

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2018 AT 8.00 PM
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr D Northcott, Mr R Bell, Mrs A Roylance
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. M Lewis, PCSO Thelma Mead, PCSO Amy
Douch, Katie Johnson – McDonalds, Jan den Hartog – Sparkford
Cricket Club, Jon King-Brain – Sparkford Cricket Club, 3 members
of 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

TT and JT

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

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

The minutes of the 5 November meeting were agreed.

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thelma Mead and Amy Douch are now the PCSO's for the Wincanton Rural Beat team. Details of the beat team would be displayed in the parish notice board and also on the website/Facebook page. LP reported that there had been two attempts to break in at the building site on the High Street.

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Lewis confirmed that The Friends of Castle Cary Library would be raking on the running of the library from April. They are hoping to develop more services in the future. As the Chancellor was able to provide additional budget for Social Care and Highways the SCC deficit is now £2.1 million so the situation is not as critical.

6 HIGHWAYS

The white lines near the entrance to McDonalds/Hazelgrove Services on the A359 need re-painting. DN asked if a request could be made to SCC Highways to provide advance notice to businesses when roadworks are undertaken.

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7 PLANNING DECISIONS

- a) **18/02091/FUL** Change of use of land to residential and the proposed relocation of the tennis court. Weston Bampfylde Manor, Higher Farm Lane, Weston Bampfylde.
Application permitted with conditions
- b) **18/03181/TPO** Application to carry out tree works to 3 no. Limes within Tree Preservation Order (SPAR 1) 1976, Woodpeckers, 9 Ainstey Drive, Sparkford
Application permitted with conditions
- c) **18/02916/TPO** Application to carry out tree works to 1 no. Beech tree included within the Tree Preservation Order (Sparkford No. 1) 1985, Beeches, Church Road,

Sparkford **Application permitted with conditions**

d) 18/02880/FUL Alterations and the erection of extensions to dwellinghouse. Grangeleigh House, Church Road, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 18/02489/FUL Application to sub divide existing dwelling into two separate dwellings including new parking. Middle Farm, Weston Bampfylde Road, Sparkford. This application is still being circulated but at the present time there are no objections.

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove services outstanding issues update Katie reported that the trees have been cut back, the yellow lines have been painted but they need extending (this would be done within the next week). The weekly litter pick is still in place with a quarterly litter pick incorporating a larger area also being carried out. A request was made for the litter pick to be extended to include the road towards Little Weston, Katie agreed to look into this

b) Sparkford Cricket Club pavilion project update The Pavillion project is now up and running again. There is an obvious need for improvements now as there is a strong and successful youth section. A refurbishment of the existing facilities will not resolve the issues so the project is for a new pavilion. A Steering Group has been selected and Architects and an Arborist have been appointed to assist. The plan is to relocate the pavilion to the North East corner. Grant funding is being applied for.

The Club reported that at the League AGM the Sparkford Juniors team won 7 cups, this is a great achievement.

c) A303 dualling consultation TT is attending the Inspectorate meeting on 12 December with Queen Camel and West Camel Parish Council's. Mr Griffiths asked if the Parish Council would raise the issue of noise during the construction period. LP advised that traffic management has previously been raised and this including the construction noise will be part of the discussion at the meeting on 12 December.

d) Grit bins SCC are now going to re-fill existing grit bins. The possible purchase of additional grit bins would be discussed again at the next meeting.

e) Tree Preservation Orders Parish Councillors felt that TPO's should be placed on the oak trees on the High Street. It was agreed to find out how this can be achieved.

f) Wessex Water (update from meeting 20/11/18) LP and TT met with Martin Tidman from Wessex Water. Two major upgrades have been suggested and two or three options are now being costed, including a new sewer from the top of Anstey Drive to the Treatment Works. Oversized pipes would be used underground. At the moment everything comes through one sewer so this proposal would mean that the lower end of the village would have its own sewer. Wessex Water agreed to let us know when the costs have been received.

DN had received several comments from parishioners about the water being harder in recent months. Wessex Water would be asked if anything had changed recently.

g) Parish Paths consultation LP agreed to look into this and bring back his findings to the next meeting

h) Financial update – Playing Field Account balance details were provided

i) Financial update – Village Hall Account balance details were provided

j) Financial update – Cricket Club Account balance details were provided

k) Christmas tree recycling It was agreed to offer this service again this year

l) On street parking issues There are continuing issues with on street parking outside Cedar Court/Bennett Close. A request would be made to SSDC Planning regarding a

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condition to be included on any planning approval for the development behind Bennett Close to address visibility issues. Thelma and Amy advised to contact the Police Traffic Management team to identify if they would support an application for double yellow lines.

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m) Defibrillator South West Ambulance service have provided costs for a leasing option. It was agreed to get maintenance costs for both options and discuss further at the next meeting.

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10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

11 CORRESPONDENCE

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

RB has received costs for a SID, Hazelbury Plucknett have recently installed the same device to it was agreed to contact them and ask for feedback. A request would also be made to the Police to identify if they are able to release data from the Police bike that is periodically located on the High Street.

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Cllr. Lewis advised that with all the development in the parish, Sparkford is close to becoming a rural centre. A request would be made for an SSDC Planning Officer to attend the next meeting if possible to explain what this means in terms of change and the potential for more development in the future.

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JT would be asked if he would be a second administrator on the Facebook page.

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13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Parish Paths consultation
SID's
Parish insurance
Defibrillator
Grit bins

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 January 2019, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26pm