

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2017 AT 8.00 PM  
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

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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, PCSO J Winfield, 2 members of the  
public, Mr R Tizzard and Mr J Read

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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**

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**3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (6 November 2017) MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 6 November 2017 meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The Police are looking into the parking issues in and around McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services and are also investigating issues with bogus callers.

PCSO John Winfield advised that there will be a double crewed Police unit in rural areas checking drink driving offences during December and January.

**5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Lewis advised that the South Somerset Local Plan Review is still open and that SS2 rural areas affects Sparkford. Somerset County Council have recently had an Ofsted inspection of their children's services, the results of this will be announced on 28 January

**6 HIGHWAYS**

Concerns about the safety of people, particularly children crossing the road at the Old Coal Yard were raised and it was agreed to contact SCC Highways, Police and Stonewater to ask for the appropriate works to be completed.

Cllr Lewis confirmed that a works order for the replacement Sparkford sign has been placed.

**7 PLANNING DECISIONS**

None

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## 8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

## 9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

**a) Co-option of Parish Councillor** Following a vote Mr Darrell Northcott was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**b) Land off Cherry Pie Lane** Mr Read and Mr Tizzard presented details of their proposal for residential development on land to the rear of Bennetts Close. They have spent several months looking into technical issues in an attempt to overcome issues and paid particular attention to the address concerns about drainage. The existing combined sewer that goes through the site has potential to create flooding issues, the solution proposed will take water away from the site into the River Cam so there will be no additional water added to the area. Surveys have been carried out to address levels. A new water main will be installed and Mr Read is confident that the improved drainage system for surface water will provide a better situation for the parish. Consultation with local residents will take place before an outline planning application for up to 50 dwellings is submitted. Concerns were raised about increased traffic flow and access to and from the car park at Bennetts Close. Mr Read confirmed that SCC Highways have advised that it would be preferable to have two way traffic at Bennetts Close and not use Cherry Pie Lane. A vehicular link to the playing field and provision of parking in that area would also be incorporated. Mr Tizzard advised that he has been in contact with Bath and Wells Diocese to discuss the possibility of purchase additional land with future options for siting a village hall.

**c) A303 Sparkford to Ilchester consultation** The Chairman attended the consultation eveng. A letter has been received offering a meeting with Highways England to discuss the proposal, it was agreed to meet with them and then respond to the consultation.

**d) Village Website** Work on the new website is progressing and an application for funding has been submitted.

**e) South Somerset Community Accessible Transport Scheme** A meeting with other Parishes has taken place which outlined the current funding arrangements for the South Somerset Community Accessible Transport Scheme and the future issues. They are looking at other possible funding options before asking Parishes to commit to funding in April 2018.

**f) Financial update – Playing Field** Account balance details were provided

**g) Financial update – Village Hall** Account balance details were provided

### **h) Quarterly review of outstanding issues**

*Small Improvement Scheme* – there is no update from SCC

*Defibrillator* – it was agreed to obtain costs for an additional defibrillator and cabinet to be located at the Village Hall

*Air Ambulance night landing strip* – it was agreed to contact and find out if any location had been agreed within the parish

*Parish Plan Village meeting* – RB agreed to contact James Dival at SSDC to discuss the format of a village meeting

## 10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

## 11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

## 12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

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Copies of previous minutes would be circulated to Darrell.

**13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

S106/CIL contributions  
Wessex Water update  
McDonalds issues

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8 January 2018, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm