

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019 AT 8.00 PM
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mrs A Roylance, Mr T Tuck, Mr R Bell, Mr J Tuck, Mr D Northcott, Mr A Quick
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Mr M Lewis, Sarah Lloyd - MDonalds
Also present: 1 member of the public

After a short opportunity for members of the public to address the Council, the Chairman opened the meeting at 8.09 pm.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

- a) **Nominations for Chairman** RB nominated and DN seconded Larry Piper
- b) **Nominations for Vice Chairman** AR nominated and RB seconded Trevor Tuck

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (8 MAY 2017) MINUTES

The Minutes of the 1 April 2019 meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No reports

6 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Lewis reported that the SSDC planning situation is still quite difficult. SSDC are looking at ICT to deliver all services which is difficult for older members of the community to access, all issues should be raised with SSDC. The transformation programme should be complete by September, with new ways of working also completed by then.

Queen Camel Parish Council are looking to engage more than they have been recently on the A303 consultation. Jo Manley has now left SSDC but hopefully another member of the team will be able to support the remainder of the process.

SCC ended the financial year in credit of £1.4m. They are looking at the gritting offer for next winter and information will be circulated in due course.

7 HIGHWAYS

Street lights 4, 10, 11 and 19 at the High Street are not working. Due to the road closure vehicles have been using Sparkford Hill Lane so the road now requires urgent repairs. A request would be made to SCC to do these repairs as soon the road closure

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has ended. TT asked for confirmation from SCC as to when the gullies will be cleared.

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There is a drain blocked outside Mr Smith's house (LP to confirm address) and the drain outside of the Sparkford Inn has not yet been repaired.

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An enquiry has been received from a parishioner regarding the field entrance at Hazelgrove Lodge now been used a vehicular entrance and asking if Highways consent it required.

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8 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) **19/00903/HOU** Alterations, the erection of a single storey rear extension, new dormer window and rooflight to rear. 11 Ainstey Drive, Sparkford **This application is still being circulated so comments will be made at a later date.**

10 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update** Sarah was brought up to speed with previous issues/concerns. Rubbish/vermin have been an issue recently and there are ongoing issues with and concerns about parking on the road and overnight parking of HGV's at the site. Sarah is looking to put forward a proposal to change the HGV area to car parking. TT advised that if this was approved sufficient space for cars/caravans to turn would need to be incorporated. Auto number plate recognition has now been installed and during the Easter weekend staff were sited with radios in the car park assisting with traffic management. There is a rubbish collection route through the village but Sarah agreed to investigate the area that is litter picked and also look at the emptying of the bins that were provided by McDonalds.

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b) **S106/CIL contributions** SSDC have confirmed that they are unable to seek S106 contributions for village hall as they are listed on the Council's Regulation 123 list. TT felt strongly that a meeting was needed to discuss this further so LP agreed to contact Lynda Pincombe at SSDC to arrange a meeting within the next two weeks to discuss future contributions.

LP

c) **A303 dualling proposals** Another joint meeting has been held to discuss the response. Highways England are not prepared to answer questions asked by the Inspector and are refusing to overlay our proposal onto theirs. Highways England are also failing to provide evidence of all correspondence with the MOD. Unfortunately there is no support from SCC. Fairhurst have advised that the parallel road could be achieved by taking 1.5m of MOD land. We could be heading for a legal challenge against Highways England depending on the Planning Inspectors response. It was agreed that TT would ask Jo Wilkins for support for the three parishes as SSDC are more likely to provide this than SCC as they have been absent from discussions to date.

TT

d) **Parish Insurance** The insurance quote was agreed

e) **Grit bins** TT suggested that additional bins are necessary. TT to provide Lisa with a map of proposed locations so that a quote can be sought and the appropriate permissions obtained from SCC before agreeing to purchase and locate new bins.

TT/LD

f) **Welcome Pack** The proposed design has been circulated and will be printed as soon as all confirm that they are happy

g) **Defibrillator** There has been no response to the funding request. It was agreed to send the details of the defibrillator to Sarah for her to consider possible funding

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opportunities/siting at McDonalds before purchasing the defibrillator. There could be an opportunity to consider fundraising towards the purchase.

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) **Annual accounts** The accounts were circulated
- b) **Payment of £283.94 to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary)** Approved
- c) **Payment of £169.39 to SALC (Affiliation fees)** Approved

12 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from a resident at Wolfester Terrace regarding dropped kerbs. It was agreed that a precedent has already been set in the village that dropped kerbs need to be approved and meet the highway requirements.

A suggestion was made to seek approval for a 30 mph speed limit on Wolfester Terrace.

A letter has been received from Mr Windsor regarding litter blowing across the road from recycling boxes put outside of properties at Bennet Close. LD has spoken to Yarlinton and it was agreed to write to residents regarding the location of recycling boxes.

13 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

TT has spoken to the occupier at 4 Bennett Close regarding thistles in the garden.

There is a software compatibility issue to be resolved before the SID can be ordered as the information needs to be downloaded onto an android device. It was agreed that Darrell would download the information as appropriate.

14 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3 June 2019, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.53pm