

Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday 14th April 2015

Sevenhampton Parish Council Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council

held on Tuesday 14th April 2014

at 7.30pm

In the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall

Brockhampton Present:

Bill Jenkin (chairman), Lynne Jackson, Di Brown, Gordon Day, Harry Boyd, Rose Ballinger, Matthew Cain (who tendered his apologies for his late arrival) and 8 parishioners.

The Chairman explained that this meeting had been called specifically to discuss the proposed application to register the Right of Way along The Alley in Brockhampton and the Council's previous decision to support the same. He opened the Q&A session to enable those parishioners present to express their views.

Leslie Agius asked for clarification of several points of order in the wording of the agenda and the proposed conduct of the meeting. He stated that he had been asked to make the application (albeit with parish council support) and was unhappy about the way the matter would be conducted (as a closed Parish Council Meeting) after this Q&A session. The Chairman replied that as this was an emotive subject the Parish Council was of the opinion that its deliberations should take place in a closed session.

Several parishioners expressed their views on the historical use of The Alley and the fact that there is a very small proportion of local people who actually used it.

The matter of PROW fingerposts was also discussed and it was confirmed that these would not be required by law if agreed between the County Council and the Parish Council.

Nick Barrett and Graham Marchand also spoke to the meeting stating that they were not in favour of the PROW application but were happy for the status quo to remain as at present. Under their proposals no party would be in a worse position than now and as far as the use of the lane is concerned the right would be there for the benefit of future generations.

The Chairman then declared the Q&A session at an end and the opening of the Parish Council session.

1. There were no apologies for absence.
2. There were no declarations of interest in the agenda.
3. It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2015 would be considered and signed at the meeting to be held on 20 May 2015
4. Proposed by Gordon Day, seconded by Di Brown and
RESOLVED unanimously:
"that pursuant to Standing Order 1(c) the public be excluded for the consideration of item 5 of the agenda as their presence may be prejudicial to the public interest by inhibiting a full and frank discussion of the matter.
The Chairman then asked the members of the public to leave the meeting.
5. The Chairman reported on his discussions with interested parties since the previous meeting and the communications subsequently received by various parties were considered. After full discussion it was proposed by Gordon Day, seconded by Di Brown and RESOLVED unanimously:
"to affirm the decision to support the proposed application for a modification order to the definitive map of public rights of way in the

parish".

6. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 20 May 2015 which would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting following the election. The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.10pm