

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 8.00 PM
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr D Nurse, Mrs A Roylance, Mr T Tuck,
Mr R Bell, Mr S Flood
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. M Lewis, 3 members of the public, Mr A Voysey
– Sparkford Church, Kelly Oaten - McDonalds

After a short opportunity for members of the public to address the Council, the Chairman opened the meeting at 8.02 pm.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (2 October 2017) MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2 October 2017 meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nothing to report

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

ML encouraged members of the public to use the library service. He reported that the District Council transformation programme will be completed by December 2018. The district planning team have recently lost three key members of staff who worked within the Sparkford area, confirmation of how these posts will be replaced is yet to be confirmed.

6 HIGHWAYS

SCC have not responded to the proposal for amendments to the Gateway and other improvements, it was agreed to chase Kerry and John.

LD

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

a) 17/03694/TPO Application to carry out tree survey works to tree shown as T4 (Lime tree) within YDC (SPAR 1) TPO 1976. Woodpeckers, 9 Ainstey Drive, Sparkford.

Application permitted with conditions

b) 17/03340/FUL The erection of an industrial building. Land off A359 and A303 slip road, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

It was noted that the planning appeal at Hazelgrove Lodge had been dismissed.

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds – outstanding issues update McDonalds are continuing with their attempts to address the traffic and safety issues. Concerns were raised about vehicles double parking in the area outside the lockers, parking on the pavements and blocking the pathway providing access to the services. Kelly advised that they will widen the traffic path monitoring to include the area outside of the car park. They agreed to liaise with Hazelgrove services and suggest that yellow boxes be marked as appropriate when the white lining in the car park is renewed. Kelly also agreed to arrange for the hedge to be cut and the ditch cleared.

b) Parish Plan update The second meeting of the Parish Plan group has taken place and the key principles agreed. It is hoped to arrange a village meeting in the New Year. It was agreed that RB would contact James Divall at SSDC about the structure for the village meeting and LP would contact Darrell at the Sparkford Inn to discuss the Community Spirit element of the plan.

c) Village Website It was agreed to introduce a new village website. Three quotes have been received and it was agreed to proceed with obtaining more details about what could be achieved and investigate possible funding opportunities.

d) South Somerset Community Accessible Transport Scheme It was agreed to invite Tim Cook at SSDC to the next meeting to discuss possible funding for this scheme.

e) A303 dualling scheme Option 1 for the A303 dualling scheme has been chosen as the preferred route. There are no details of the Sparkford or Yeovilton junctions as of yet and options for Camel Cross are still being looked at. A meeting has been arranged to discuss the implications of the scheme for the Copse. LP and TT advised that they would be attending the consultation session on Friday 10 November.

RB
LP

RB

LD

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of £283.94 to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary) Approved

b) Grant request – Sparkford Church Mr Voysey advised that the Church are looking at a three phase scheme to improve access. The proposals have been through planning and are now out to tender. It was agreed in principle to support the Church with a grant subject to completion of the tender process.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

AR advised that the NHS checks had been postponed and a new date would be confirmed in due course.

13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

SSCAT
McDonalds
Website

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 December 2017, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm