



Minutes
of the extraordinary meeting of
MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 5th March 2019
at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr Oatham (Chairman) Cllr Spires (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Pettitt Cllr Sampson
Cllr Theckston Cllr Smith
Cllr Duncan

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: 1 Resident – Sue White

192 Members' Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bush on holiday

193 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Theckston declared a non-pecuniary interest as she can benefit from the use of the footpath in discussion.

194 Public Discussion

Sue White was opposed to a meeting which had taken place between Cllr Oatham, Cllr Spires and the proposed new landowner to discuss the footpath from Seaview Parade to Nipsells chase. She referred back to a previous meeting with the current landowners where she asked to be included in every discussion in relation to this footpath. She is upset that she was not invited to this recent meeting. She feels the Parish council are deliberately excluding her and dealing only with the owners of one half of the footpath.

Cllr Spires explained that he had been authorised by the PC to contact the Cocoran's regarding their land and that this current meeting was to find out how the proposed new landowner felt about the path. He wanted to talk to the PC to find out more about it. This extraordinary meeting was then called to report back to all members of the Parish Council.

Cllr Pettitt felt that all the residents concerned with this footpath should have been invited to the meeting.

Cllr Theckston felt she was being excluded at the previous meeting despite the understanding that she was part of a working party to make decisions together.

Cllr Pettitt thought that the council had acted wrongly by not including all parties involved.

Cllr Oatham explained that he wants everyone to be happy and that no decisions are being made without all the land owners present. He confirmed that the previous meetings have been casual meetings that have not been minuted as they were not proper meetings.

Cllr Theckston felt that Cllrs Oatham and Spires have decided on the position of the footpath already and are not looking at other options.

Sue White is happy to talk about the path on the provision that the following is strictly adhered to:

- **All parties are kept informed at all times.**
- **No decisions are made on site**
- **All councillors or working parties who attend meetings, should report back**
- **Decisions are made together at Parish Council meetings**
- **Wants everything to be open**

195 Footpath at Seaview Parade

Cllr Theckston referred to previous minutes when residents at North Drive were told that they would be kept informed of any decisions that are made about the footpath that could be relocated to the rear of their houses. She asked why they had not been informed.

Cllr Spires summarised the meeting:

- Wait for confirmation whether proposed land owner purchases land;
- Parish council to form a committee to make decisions together;
- Hold a meeting with new landowner and Sue White to discuss proposals and agree on new route.

Cllr Smith proposed that five people be on a working party. Cllr Spires seconded this proposal. 5 people voted for this proposal, 2 voted against. Cllr Pettitt was against a working party as she felt that people who are directly involved with this footpath should be at all the meetings.

All meetings will be minuted and everything will be reported back to the main Parish Council.

This item will be added to the April Parish council agenda for an update.

Sue White left the meeting at 8.16pm.

Jayne Pettitt left the meeting at 8.18pm

Final discussions summarising decisions made at meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm