



Chairman – Mr F Smethers

Clerk – Mrs S Willis

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Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 25th June 2025, in the Methodist Chapel at 7pm.

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (Chair), N Bess, M Callaghan, J Gibbins (part), B Hancy, I Haynes, G Madle, S Philips, S Roberts (Part), D Starmer, G Taylor, C Wallace

Also present – S Willis (Clerk), and 2 members of public

Meeting start: 7pm

59/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies accepted for Cllr Gardner.

Cllr Gibbins had advised he would be late.

60/25 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

All Complete

61/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none to declare

62/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2 Members of the public interested in the discussion. Some questions were asked which would be answered as part of the discussion.

63/25 TO CONSIDER COUNCIL POSITION WITH REGARDS TO NEW PAVILION

As part of the S106 for Norwood Farm SUE the land next to the current playing field will have a full sized football pitch and junior pitch, laid to FA regulations. Alongside this is a defined pavilion. The Parish Council are not party to the negotiations of a S106 agreement.

When the plans were available the Parish Council and football club felt that the facility could be better. A village consultation took place to ascertain if the residents wanted an enhanced sports facility or sports and community facility. Over 80% of respondents were in favour of a community facility. The Parish Council have spent the last 3 years trying to speak to the land agent to see if we can make some amendments. Despite some meetings in the last year, the land agent was only willing to have meaningful discussions if the council allowed a management company on the open spaces on the site.

A developer has now been contracted to build the pavilion as per a 2022 planning application. They have indicated that due to the triggers and budget set in the S106 that they have little wriggle room in what will be built.

The parish council did contract an architect for enhanced facility which was favoured but the council now need to decide how to move forward.

Each councillor was asked for their views and discussions ensued including whether this site was the best place for a community facility, Whether the pavilion could be built to enable us to extend at a later date, and if a community facility can't be built here, where could it be built. In the past the council had considered asking for the funding and building ourselves, but this has now been contracted out.

It was proposed that the council continue the relationship with the developer building to the current plans and try to get the best possible building that is being offered. Council to ensure

that the best materials are being used and specification is fit for purpose. The Parish Council will need to monitor the process and be happy before accepting the transfer.

The council will consider alternative options for a community facility but will need to speak to other stakeholders.

There is a community facility to be built within the Norwood Farm site and the parish council need to try and get input early in the planning process.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Signed

Date