

Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council

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Minutes of the Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council Meeting held at Tirril Reading Rooms, on Monday 6 March 2017 at 5.30pm

Present: Cllr Haydn Morris chaired the meeting, with Cllr David Owens, Cllr Richard Relph, Cllr Sindy Phillips, Cllr Philip Greening and Cllr Ian Chambers (EDC)

In Attendance:

Approximately 30 members of the public

102/16 Apologies

- Cllr Gary Strong (CCC)

103/16 Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Haydn Morris – Registerable Interest – 108/16 – 17/0095 – owns property adjacent to the site - will discuss the planning application with an open mind and listen to all comments
- Cllr Sindy Phillips – Registerable Interest – 108/16 – 17/0080 – has previously expressed views against the planning application- will discuss the planning application with an open mind and listen to all comments
- Cllr David Owens – Registerable Interest – 108/16 – 17/0095 – owns land to the east side of the field – will abstain from discussions
- Cllr Richard Relph – Registerable Interest – 108/16 – 17/0080 & 17/0095 Commercial Links- will discuss the planning applications with an open mind and listen to all comments

104/16 Minutes

- The minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 January 2017 were agreed for signing and initialling as a true record (Circulated prior to meeting).

105/16 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

- Not applicable to any agenda items.

106/16 Public Participation

- None

107/16 District & County Council Representation

- Cllr Ian Chambers attended the meeting, but advised there is very little to update, other than the 2 planning applications which have been submitted.
- Cllr Gary Strong did not attend the meeting.

108/16 Planning

- The Parish Council considered the following planning applications received since the last meeting:
 - 17/0010 – Hedge Removal Notice – Application for removal of 40m of hedgerow – C3043 Junction Nr Glendowlin, Yanwath
 - Decision of no objection ratified
 - 17/0080 - Outline planning application, with all matters reserved, for residential development including associated parking and amenity space - Land west of Sockbridge Thorpe Field Sockbridge Penrith
 - Ian Chambers advised that the planning committee will attend the site within the next month to look at the site and plans, no debate or decision would take place on site.
 - Cllr Haydn Morris reported that Eden District Council had confirmed the closing dates for comments were:

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- a. 8 March for residents
 - b. 24 March for Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council **ONLY – due to a request for an extension of time.**
- There were various discussions about the dates, and the residents were advised STPC have no control over this as the dates are a function of EDC.
 - The general opinion of the residents who attended the meeting is total opposition towards the planning application.
 - STPC Councillors discussed the planning application and unanimously agreed to object to the planning application on the basis:
 - a. Overdevelopment
 - b. Dominating
 - c. Drainage / sewage issues
 - d. Not sustainable
 - e. Beyond natural boundary of the village
 - f. The height of the land would mean that the new properties would be overpowering
 - g. Infrastructure within the parish not good enough
 - h. The school within the parish is already over subscribed
 - i. Traffic issues
 - j. The results of the 2015 parish referendum
 - k. Contrary to the emerging Local Plan
 - l. Greenfield siteLandscape impact
 - m. Fails to respect character of the village
 - It was also unanimously agreed for Cllr Haydn Morris to draft a letter of response to include the above, to be circulated to parish councillors for approval prior to submission.
 - 17/0095 - Outline planning permission for residential development - Land adj Walmer Croft Head Sockbridge & Tirril Penrith
 - 3 parishioners spoke at the meeting, and 1 letter was received regarding the above planning application, the following is a brief outline of those comments:
 - a. Sockbridge & Tirril is not going to be classed at a Key Hub under the Eden Local Plan.
 - b. Previous applications on the land have been rejected
 - c. There is a covenant on the land - The Purchasers hereby covenant with the Vendor and his heirs and assigns that no building or other erection shall at any time be erected or allowed to remain upon any part of the land hereby transferred
 - d. There is no mention of the historic houses / listed buildings that neighbour the site
 - e. Overbearing / oppressive impact
 - f. Out of character
 - g. Overlook existing houses
 - h. A hedge has been removed from the site without permission, which housed a rare tree sparrow
 - i. Does not include affordable housing
 - j. 21 houses for sale within the last year

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- k. Poor public transport
 - l. Infrastructure
 - m. Road safety / extra traffic
 - n. Sewerage / waste / drainage
 - o. The site is not re-development of previously developed land
 - p. There is no local need / demand
 - q. Adjacent to 18 century Tirril and the Elizabethan Gatehouse of Sockbridge Hall
- STPC Councillors discussed the planning application and unanimously agreed to object to the planning application on the basis:
 - a. No local need - market-led speculative development
 - b. Contrary to referendum Contrary to the emerging Local Plan
 - c. Developers using prematurity – taking advantage of the gap in local plans
 - d. Historic areas within the site
 - e. Not sustainable
 - f. Drainage / sewage issues
 - g. Traffic issues / road safety
 - h. Extension to the village
 - i. Greenfield site
 - j. Agricultural land, not vacant as claimed
 - k. Landscape impact
 - l. Urban in character
 - m. Removal of hedges
 - n. History of refusals because of the need to keep separation between Sockbridge & Tirril
 - o. Covenant prohibits building on the site
 - p. Established rights of access across site to existing properties
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109/16 Community Led Plan

- Cllr Sindy Phillips gave an update on the progress of the Community Led Plan, which is attached to the minutes, along with their budget and accompanying notes.
- STPC agreed to make a grant of £150 to the CLP
- It was agreed for Cllr Haydn Morris to sign the agreement with ACT regarding their grant.

110/16 Local Plan

- Cllr Philip Greening advised that the local plan has had 3 modification, which were initiated from suggestions from the inspector, these include:
 - Modification on calculation of how many houses are needed
 - Reduction of the number of key hubs
 - Land allocation & 5 year land supply

111/16 Footway Lighting

- The Parish Council discussed the foot way lighting and is pleased that progress has been made:
 - Light 2 (The Green) – The column has been installed, now waiting for connection to the electric supply.

112/16 Dog Fouling

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- Cllr Sindy Phillips advised that a leaflet from EDC has been distributed to all homes within the parish.
- After a meeting with Stephen Hill (EDC), it has been proposed to install some new and replacement bins within the parish, this request has now been made and we await the final decision by EDC.

115/16 Highways Update

- No update
- Works progressing on Bob Lonnin
- Highways Hotline – Parishioners are able to report highways issues using the highways hotline - 0300 303 2992 - www.cumbria.gov.uk/highwayshotline

116/16 Grant Requests

- **Cumbria Dyslexia Project** – It was agreed not to support this project
- **Tirril & Sockbridge Reading Rooms:**
 - **Defibrillator contribution** – It was agreed to grant £63, as requested
 - **Maintenance grant** – It was agreed to grant £300, as budgeted
 - **Tirril Times grant** – It was agreed to grant £60, as budgeted.
 - **Note** – These grants to be made in the next financial year (i.e. after 01.04.2017)

117/16 Clerk's Update

- **Correspondence** – All correspondence circulated and noted

118/16 Finance

- The Cash Book for February 2017 & March 2017 was approved for signing by the Chairman

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
06-03-17	R Kelly Wages	£ 181.24	
06-03-17	HMRC	£ 45.40	
06-03-17	R Kelly Expenses	£ 24.25	
06-03-17	Sockbridge & Tirril Reading Rooms	£ 5.00	

- It was agreed not to renew the subscription to the CPRE
- The Clerk advised the previous internal auditor is happy to continue this year.

119/16 Date of the next meeting

- The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8 May 2017, at Tirril Reading Rooms at 5.30pm

The meeting was closed at 19.00

Item 90/16 Community Led Plan – Report from Cllr Sindy Phillips

CLP report for STPC 6.3.17

The Steering Group has met three times since the last STPC meeting.

Last month, we submitted our Grant Application to ACTion and are very pleased to announce that it has been accepted. We have also made £105 through fundraising. This will go towards repaying our loan to the PC.

We have finished consultation with village groups and businesses and are now starting to draft the questionnaire, based on the ideas and suggestions we have received. We hope to 'road test' this at an event on April 22nd, when we shall invite villagers and representatives of key stakeholder groups to a working party. This will give everyone

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who attends the opportunity to have a say on the Community Questionnaire on which the Community Led Plan will be based.

The Steering Group now consists of six members, following the resignation of Phillip Greening due to increasing work commitments. They are David Gate, Richard Gravil, Sarah Greening, Judith Morris, Sindy Phillips (lead) and Clare Tremayne.

CLP request for grant of £150 from STPC 6.3.17

The Steering Group would like to take this opportunity to formally request a grant from the Parish Council of £150.00.

The ideas from the people in the village have demonstrated that there is a case for moving forward towards the creation of a Community Led Plan, and that we need to address a number of significant issues, which have been raised.

This funding will be used to carry out process as prescribed by ACT. Our detailed budget has been approved by ACT, and it includes a request of funds from the PC, which will be £150 from a total of £620 needed.

At present we have ideas from individuals, which need testing against the whole community. We recognise that some elements suggested by the community could have a disproportionate influence on the ensuing actions if these initial ideas are not tested by a questionnaire. The actions of the plan will be more robust because they will be backed by the quantification of the questionnaire statistics.

Our process has been thorough throughout, and the figures will be worked through and approved by ACT. We are following the process of producing a Community Led Plan, which requires the production of a detailed questionnaire.

We would like to offer three conditions to the PC grant:

- That the CLP Steering Group invite comments from the PC regarding the questionnaire prior to it being issued
- That the PC are invited to comment on the draft plan, which is a condition imposed by ACT
- That the report acknowledges the support and funding given by the PC and all other bodies

CLP Budget

The budget to cover the costs of producing the CLP totals £620

We have had quotes from printers, and tried to keep costs down as far as possible, but still produce a professional product.

The main expense is:

- printing the Plan itself, normally 32 pages glossy booklet. We decided to print only 5 paper copies, and rely on PDF version, available to all. Cost £30
- printing a summary & action plan for all household: good quality printing, but one sheet A3 folded to 8 sides of A5. Cost £120
- printing the questionnaire: printing & binding ourselves, 8 sides. Cost £60

Other expenses: the costs of events to get the community involved

- To decide what goes into the questionnaire
- To discuss the results of the questionnaire

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- To launch the CLP

Cost £240

Other expenses are hire of hall, paper, ink, photographs, etc. from the launch at the Summer Fair throughout the process

So total costs £620

This is very low, & ACT have tried to persuade us to increase it.

Sources of funding

- Cumbria County Council will contribute £150 to print the Plan
- Our fundraising: £100 French Conversation classes – already achieved (hugely enjoyed)
- Parish Council have promised £150
- ACT £220 : matching funding (up to 50% or £500.)

Total £620

To repeat what we've said before, we're asking for this contribution from Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council, because it is being prepared on behalf of the Parish Council, and for the benefit of the village. The PC

- listened to Hellen Aitken from ACT & set up meetings to discuss a CLP,
- agreed that the Steering Group should produce a plan
- received our updates at each meeting and endorsed the work we had done.

Community Led Plan		Budget		February 2017	
<u>Number</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>cost per event</u>	<u>total cost</u>	<u>date</u>
	<u>Activity</u>				
<u>Events: Fundraising, awareness, drop-in</u>					
23	Drop-in sessions at Village Hall (2)				Nov-16
	Hire of hall/heating	10			Jan-17
	Cost of refreshments	10			
			20	40	
27	"What goes into questionnaire" prioritisation event				Apr-17
43	Questionnaire results: agree prioritising & action planning event				Sep-17
55	Launch of Action Plan				Mar-18
	Hire of hall	25			
	Heating	5			
	Cost of tea/coffee	20			
	Cost of food: cakes, soup...	30			
			80	240	
<u>Questionnaire & Action Plan: production</u>					
30	Print questionnaire		60		May-17

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<i>for everyone on electoral register (400)</i>			
53	Print full Community Led Plan <i>5 hardcopies only</i>	30	Feb-18
57	Distribute hardcopy summary documents <i>for every household (220)</i>	120	Feb-18
		210	
<u>Website</u>			
25	Set up website contact box	nil	Oct-16
<u>Preparation & Launch</u>			
17	Hire of hall (£5 x 2)	10	Jul-16
	Paper	5	
	Printer ink	29	
	Photographs	10	
	Prizes	10	
		64	
<u>Administration</u>			
	Printing materials, paper, ink: SAY	66	
		620	
<u>Sources of Funding</u>			
A	Cumbria County Council <i>(for printing CL plan)</i>	150	Jan-18
B	S&T Parish Council <i>(proposed for 2017-18)</i>	150	
C	Local Fundraising	100	
D	Reading Rooms Committee	nil	
E	ACT matched funding <i>(to match B-D above)</i>	220	
		620	

Note: Surplus funds could be allocated to projects identified in the Plan.