

Report for the Villager from Monk Sherborne Parish Council

This is the report from Cllr Stan Gibson Monk Sherborne Parish Council Portfolio Planning:-

Well here we are, September has arrived and gone and after the August weather what a pleasant surprise as Autumn and Winter approaches I guess its time to batten down the hatches, hope for the best and prepare for the worst we could certainly do without the gales and torrential rain that caused such causing severe flooding and damage last year.

Weather and seasons apart, let's move on.

A brief resume of the portfolio's starting with Planning as at our meeting held on 17th September 2014

Applications Received

14/01814/LBC – Jonathans Thatch, Ramsdell Road, Monk Sherborne

Rebuild upper part existing chimney and re-mortar the lower part with lime mortar to replace cement mortar

14/02193/RET – Monks Mead, Ramsdell Road, Monk Sherborne Installation of external cladding to dormers and over-cladding to south and west elevations and partially to east and north elevations (RETROSPECTIVE)

14/02512/ROC – Land at Hill Farm, Aldermaston Road, Salters Heath Variation of condition 10 of planning permission 14/00090/ROC (relates to installation of a solar farm) to allow revised means of access and altered culvert details

Applications Waiting Decision

14/01595/HSE – Woodside Cottage, Aldermaston Road, Salters Heath

Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension

14/00337/14/TCA - Wantage Cottage, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne

Leyladii hedging on two sides of property to be reduced to approx. 5m in height Planning Officer

13/00460/RET – Blackberries, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne

Erection of 4 no. sheds to provide ancillary household storage (retrospective)

13/02157/LBC – Woodgate, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne

Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to residential three bedroom dwelling with alterations to fenestrations. Erection of detached garage

13/02155/FUL – Woodgate, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne

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Planning Decisions Granted

Notice of Intent – Monk Sherborne House, Ramsdell Road, Monk Sherborne

Fir to be felled, consent given under dead/dying/dangerous. Fell Oak and fell Larch

14/00090/ROC – Land at Hill End Farm, Aldermaston Road, Monk Sherborne

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 13/01007/FUL (installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, including PV panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, client side sub-station, communications building, DNO sub-station, fence and pole mounted security cameras) to allow for a revised layout plan. Planning Officer: Robert Franks

Portfolio reports

Local Authority & Rural strategy – Cllr Du Boulay gave a verbal update of the issues currently concerning Monk Sherborne. There are currently no consultations requiring comment from the parish council.

Village hall – Cllr Lord Hayter provided the following report:

The Village Hall AGM was held on 15th August. The following officers were elected;

Chairman Lord Bill Hayter
Treasurer Kathy Wilson
Secretary Bryony Crowther

Highways Transport and footpaths – Cllr Spencer advised that the outstanding work within the parish was being dealt with accordingly. The support of County Cllr k Chapman was requested for assistance with pot holes, particularly within the vicinity of Rookery Farm.

Playground – Cllr Du Boulay advised that Safe & Sound Playgrounds would be undertaking the previously approved repairs at the end of the week. Further repairs required have been identified, specifically the gate support post. 2 replacement trees are to be purchased for erection on the perimeter of the play area.

Rural Policing & Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Harling advised that burglaries, particularly of garden equipment and outbuildings continue to be a problem, especially during the warmer weather. Local residents are reminded to ensure all windows and doors are secured to prevent any open invitations. A link to various statistical websites relating to crime figures within the neighbourhood has been placed on the parish website for information purposes.

Parish Maintenance

A meeting with the relevant officers at BDBC has been arranged to discuss the parish councils concerns regarding the quality of the grass cutting within the parish. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Community Speed watch

Volunteers from both Sherborne St John and Monk Sherborne have come together to progress the Community Speed watch scheme within the two parishes. A Monk Sherborne parishioner attended a workshop to obtain further information to assist with the progression of the project.

The Mole public house

Notification was received from BDBC advising the owner of The Mole public house intended to grant a 3 year lease, with an option to purchase the freehold. As the premises are listed as an Asset of Community Value, the community has rights under the Localism Act 2011 to say if they wish to submit a bid for the property. If a bid is submitted, the pub owner cannot sell or enter into a lease with a 3rd party until 6 months have expired from 14th August 2014. The parish council resolved that they did not wish to submit a bid to the owner for the property.

Last but not least

The Council would like to express their thanks to those in the parish who have volunteered their help with jobs small and large within our parish.

Next meeting is **Wednesday 19th November 2014**