

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2022 AT 8.00PM**

Present: Mr T Tuck – Chairman, Mr K Flood, Mr D Hazel, Mr A Quick, Mr R Squires

In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. Henry Hobhouse

The meeting started at 8.00pm.

SPC83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Mr L Piper and Cllr. Mike Lewis

SPC84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

SPC85 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES
The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting on 3 November and the Parish Council meeting on 7 November 2022 meeting were unanimously agreed.

SPC86 CRIME
A crime report received from the Police had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

SPC87 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
HH reported that the budget for the Unitary authority should be sorted in February and confirmed that the bridleway application that was deferred had not been brought back to Regulation Committee yet.

SPC88 HIGHWAYS
There were no updates to report from SCC Highways.

TT reported that the 'keep left' arrow on the island outside the Sparkford Inn had been removed. The Clerk would report to SCC.

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SPC89 PLANNING DECISIONS
None

SPC90 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
a) 22/02780/FUL Erection of one dwelling (revised application on part of site following Planning Permission 20/02743/FUL). The Orchard, Cherry Pie Lane, Sparkford **Parish Councillors object to this application due to the highway improvements not being completed as per the conditions of the previous planning consent. It was agreed to request that this application is taken to Area East Committee for a decision.**
b) 22/01598/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the creation of commercial buildings under Use Class B2 and B8. Land South of High Street, Sparkford (AMENDED PLANS) **Parish Councillors still object to this application. Concerns were raised that**

any access would cause harm to the trees that are subject to TPO's. The radius of the new proposed access does not give enough turning space for HGV's. With 44 additional commercial vehicle movements each day there are great concerns for the safety of drivers and pedestrians. It was agreed to send the SID data to SSDC Planning.

c) 22/00259/OUT Outline planning application for the development of up to 45 residential units, a 60 bed care home, open space, play space, associated infrastructure (including works to the public highway, swales and a surface pond), access, parking, servicing and landscaping. All matters reserved except for access. Land opposite Hazelgrove Lodge, High Street, Sparkford. (AMENDED PLANS) **Sparkford Parish Councillors objections to this application still stand.**

d) 22/00243/OUT Outline application for demolition of existing structures and development of three Drive Thru units, associated parking, servicing, landscaping and infrastructure. All matters reserved except access. Land opposite Hazelgrove Lodge, High Street, Sparkford (AMENDED PLANS) **Sparkford Parish Councillors objections to this application still stand.**

Concerns were expressed regarding all three current applications on the High Street and the impact on the ditch that already suffers with over topping during periods of heavy rain.

HH advised that the local community need to report all issues and send photos. It was agreed that all Parish Councillors would report issues and encourage residents/businesses to do the same.

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MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) **Co-option – to fill vacant seat on Council** It was agreed to defer the co-option until the next meeting.

b) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services** It was agreed to invite the manager of McDonalds to the next meeting as she was unable to attend this meeting.

c) **A303 dualling programme – TT, DH and RS** attended a meeting with Galliford Try on 30 November. A query was raised regarding the diversion route during the road closure and TT asked why Galliford Try were unable to use the same diversion route as National Highways which would reduce the HGV's using West Camel Road. A meeting with the three Parish Council's would be arranged in the New Year.

d) **Seat at Sparkford Copse – TT** gave an update on the seat at Sparkford Copse that would be refurbished in memory of Stuart Imrie.

e) **Local Community Network (LCN) Pilot update –** the Clerk reported that the last LCN event took place on 17 November and it was focussed on Transport. A draft report had been issued by Youth Connect and would be circulated in due course.

f) **Community Plan update –** the Clerk reported that the survey was now live and 22 surveys had been completed to date. Parish Councillors were asked to encourage their family, friends and neighbours to complete the survey as the results would inform the new Community Plan.

g) **Financial update – Village Hall –** details noted.

h) **Financial update – Playing Field –** this had not been received so would be deferred to the next meeting

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i) Playing Field inspections quarterly report – this had not been received so it was agreed that LP would follow up with the Playing Field Committee for it to be presented at the next meeting.

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j) Daisy Wood inspections – details noted. DH had strimmed around the stone and tidied the whole area. It was agreed that TT would arrange for the lock on the parish hall car park gate to be put onto the second gate at Daisy Wood and a new padlock would be purchased for the car park and users of the Parish Hall instructed to open the car park and use it.

TT

k) New development sites – A site meeting took place on 18 November with Lovells. Jake had been in contact following the meeting to advise that meetings with the groundworkers were taking place during this week and the following week and that they would be in touch again following these meetings. It was reported that residents had raised concerns about Heras fencing around the new village hall site as it could be intrusive. It was agreed to ask Lovells for a copy of the management plan for the site. Concerns had been raised previously about the lagoon but AQ and RS were confident that the lagoon was behind a property on Church Road and not on the new hall site.

Ashford Homes had confirmed that they were still awaiting drainage details for the commercial site at Goodwood Drive. Double yellow lines had been painted without consent which was also causing delays to the adoption of the estate road.

SPC92 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To note agreement on NJC pay scales and pay offer for 2022/23 **Noted**
- b) Budget – update on budget and S106/CIL contributions **Noted**
- c) Payment to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary – November and backpay) **Approved**

SPC93 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the Playing Field Committee had written regarding plans for the parish to celebrate the Kings Coronation. It was noted that it may not be appropriate to spend public money on an event during the current cost of living crisis but it was agreed that the Playing Field Committee would be asked to put forward a proposal in consultation with other local groups for consideration at the next meeting.

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TT advised that LP had requested a quote to complete a saturation test at the new village hall site. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to consider this quote at this time and to wait until a response had been received from Lovells following the discussions at the site meeting.

SPC94 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 January 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32pm

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sparkford Community Plan – If you are interested and would like to get involved with this then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Neighbourhood Watch – we are looking to re-instate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. If you would like to get involved then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Speedwatch – we are looking for volunteers to get involved with Speedwatch in the Parish. If you are interested then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Warm Hubs – Do you have a few hours to spare each week or month? Would you like to help people who may be struggling with the cost of living crisis? Do you like to meet new people? If you answer yes to all these questions then please contact the Parish Clerk to learn more about how you could help with a Village Café/Warm Hub?