

**SILVERDALE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
**at Silverdale Library at 6.30pm**

**Present:**

Chair – Mr H Adamczuk (HA)

Parish Cllrs - Cllr C Jarratt (CJ), Cllr C Mrozicki (CM), Cllr A Sutcliffe (AS), Cllr M Melvin (MM)

Parish Clerk – Mrs. D Powell (DP)

In attendance – Mr Lee Leighton (LL)

The meeting was brought to order at 6.30 pm. There were no members of the public present.

<b>216/21</b>	<b>Public Participation:</b> - No members of the public were present.	
<b>217/21</b>	<b>To receive apologies (in writing to the Clerk)</b> – Apologies were received from Cllr A Rout (AR), Cllr T Spence (TS), Ms Becky Lewis – HS2. It was noted that Cllr Chris Spence had resigned. Chris Spence had been the previous chairman and was the current vice-chairman. His contribution over recent years was massive. He had been the backbone of the Silverdale Parish Council. He will be deeply missed but we thank him for all the work he has done, look forward to meeting him in future events and wish him well in the future.	
<b>218/21</b>	<b>Extraordinary business: Co-option of a new councillor.</b> The required public notices having been displayed for fourteen days (on Parish Council noticeboards and website and the Borough Council website), the following resolution is proposed: the co-option of a new councillor to fill one of the existing vacancies on Silverdale Parish Council. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to co-opt Mr Lee Leighton and for the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests forms to be signed. The Council welcomed Mr Leighton.	
<b>219/21</b>	<b>To resolve that the minutes of the SPC meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 are correct and for the Chair to sign</b> – An amendment was made to 220/21 to change the councillor details. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chairman.	
<b>220/21</b>	<b>Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda</b> <i>To note Dispensation granted to Chrissy Mrozicki to discuss (only) the Acres Allotments and not take part in decision making that affected her tenancy.</i> LL declared an interest in item 229/21.	<b>All</b>
<b>221/21</b>	<b>HS2 update – to be provided by Becky Lewis HS2 Community Engagement Manager, Phase 2a.</b> Becky Lewis sent apologies.	
<b>222/21</b>	<b>Summer Newsletter – to consider producing one, budget and responsibilities</b> – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to produce a virtual Winter newsletter to include a stance on the Local Plan in relation to the old Keele Golf course and an update on the tribute engagement.	<b>All</b>
<b>223/21</b>	<b>FYI only Silverdale Sidings - update regarding S106</b> – An update on S106 monies will be discussed at the November meeting.	<b>HA</b>
<b>224/21</b>	<b>Mining Monument progress (HLF bid) Project end November 2021 – Sarah Bonam</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To receive an update on the final community engagement activities – budget and programme (£19443.23 left to spend with £19,955.00 committed to be reviewed by SB)</li> <li>2. Update on engagement activities planned: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Website creation, poetry, and silk banner update. The website is going ahead. The poem has been finalized. The banner is finished and SB is arranging for a pole. The banner is showing on Facebook. The banner will be exhibited at St Luke’s Church. SB asked for suggested names of people to carry the banner.</li> <li>b. Revised costings for the website Memories of Mine to be sent to HA.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<b>SB</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Memories of Mine short film update</li> <li>d. Zoom film night 16<sup>th</sup> September feedback. The film night was well attended and a number of people have requested the link to watch the film.</li> <li>e. Heritage Open Day 23<sup>rd</sup> August feedback</li> <li>f. Jamland filmnight update</li> <li>g. Photography exhibition, canary tea lights holders, lantern bags, lantern parade and mining badges update. An additional lantern workshop is arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> November at Elim Church. The lantern parade is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021. A venue is required for the festival.</li> </ul> <p>3. To consider a quote for legal costs SCC to progress the Borough Council's agreement to the asset transfer of the monument.</p> <p>4. To note delegated authority used to pay any invoices received in between meetings in accordance with the approved amounts).</p>	
<b>225/21</b>	<p><b>Homeworks update and jobs –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To receive feedback from the meeting with Homeworks, HA, CS and AS.</li> <li>2. To finalize the list of jobs.</li> </ul> <p>A list of jobs had been circulated. There were queries over the big painting areas but it was agreed that the rest of the work could be done. The painting of Ilkley Place could wait until the Spring. AS was to meet with Homeworks to discuss the idea of involving young people in improving parts of the village and involvement of the Horizon programme at Keele to be reported in November.</p>	<b>AS</b>
<b>226/21</b>	<p><b>Walley's Quarry Ltd Landfill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Walley's Quarry Landfill updates on Parish Council website and social media.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Update from Walley's Quarry Liaison Committee.</b></li> </ul> <p>HA and CJ attend the liaison committee meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. This meeting was attended by a Council Officer Nester Barker, Chief Environmental Health Officer despite the recent ban on attendance by officers and members by the Borough Council's Leader, following disagreements over how to publicize the meetings. Reports were given by the Environmental Health Agency and the Planning Department of the County Council.</p> <p>Environmental Health stated that the level of odour complaints reported to NuLBC had declined from the high levels in Mar (4,799), Apr (3,316), and May (3,466) to 592 in Sept and the operator agrees there is such a trend. This is not the complete consensus and the Environment Agency has a separate recording system with higher numbers of complaints, including an increase in May.</p> <p>Considerable additional work is being carried out with over 20 pin wells sunk in a programme of extra new wells plus coverage of the area with Posi-shell (20km squared covering half the site) and gas infrastructure is being brought in to capture and treat emissions.</p> <p>Demonstrations are still taking place by Stop the Stink. One group is counting the numbers of lorries attending the site, checking numbers against the County Planning Agreement for vehicle movement around the quarry. The Environment Agency are appealing the High Court decision to the January 2022 deadline over hydrogen sulphide exceedances from Walley's Quarry relative to international standards.</p>	<b>HA</b>

	<p>The Borough Councils abatement notice under Environmental Health legislation is being appealed against by the operator. The council has earmarked over £1m war chest for legal costs.</p> <p>CJ commented that the smell appears to be worse at the weekend. This had improved over the last few weeks. It was accepted that the levels were higher at the weekend due to no management of gases. The smell was worse in wet and cold weather.</p> <p>Concerns has been raised about the use of drones over the landfill as this was on the air ambulance flight path. The air ambulance has now been re-routed to avoid flying over the Quarry where there is the use of drones.</p> <p><b>3. Letter from Aaron Bell (MP) regarding Environment Agency appeal.</b> The letter had confirmed that there is a difference between further measures as a result of the High Court action, such as suspending the permit and stopping new waste coming and what is happening at the landfill, continuity of the permit. Also after the government's reshuffle, a new minister had been appointed for waste, Jo Churchill MP.</p> <p><b>4. Silverdale PC Ombudsman enquiry against Environment Agency update.</b> The Parish Council had replied to two pre-investigation questions raised by the Ombudsman. We are awaiting to hear formally on whether they will investigate the way the increase in tonnage consultation was conducted.</p>	
<b>227/21</b>	<p><b>Update if available on Christmas Tree on the Borough Council car park at Parksite (approved budget is £500)</b> The upper parade Christmas tree would be fitted with lights for Friday 3 Dec 6pm. A meeting is to be arranged outside of this meeting to discuss the Christmas Tree at the Lower Parade and lights with Aspire Housing.</p>	
<b>228/21</b>	<p><b>To consider a fee quote for legal costs to extend the lease to include the additional site (plot numbers 45-80) at the Acres Allotments (note additional legal/site remediation/Knotweed costs)</b> This matter was deferred to the next meeting.</p>	<b>HA,CM, AR, CP</b>
<b>229/21</b>	<p><b>To consider any grant applications (SPC Grant Programme £1802.05) –</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consider an application from St Lukes School for books – to follow.</li> <li>2. To consider a grant application from Silverdale Methodist Church. – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to authorize a grant payment of £326 to Silverdale Methodist Church.</li> </ol>	<b>HA</b>
<b>230/21</b>	<p><b>GDPR (Standing Item) – INFORMATION ONLY</b> <b>Subject Access Requests/Information Security/Data Breaches</b> There have been no data breaches.</p>	
<b>231/21</b>	<p><b>To consider a quote to install a new noticeboard at the library (to be circulated) and to install (note you may need permission from SCC/Highways) - Item deferred to November meeting.</b></p>	
<b>232/21</b>	<p><b>To consider a request to install additional benches for the Mineral Line (Jake Wu) – Item deferred to the November meeting.</b></p>	<b>JW</b>
<b>233/21</b>	<p><b>To consider and bench and seating audit. To propose that SPC resolves to commission Steve Hough to audit the public seating in Silverdale parish. – a list of benches is to be provided to Mr Hough. Item deferred to the November meeting.</b> It was noted that the damaged bench outside Brighton house had been removed.</p>	<b>HA/DP</b>
<b>234/21</b>	<p><b>To discuss the road accident involving a schoolchild outside Silverdale Academy/Police response. – MM is to write to the Police to request more support between 8.30 and 9am</b></p>	<b>MM</b>

