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| GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERSMonthly MeetingWednesday 18th January 2017, 7.00 pm |
| Meeting Minutes |
| **Present:** Mr N. Dobson (ND) (Chairman),  Mrs M. Fargher (MF), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr. T. Kenyon (TK), Mr L. Miller (LM), Mr J. Quayle (JQ), Mr. S. Clague,(SC), **In Attendance**: Mr P. Burgess (PB) Clerk. Mr M.Royle (MR) Deputy Clerk/RFO,  **Apologies:** Mrs J. Pinson (JPN), Mr R. Moughtin (RM) (Vice Chairman), Mrs Julie Peel (JPL) Housing Manager |
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| **188/16** |  |  |
|  | **PA 17/00008/B - Westroyd, Ramsey Road, Laxey.** Alterations and extension.*Noted. No Objections.* |  |
|  | **PA 17/00007/B - The Anchorage**, **Port e Vullen**. Erection of an extension.*Noted. No Objections.* |  |
|  | **PA 17/00006/B - Cliffside End Café, Laxey.** Demolition of existing dwellings garage and outbuildings and erection of four dwellings.*Noted. No Objections.* |  |
|  | **PA 17/00002/B – Wheatcroft, Ballaragh Road, Lonan.** Construction of a replacement dwelling including extension of residential curtilage and new access.*Concerns were raised with the non-traditional design of the property as viewed from an Easterly direction; the proposed three storey building will have dominance in the skyline over this aspect, particularly from the A2 Coast Road. The design of this rear elevation does not conform to the planning guidance given in the Planning Circular 3/91 nor with the intentions set out in the Isle of Man Strategic Plan to protect the countryside from inappropriate development.* |  |
|  | **PA 17/00032/B – Kittiwake Cottage, Minorca Hill, Laxey.** Installation of gable window.*Noted. No Objections.* |  |
|  | **PA 16/01277/B – Winterbrook, Cottage, Little Gretch Voar, Ballaragh Road, Laxey.** Replacement of an agricultural storage building**.****Planning Officer report recommending approval to be put before the Planning Committee meeting Monday 23rd January.***The Clerk referred the Commissioners to the planning officer report and correspondence between the applicant and planning officer and the planning officer’s assessment of agricultural need. A discussion took place and it was noted that DEFA no longer have an officer to assess agricultural need. No further direction given. Noted.* |  |
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|  | **Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
|  | **PA 16/00797/B -** **Berberis Cottage,** Pinfold Hill, Appeal against approval for the erection of a replacement dwelling (amendment to 15/00857/B) – additional information.*Resolved to note.* |  |
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|  | **Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)** |  |
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| **189/16** | **Approval of Minutes** |  |
|  | Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th January 2017 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.*Proposed* ***TK****, Seconded* ***MF*** |  |
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| **190/16** | **Matters Arising & Other Business** |  |
|  | **Meeting reference 186/16, item f).****Speed Sign on Baldrine Hill – TK** referred to correspondence received from Andrea Hawley at Department of Infrastructure, Highways Division with data from the recently deployed speed sign, showing that 85%tile of vehicles travelling at 39mph within the 30mph speed limit and the mean speed of 35mph. A discussion took place with respect to the interpretation of the data and it was Resolved to raise the matter at the next Northern Traffic management liaison group meeting. |  |
|  | **Meeting Ref 156/16, item a) and 167/16 item a).****DEFA – Request to site a disease resistant elm in Laxey Village –** A discussion took place with respect to a suitable site and it wasunanimously Resolved that the Clerk laisse with the DEFA officer to find a suitable site and that the Commissioners approve in principle to DEFA’s proposal to locate an Elm tree in the Village. |  |
|  | **Meeting reference 178/16, item c).****Glen Road Skate Facilities –** A discussion took place with respect to the recreation area and an approach from Laxey and Lonan Sports and Community Facilities Ltd to meet with the Commissioners to discuss proposals for the area. It was Resolved that this matter would be placed on the agenda for the next mid monthly meeting. |  |
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| **191/16** | **General Correspondence** |  |
|  | **Camper Vans Parked on Croit-e-Quill Road** – Anonymous letter dated 9th January 2017 referring to two camper vans parked on the Road. The correspondent claims the vehicles are causing an obstruction and that the Commissioners are neglecting there duty in not dealing with them, stating they reserve the right to seek legal advice. Note: this is the second anonymous letter received regarding a parked camper van in the same location, following which a site visit was made and the vehicle in question was found to be legally parked.*A discussion took place it was noted that there was currently only one camper van parked at this location which is not causing an obstruction and is licenced. It was also noted that as the correspondence was anonymous the Commission cannot provide a formal response.* |  |
|  | **Eric Whitelegg –** Regarding formation ofshared housing lists in the Northern and Eastern areas.*The Clerk referred to email correspondence from Eric Whitelegg dated 13th January ’17, requesting the Commissioners give consideration to which shared housing list wards of Laxey, Lonan and Maughold properties should sit. A discussion took place and it was Resolved that Laxey and Lonan property should be placed on the Eastern shared list, however there was further discussion with respect to where Maughold should sit. It was Resolved the Clerks contact Eric Whitelegg to discuss the matter further.* |  |
|  | **DOI** – With draft lease for the Rose Garden, Laxey, with annual rent of £20:00. The Clerk advised that the previous lease had expired prior to the start of the regeneration scheme*. It Was Resolved to accept the terms of the lease.* |  |
|  | **Malew Parish Commissioners** – Invitation to civic service, 3.00 pm, Sunday 5th March 2017, Abbey Church, Ballasalla. *Resolved to Note.* |  |
|  | **Resident –** Proposal for the children of Dhoon School to decorate new wall tiles for the new toilet facility in Maughold Village. *A discussion took place with respect to how to best display the tiles and it was suggested they should be framed on wall panels.* |  |
|  | **MUA** - Proposal for public lighting (7 Columns or 18 Columns), Mines Road, Laxey, at a cost of £10,320 and £21,289 respectively. The Clerk advised that he had spoken to the MUA with respect to the location of three columns along Dumbells Terrace and suggested that due to the width of the pavement they should be moved across the road. A discussion took place with respect to the installation of lighting in the conservation area and the fact the scheme would require planning approval. It was Resolved the Clerk would revert back to the MUA request detail of the type of column and heads proposed. Matter deferred to meeting 1st February 2017. |  |
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| **192/16** | **Officers Reports** |  |
|  **a)** |  Nothing to report |  |
| **193/16** | **Health and Safety / Maintenance Matters** |  |
|  | **Health and Safety Feedback Report on Authority Operations –** Nothing to report. |  |
|  | **Works and Amenities Report** – **Campsite Shower Block –** The Clerk reported that the works were almost complete with just a couple of small matter outstanding, including commissioning of the boilers which should be completed week commencing 23rd January ’17.**Maughold Village toilets –** The Clerkreported that the outstanding works would be completed by the end of March. |  |
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| **194/16** | **In Private - Correspondence** |  |
|  | **Garff Refuse Tender –** In Private |  |
|  | **Ryzak Construction** **–** In Private |  |
|  | **MUA –** In Private |  |
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| **195/16** | **In Private - Staffing** |  |
|  | Nothing to report. |  |
| **196/16** | **Chairman’s Report** |  |
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| **197/16** | **Finance Report** |  |
|  | **Consideration of Rates Estimates** for the financial year 2017/2018. Documents circulated to meeting 7th and 21st December. Deferred from meeting 4th January pending decision on the award of refuse contract.*The Clerk reported that the basis of the proposed rate for the financial year was to hold the rates at the current level and apply the first stage of the rate equalisation formula as dictated by the Garff (Local Government District Order) 2015.****Rate p/£***

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|  | ***Laxey*** | ***Lonan*** | ***Maughold*** |
| *Rateable value for Garff 2016/17* | *£121,220* | *£112,071* | *£85,062* |
| *Rateable value for Garff 2017/18* | *£121,122* | *£109,025* | *£85,506* |
| *2016/2017 p/£* | *174* | *89* | *96* |
| *2017/2018 p/£* | *164* | *96* | *101* |

***Fixed Refuse Charge***

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|  | ***Laxey*** | ***Lonan*** | ***Maughold*** |
| *2016/2017* | *£163* | *£147* | *£111* |
| *2017/2018* | *£158* | *£146* | *£117* |

*Total net rates income - £357,892**Total net refuse charge income - £268,265**It was unanimously Resolved to approve the rates as presented by the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. Proposed* ***SC****, Seconded* ***JQ.*** |  |
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| **198/16** | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | **Municipal Association AGM Thursday 25th May 2017 –** Garff Commissioners will be hosting the AGM this year. Commissioners to consider/confirm the following:* Appointment of Honorary President
* Venue – Salmon Centre
* Cost £20 per head to two course meal, £25 with tea and coffee.
* Guest Speaker

*A discussion took place and the Board unanimously Resolved to appoint Robert Moughtin as honorary President. Commissioners to give consideration as to who could be invited to be guest speaker.* ***MF*** *suggested a representative from the friends of Sophia Goulden. Date, venue and price of meal noted.* |  |
|  | **Garff MHK’s Political Surgeries** – Tom Kenyon email dated 9th Jan ’17 - I would like to add an item to the next commissioners meeting on the 18th January. The item I would like to raise is concerning political surgeries. I would like to suggest that commissioners on a rota basis should attend the Saturday morning surgeries. This I feel would have the benefit of hearing the concerns of the constituents, showing that we are working together with our MHKs and doing something to alleviate the political disconnect.*A discussion took place and it was Resolved that when available a Commissioner would attend the political surgery.* |  |
|  | **Dhoon Church Field –** Archdeacon update on possibility of conveyance of Dhoon Church field to the Commissioners.*The Correspondence from the Archdeacon regarding potential sale of the field which the Commissioners have identified for use as a recreation facility was noted.* |  |
|  | **Laxey Post Office** – It was Resolved the Clerk write to Mr Steven Emms congratulating him on his retirement and thanking him for his service to the community and to Mrs Mary Palmer on her appointment as Post Mistress, welcoming her to the village at the new premises in Whitehouse Close. |  |
|  | **Dhoon Arboretum – MF** requested that the Dhoon Arboretum is placed on the agenda for the meeting 1st February ’17. |  |
|  | **Shared Space/Safe Cycling – JQ** stated he had seem commentson social media about house riders and road safety. The Deputy Clerk advise that the latest updates had included horse rider and pedestrians. It was noted that the press launch was taking place on Thursday 19th January at Dhoon school. |  |
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|  | Meeting Closed at 20:51hrs |  |
|  | Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st February 2017 |  |