

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3
AUGUST 2004 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors J Hobson (Chairman), L Wilcox, C Prout, D Poole, D Chalmers. H Targett (Clerk)

REF

OPEN FORUM

ACTION

Mr M. Burak spoke in support of the application to create a grass landing strip for the use of microlights on land belonging to Silver Street Farm. As a microlight pilot, he wanted to be able to fly from near his home and so had approached Mr D. Randall about the possibility of a grass landing strip on his land. The land proposed for the strip is flat and considered safe. Privacy, noise and safety issues had already been taken into consideration. Planning permission was now being sought. Mr Burak had already spoken to Mr & Mrs Board of Manley House, who would be most affected by the proposal.

Mr R. Hallam commented that he had concerns about the application. He felt that noise might be an issue, that 'rubbernecking' might take place and that the microlights might distract drivers using Peak Lane. He also expressed concern that gliders from the gliding club might use the strip to land on.

Mr Hallam requested that the Parish Plan appeared regularly on the agenda for Parish Council meetings, as progress was needed. He also felt that speeding through the village had got worse.

Mr D. Townsend of Yew Tree House, Far Green, commented on the revised plans at Danesway, Far Green, being an immediate next door neighbour. He felt the revised plans were much better than the original version, but pointed out that the plans were not drawn to the right scale and so an informed judgement was made more difficult. He still had a few concerns, including whether the proposed development would come right out to the boundary between their properties, how rainwater be drained and what would be happen to the existing garage and workshop at the property. Mr Townsend also felt that light would be obstructed coming into his dining room.

Mr S. Stone of Dursley, a colleague of Mr Burak and a fellow microlight pilot, replied to the 'rubber necking' issue that had been previously raised. He stated that Coaley Peak had been used for a long period of time by paragliders and hang gliders and in the case of microlights they would take off and then leave the area, rather than remain in the vicinity. Regarding noise effects, the Gliding Club tug aircraft were a great deal noisier than the microlights would be. Gliders from the Gliding Club needing to land out in an emergency, would benefit from a grass landing strip, as it would be safer than trying to land in a field not specific for the purpose.

Mr S. Everett of Danesway, Far Green, spoke in reply to issues raised about his planning application. An architect had drawn the plans and they trusted that the plans produced were in keeping with requirements. Rainwater from the development would be drained into a soak away. The garage currently at the property would be removed and a six feet fence would be put in along the boundary with Yew Tree House. The current gas tank would be removed and buried. The proposed development had now been reduced in size; the position would be in keeping with the current building line and the pitch of the roof had also been changed from the original plans.

Mr S. Board spoke regarding the proposed grass landing strip. He was concerned as his property is in close proximity to the end of the proposed runway, being some 90 metres from his house and directly in line with it. He felt that as there was a fairly restricted entry to the runway a turn would be needed to get in. He questioned if the runway needed to be so close to existing buildings. Mr Board also pointed out that there could be a noise problem. Planning permission would not limit usage and the whole project could be expanded. He felt that permission should only be granted where usage would be limited to four individuals.

District Cllr Janet Wood enquired which regulatory body oversees microlight activity, the reply was the Civil Aviation Authority.

SDC were currently looking at new licensing powers, which would deal with the licensing of pubs and clubs. SDC had set a budget of £100,000, an income of £80,000 was hoped for from licences to offset this. The scheme would begin in September. The building of a new cinema in Stroud had commenced. Regeneration in Dursley had not progressed regarding a Tesco store. Plans were being drawn up to increase the usage of Sharpness Docks.

Mr M. Burak had no objections to limiting the number of people using the proposed grass strip. He also added that it would be mandatory not to fly over Manley House, the home of Mr & Mrs Board. The final landing approach the microlights would take would be at an oblique angle, the paramount consideration being safety. Regarding the location of the strip, access was needed to buildings housing the aircraft so it had to be in reasonably close proximity. He reiterated that the CAA regulate microlight flying and that all microlight pilots fly by the rules of air law at all times.

Cllr Chalmers asked if the runway could be re-positioned in a North West, South East aspect as the prevailing winds were South West. Mr Burak responded that microlights are essentially fair weather machines and the weather conditions were not always suitable for flying. The wind direction was therefore not particularly important.

Mr S. Stone added that although the prevailing wind was South West, the Severn valley tended to channel the winds and on days with a light wind the direction tended to be North West.

Cllr Wilcox enquired if the microlights would be housed in buildings already at the proposed site. The reply was affirmative.

89/05 **Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

There were no declarations of interest.

90/05 **Apologies**

Cllr Bryant was away on business.

91/05 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 6 July 2004 were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting. The Clerk had previously advised Councillors that the page numbering was incorrect. Proposed Cllr Hobson; seconded Cllr Chalmers; all in favour.

92/05 **Planning**

Council discussed:

- a) S.04/1320/FUL/5983 Danesway, Far Green. Revised plans for erection of a double garage. It was pointed out that the scale on the plans available was incorrect. The plans stated 1:50 they were in fact 1:100. Cllr Poole proposed that the application be supported; seconded Cllr Chalmers; all in favour. Comments to be added in the response to SDC that the plans received were incorrect.
- b) S.04/1534/CPE/4682 Riverside, Halmore Lane. Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use for occupation of dwelling for persons employed in agriculture. Support proposed by Cllr Hobson; seconded Cllr Poole; all in favour.
- c) S.04/1621/COU/18494 Lower Silver Street Farm. Change of use from agriculture to grass landing strip. The application was discussed at length at the Council's request, Cllr Wood advised that the District Council can put personal conditions on planning permissions. The Council resolved to neither support nor object to the proposal but to make comments. Proposed Cllr Hobson; seconded Cllr Chalmers; four votes in favour, one abstention. The following comments to be made in the response to SDC.
 - Neighbours who might be affected by the proposal had not received formal notification from SDC. Therefore the Council was not in a position to take on all residents views on the matter.
 - There should be limited numbers of individuals using the runway.
 - There should be a limit put on permitted landings and take offs in any one day.
 - Overflying of Manley House to be prohibited.

93/05 **Election of new Vice Chairman**

With the departure of Cllr Dickinson, a new Vice Chairman needed to be elected. Cllr Prout proposed Cllr Poole; seconded Cllr Wilcox; all in favour.

94/05 **Councillor vacancy**

Verbal permission had been given by Electoral Services at SDC to co-opt a new Councillor. The Clerk advised that notices would be put up asking for any interested residents to come forward. The co-option would take place at the meeting in September.

95/05 **Accounts**

No money had been received.

The following payments for authorisation:

H. R. Targett

H R. Targett	288.20	Clerk's salary July 2004
Newsletter	28.82	Aug/Sept

Expenses:

SLCC	34.00	Clerk's Manual
Parish Line	57.42	Telephone charges
Stamps	6.72	
Envelopes	4.05	
Total £102.19		

Accounts approved by Council. Proposed Cllr Poole; seconded Cllr Chalmers; all in favour.

96/05 **Matters for forward consideration**

- 1) Parish Plan.
- 2) 30 mph village speed limit.
- 3) Folk Camp request to use Recreation Field.
- 4) Vehicles using front and rear car parks at Village Hall.
- 5) Coaley Community Action Group.

97/05 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 7 September 2004.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.