	and 3.30 and 4pm. CJ reported that the Police had not been informed of the accident by the driver. CJ had attended 20's Plenty and another meeting is to be arranged.	
235/21	<b>To approve the Payments schedule and to note the budget update – Appendix A</b> – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the payments. The budget update was noted.	
236/21	<b>To consider the budget setting for 2021/22.</b> – Item deferred to the November meeting.	<b>All</b>
237/21	<p><b>To approve comments for the following Planning Applications</b></p> <p><a href="#">21/00588/FUL   Proposed single storey side and rear extension   9 Newcastle Street Silverdale Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6PQ (newcastle-staffs.gov.uk)</a>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to register an objection to this planning application as there is a privacy issue on the flank and rear wall in that a bedroom has an outlook over accommodation and the study and lounge has an outlook onto 4,6 and 8 Mill Lane. The en-suite shower room off a bedroom is without access to a toilet. The three parking spaces are not shown on the plan. SPC would like assurances that the house will not become a house of multiple occupancy.</p> <p><b>Planning Appeal Reference:</b> <a href="#">20/01103/FUL   Residential development - 3no. 2 bed bungalows   106 Park Road Silverdale Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6LP (newcastle-staffs.gov.uk)</a> Delegated authority given to HA to decide whether to make additional representation in the light of the highways issues.</p> <p><a href="#">21/00583/FUL   Retention of garden shed and gazebo   20 Waters Edge Close Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6EN (newcastle-staffs.gov.uk)</a> No objection</p> <p><a href="#">21/00947/FUL   Retention of Boundary wall to front and raised platform wall at back of drive   110 Underwood Road Silverdale Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6QF (newcastle-staffs.gov.uk)</a> No objection</p>	
238/21	<b>Update on the Telecoms Mast Pepper Street.</b> HA to check the dates given and whether these have changed in order to make a formal complaint about consultation over the planning application.	
239/21	<p><b>Local Plan consultation and Keele/Silverdale Growth Corridor</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Borough Council Plan update - Open Space and Green Infrastructure Strategy – update. Item covered earlier on the agenda.</li> <li>2. Public protest on 17 November 2021 at Castle House.</li> <li>3. Save Our Green Space update. There is a SOGS meeting arranged with other PCs on 18<sup>th</sup> October to try to find a consensus between the PCs.</li> </ol>	<b>HA</b>
240/21	<b>To note the Staffs Parish Council Assoc Bulletins and correspondence received: - See Appendix B</b> – Noted	<b>HA</b>
241/21	<b>Western Communities LAP update (inc Skatepark Consultation and Final Design) - Mr H Adamczuk</b> – Work has just commenced on the Miniwheels Skatepark Project and the contract is due be completed in December. This was the culmination of 3 years planning by Council officers and the largest capital scheme in Silverdale. The hope was there would be considerable benefit to youngsters in Silverdale and in neighbouring areas.	
242/21	<b>To note the outcome of the Allotment accounts year ending 2020 for Acres – outstanding issues to be resolved</b> – item deferred to November meeting.	
243/21	<b>To note the written update (to be circulated in advance) from the Borough Councillors, County Councillors</b> – No County or Borough Councillors were present.	
244/21	<b>Technical Problems in the Library</b>	

Signed ..... Date .....

	<p>There had been considerable technical problems with the sound quality during the meeting. This was an important issue with a hybrid meeting. Members requested an immediate improvement in the quality of sound so the discussions were clear and the minutes were accurate. HA apologized for faulty IT and agreed to use better hardware and to test it before the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk had offered to resign following the meeting.</p>	
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Future meeting dates:

11<sup>th</sup> November 2021, at 6.30pm at Silverdale Library,  
 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022,  
 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Approved payments October 2021 – Appendix A

DATE	CHQ / BACS NO	PAYMENTS	GROSS
14.10.21	Chq no 52	Ray Johnson Productions (Memories of Mine Film Night)	200.00
14.10.21	Chq no 53	Business Enterprise Support Limited - Room hire Silverdale Library 12.08.21	20.00
14.10.21	Chq no 54	Mrs Clare Withington (postage of correspondence)	7.65
14.10.21	Chq no 55	Mrs Debra Powell (Salary October 2021)	582.42
14.10.21	Chq no 56	Mrs Debra Powell (Reimbursement of Zoom subscription Sept and Oct plus a conference microphone)	54.27
14.10.21	Chq no 57	Rachel Ballard (Artist time x2)	160.00
14.10.21	Chq no 58	Sarah Bonam Memories of Mine Project Management October 21, 2 months	400.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1424.34</b>