuted and submitted via the Clerk on the authority of the Council. Decisions can be unanimous or by majority
- d. Council can agree to make no comment – Clerk does not submit
Council can agree to make comments (sometimes referred to as "neutral") – Clerk submits the comments as agreed by majority of Councillors and minuted
Council can agree to object – Clerk submits the comments agreed by majority Councillors and minuted
- e. Responses can be made in 3 ways Via planning portal: email to planning@fdean.gov.uk
letter to planning officer
- f. Councillors may submit comments as individual members of the public