

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 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, Mrs A Roylance
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. M Lewis, Mr S Haigh – Ninesprings Radio, 1 member of the public

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

The Chairman reported that Mr D Nurse had stood down from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (5 February 2018) MINUTES

Following an amendment to the address of the property with an overgrown hedgerow the Minutes of the 5 February 2018 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

The Library consultation is open until 22 April. ML confirmed that SCC will provide volunteers to keep Castle Cary library open. TT asked if SCC will increase the number of mobile libraries. ML agreed to ask at the Scrutiny meeting the following day but additional costs to provide additional mobile units would be a consideration.

West Camel Parish Council are in contact with SCC Highways regarding the A303 consultation.

6 HIGHWAYS

TT reported a hole in the footpath by Hanniton Place. LD to report to Highways.

LD

Works to complete the Small Improvement Scheme were due to be completed this week but an administrative error has meant that the road closure could not take place so the works are now planned for week commencing 16 April. It was agreed to let the works commence as planned but request that arrangements are put in place to ensure that the developers at Longhazel Farm complete any re-instatement work required

LD

upon completion of the development.

SF reported overgrown hedges at the junction from the A303 onto the South Cadbury road. It was agreed to pass this onto South Cadbury PC.

LD

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) Sparkford Playing Field lease The Playing Field lease has now been received. The Playing Field Committee have approved the content so it was agreed that it could be signed by the Chairman and witnessed as appropriate.

LP

b) Parish Plan update It was agreed to draft a communication to try and recruit volunteers to lead and assist with the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This would be posted on the Facebook page and Website.

LD/RB

c) Speed Indicator devices SCC have provided further information about future installations of SID's. The cost would be £600 per annum to continue with the same arrangements. It was agreed to contribute as per the proposed arrangements proposed by SCC. ML is attending the meeting on 14 March so will feedback as appropriate.

LD/ML

d) Wessex Water improvements/road closures It was agreed to request that the works at Old London Road are carried out under traffic lights and not a road closure

LD

e) Financial Update – Playing Field Account balance details were provided

f) Financial Update – Village Hall Account balance details were provided

g) Quarterly review of outstanding issues

Old Coal Yard - clearance works have still not been completed

Defibrillators –it was agreed that an automatic defibrillator is required

McDonalds –yellow lines have still not been painted as previously advised, the hedge cutting and ditch clearance is also outstanding. It was agreed to follow up with Kelly.

LD

Re-instatement of 'Sparkford' sign – ML agreed to contact SCC again to request that this is completed

Other issues –it was reported that there is standing water behind the garages at Church Road and also a large hole near the bridge. It was agreed to contact Mr Rankin.

LD

Overgrown hedge at Church Road needs to be cut back

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of £248.44 to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary) Approved

b) Radio Ninesprings grant request Approved £75 grant

c) South Somerset Community Accessible Transport Scheme contribution
Approved £200 contribution

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Downton has requested confirmation of the arrangements for the Village News. Unfortunately there has not been enough content provided to date to produce a newsletter. It was agreed to produce a flyer to attempt to identify a volunteer with more time to seek content and produce a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter

LD

Chesters Commercial has confirmed that 10 responses were received to the consultation on the proposed development to the rear of Bennetts Close. Concerns

raised include traffic movement, overlooking, the need for a new village hall, no need for more housing in the village and over development. Support has been received for the drainage proposals and the betterment this will be deliver to the village. A planning application is due to be submitted within the next week.

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Minutes to be circulated in draft to all Councillors for approval before being published
Agendas to be displayed in the Parish noticeboard five days in advance of the meeting

LD

13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Parish Plan/NDP
Wessex Water Quarterly Update
Small Improvement Scheme

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 April 2018, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.24pm