

Silloth Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 21 March 2011

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, W. Jefferson, E. Wannop, G. Wilkinson, A. Weightman, D. Wilson, R.W. Allison, C. Baty & M. Snaith. Also Jimmy Lettice (Silloth RUFC), Colin Baty (Silloth Football Club) Ken Wannop & Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

707 **Apologies:-**
Cllr. S. Hart.

708 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.
Cllr. Markley - re: Carrs Coaches, County Council etc
Cllr. Wilson - re: Allendale Borough Council re: 106 agreement.

709 **Exclusion of Press & Public**
None.

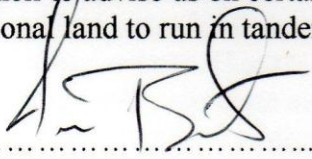
710 **Sports Clubs**
Following an application for funding from the Rugby Club for new lighting at the Sports area, the Town Council discussed with representatives from both the Rugby Club and the Football Club a joint scheme and a mutually agreeable way forward. The application for funding was on behalf of the Rugby Club but the new lights were to be used by both clubs. The lighting needs to be updated and will be over an area between the football pitch and the rugby pitch which will be used for training. If funding is combined from the Town Council and County Council with the lights purchased through the Town Council, the VAT could be reclaimed which will save a considerable amount. It was agreed that Jimmy and Colin get together to decide what is needed and where the lights need to be sited. It was questioned if there was a possibility for funding towards resurfacing the All weather area which would cost in excess of £338K for Astroturf. This would have to be looked at separately in the future. Any work needing done regarding maintenance to the pitches can be dealt with under general grounds maintenance. Any requests for funding re: Sports clubs should ideally be done jointly. Rugby Club were not at the December meeting when funding requests were considered as they did not receive an invite. The letter was delivered to the club but in future should be sent to Mr Lettice directly. Invitation to be sent out in November ahead of the meeting with a questionnaire to complete. Jimmy and Colin to come back to the Council with figures etc for the next meeting.

711 **Correspondence**
a) WA Fairhurst & Partners - Email from Matthew Stafford attaching a copy of the Section 106 legal agreement concerning the new shared link from the Fisons site to the town centre.
b) WA Fairhurst & Partners - There is an opportunity for the Town Council to obtain further land at no cost from C.C.C. which can be progressed in tandem or following the S106 agreement to prevent any delay.
c) Allerdale Borough Council - Email from Trevor Gear attaching a copy of the 106 agreement and asking for the Council's comments.

The Town Council recommended the approval of the planning application for the Fisons

estate and now need to sign up to the 106 agreement as one of the landowners. 42 out of the 240 houses will be affordable housing which will be scattered throughout the scheme. A lot of the concerns have been addressed. Any prospective tenants will need to be in permanent employment, be unable to afford to rent or buy on open market and have ties to the area. The affordable housing will be advertised in the parish for 3 months, then neighbouring parish for 3 months, then in Allerdale Borough Council. A lot of mistakes seem to have been made re: footpath from the start and could have been handled better. Town Council are not getting anything out of it. Town Council were not directly consulted on any benefits i.e. pedestrian crossings etc. County Council have probably used the requests put forward by the public when the T.R.O. was put together which included a pedestrian crossing on Wigton Road. Town Council did ask them to consider upgrading the footpath from the Crofts. The new development will hopefully benefit the school by increasing pupil numbers. Access to the site at Holliday Crescent is poor with regard to visibility but has been agreed by Highways. The entrance is inadequate. A proper survey needs to be done with regard to housing needs in the town to judge the demand for affordable housing. There needs to be some planning gain. At present the 106 agreement is not something the Council can agree to. There is no planning gain and the Town Council have not been directly consulted re: the pedestrian crossings etc. The section 106 agreement also includes Philip Harker, Patricia Harker & Lynda Hodgson which was questioned. It was suggested that the developers come back to the Town Council. If the town had a Town Plan, it could have been used as leverage to get some benefit to the town. It was questioned what planning approval has been granted, whether outline or full permission. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with Steve Long from the planning department. It was questioned whether the Highways Department have sought advice from the County Council legal department. The site was previously an industrial estate and therefore would presumably expect it to have adequate access for larger vehicles etc. Highways have probably passed it because it was formerly an industrial estate. Talks need to be had with County Council, Allerdale and the developers. The Fisons estate is an eyesore and needs cleaned up. Need to look on the positive and see a positive outcome to phase 1. Email to be sent to Trevor Gear. Town Council cannot respond at the present time, as there are a number of things the Town Council need clarification on. Request a meeting with someone from Allerdale Borough Council to advise us on certain points. It was agreed that the Council accept the offer of additional land to run in tandem with the 106 agreement.

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