

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018 AT 8.00 PM
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr T Tuck, Mr R Bell, Mr S Flood, Mr D Northcott
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Mr M Littlewood – Sparkford Copse Trust

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

DN, AR, Cllr. M Lewis

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

LP – item 8a)

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (4 December 2017) MINUTES

The Minutes of the 4 December 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

Nothing to report

6 HIGHWAYS

No response has been received from SCC regarding the gateways so it was agreed to chase and request that a meeting is held as soon as possible.

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 17/04618/REM Application for reserved matters following approval of 16/01436/OUT to include details of appearance, landscaping and scale. Land OS 4859 Part, Chapel Cross to Hazelgrove Roundabout Westbound, Sparkford. Three Councillors supported this application and three Councillors objected to the proposals. The objections related to the drainage and footpath details.

b) 17/04789/LBC Internal alteration to replace the fire surround in the dining room. Weston Bampfylde Manor, Higher Farm Lane, Sparkford. There were no objections to this proposal.

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds issues update Unfortunately due to sickness the Manager of

McDonalds was unable to attend the meeting. It was acknowledged that the rubbish in the surrounding area continues to be cleared but there were horrendous issues with traffic and parking over the Christmas period. It was agreed to invite McDonalds, Hazelgrove Services and the Police to attend a meeting to discuss these issues in more detail.

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b) Wessex Water quarterly update The quarterly update report was circulated and it was agreed that the full report and updates would be sent to the new SSDC Planning Lead following the departure of David Norris.

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c) Speed Indicator devices SCC have advised that they will no longer be providing Speed Indicator devices from March 2018. Discussion took place about the possible purchase of Speed Indicator devices or speed camera signs and also the possible introduction of a traffic calming scheme. It was agreed to contact Mudford PC and ask for feedback following the installation of the devices in their parish. A request would also be made to meet with SCC to discuss this and the Small Improvement scheme requirements. In addition the possibility of a temporary traffic calming solution would be raised at the meeting with Highways England.

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d) Section 106/CIL contributions Concerns were raised about the allocation of S106/CIL contributions. There is a need for a new village hall to be built in the new future but the recent contributions from planning applications have been towards leisure and not community buildings. It was agreed to ask SSDC for clarification about how the allocations are agreed and also advice about how to move forward with the proposal for a new hall.

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e) Defibrillators The battery has been replaced in the defibrillator at Weston Bampfylde. It was agreed to obtain three quotes including the fitting costs for an additional defibrillator to be located outside of the village hall.

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f) Yeovil new town proposal The Parish Council have no strong views about this at the present time.

g) Village Newsletter Mr Downton is no longer able to produce the village newsletter. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would produce it for the interim period until the new website is up and running and that a request would be made to Mr Downton to provide administrator access for the village Facebook page. DN agreed to administer the Facebook page until the new website is up and running.

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10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

b) Parish Council Accounts update The account balance was reported at £12,869

c) Annual grant request – Sparkford Cricket Club Agreed to postpone this until request received

d) Annual grant request – 3rd Sparkford Scout Group Approved £150 grant

e) Annual grant request – Sparkford Parish Hall Committee Approved £150 grant

f) Annual grant request – Sparkford Playing Field Approved £150 grant

g) Annual grant request – Sparkford Copse Trust Approved £200 grant

h) Annual grant request – Weston Bampfylde PCC Approved £150 grant

i) Setting the precept for 2018/19 A 2% increase was agreed

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Residents at Twines Close have asked for support from the Parish Council to submit a request to purchase the land adjoining their gardens that falls within the ownership of the playing field. There were no objections to this in principle as long as no costs are incurred by the Parish Council and providing Sparkford Playing Field Committee are also supportive. It was agreed to request that no contact is made with the Diocese until

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the playing field lease has been renewed.

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

RB is hoping to arrange the next Parish Plan meeting in early February.

TT raised concerns about the standing water between the ditch and the new house on Church Road

Please could photos of each of the Councillors be sent to RB to include on the new website

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13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

McDonalds issues

Defibrillators

Small Improvement Scheme

Speed Indicator Devices

Review of training

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 February 2018, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm