

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 8.00PM**

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Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr K Flood, Mr D Hazel, Mr T Tuck, Mr A Quick  
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. Mike Lewis, Royston Piper (Sparkford Playing Field Committee)

The meeting started at 8.00pm.

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**SPC43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**SPC44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**SPC45 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES**

The minutes of the 4 July 2022 meeting were agreed.

**SPC46 CRIME**

A crime report received from the Police had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

**SPC47 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

A briefing note from SCC had been circulated in advance of the meeting. ML advised that the LCN consultation was due to be released today, he stressed the importance of the LCNs for local communities.

**SPC48 HIGHWAYS**

There were no updates to report from SCC Highways. It was noted that John Nicholson was not going to be working in the South Somerset area until the new year. The Clerk had asked SCC Highways for confirmation of the arrangements in place for enforcing the double yellow lines that had been painted at Wolfester Terrace.

It was noted that works had commenced at the Eco Land Co-operative site off Sparkford Hill Lane. It was agreed to contact SSDC Planning and SCC Highways to seek confirmation that the planning conditions had been met and provision for access/drainage.

**SPC49 PLANNING DECISIONS**

None

**SPC50 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) **22/01598/OUT** Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the creation of commercial buildings under Use Class B2 and B8. Land South of High Street, Sparkford. Additional information from agent to be considered. Parish Councillors agreed that their objection still stands.

Concerns were raised about the validity of the data provided by the applicant/agent regarding traffic movements from Goodwood Drive and the fact that the information provided does not take into account the volume of traffic on the High Street or the 37% increase in traffic on the High Street that will result from the A303 improvement scheme. It was agreed to draw the Planning Officers attention to the accuracy of the traffic management plan.

It was noted that building materials had been left by the trees that had Tree Preservation Orders and concerns were raised about possible damage to the trees. It was agreed to contact Phil Paulton at SSDC.

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**b) 22/01331/OUT** Outline application with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of the brownfield site, Dairy House Yard, adjacent to the Haynes Motor Museum to create commercial employment space (Use Classes E (a, b, c d and g), B2 and B8) to support and enhance the activities of the adjoining Haynes Motor Museum. Land at Dairy House Yard, Cary Road, Sparkford. It was agreed that Sparkford Parish Council support the redevelopment of this brownfield site which has a good access but would like assurance that the development is in connection to Haynes Motor Museum only. Concerns were raised about the drainage/surface water run-off and request that details are provided about how this would be managed at the Reserved Matters stage.

**c) 22/02013/FUL** Erection of an acoustic bund. Sparkford Hall, Sparkford Road, Sparkford. Concerns were raised about the size of the acoustic bund as it seems to be larger than necessary and the purpose of it.

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#### **MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS**

**a) Co-option – to fill vacant seat on Council** It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Richard Squires be co-opted onto the Council.

RS joined the meeting as a Parish Councillor

**b) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services - outstanding issues update**

McDonalds had advised that due to it being their busiest time of year and the most challenging time to access the area with the hedge in full bloom that they would arrange for the clearing of the rubbish in the ditch to be completed one the leaves fall again. It was agreed to ask if there was any further update on the ownership of the hedge and grass verge on the left.

**c) Cost of living crisis** It was agreed to ask for volunteers to run a Village Café at the Parish Hall and it was suggested that perhaps the Scout group could run a coffee morning once a month with the supplies funded by the Parish Council. It was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

**d) Transfer of land for new village hall** The Clerk advised that Battens had confirmed that they had received the engrossment documents from the other sides Solicitors. It was agreed to contact Lovells and SSDC Planning to request a site meeting within the next week to ensure that all planning conditions and requirements relating to the transfer of the land had been met. AQ and KF raised concerns about the planting on the western boundary and around the bungalows.

**e) Civility and Respect Pledge –** It was proposed and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would not adopt the Civility and

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Respect Pledge.

**f) Elections Act 2022** – the proposed amendments were noted.

**g) Financial update Village Hall** – details noted

**h) Financial update Playing Field** – details noted

**i) Playing Field inspections** – Royston Piper queried why the Playing Field Committee were asked to complete weekly inspections and the reason for reporting the details to the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that it was a requirement of the insurance that was stipulated when the playing field and associated equipment was added to the Parish Council insurance a few years ago.

**j) New development sites – update and discuss any issues** The Clerk advised that SCC had not provided any further update the street lighting proposals at The Burrows.

#### **SPC52 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) Payment to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary - July) **Approved**

b) Payment to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary – August) **Approved**

c) Payment to GTH (playing field rent) **Approved**

d) To consider grant requests for 2022-23

i. To consider grant request for £150 from Sparkford Playing Field Committee **Approved**

ii. To consider grant request for £150 from Sparkford Parish Church **Approved**

iii. To consider grant request for £150 from 3<sup>rd</sup> Sparkford Scout Group **Approved**

iiii. To consider grant request for £150 from Sparkford Village Hall Committee **Approved**

#### **SPC53 CORRESPONDENCE**

Galliford Try had advised that a funding scheme would be launched for grass roots projects in the local area, more details would be provided when they are available.

RS advised that there was a tree down in the river on Sparkford Hill Lane. The Clerk would report to the Environment Agency.

TT requested an update on S106 and CIL contributions.

It was agreed to contact Justin Crawford and ask for an update on the Copse Trust.

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#### **SPC54 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 3 October 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.46pm

## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Neighbourhood Development Plan** – we are keen to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Sparkford but this is not possible without a group of committed volunteers to lead and progress the work involved. If you are interested and would like to get involved with this then please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – we are looking to re-instate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. If you would like to get involved then please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Speedwatch** – we are looking for volunteers to get involved with Speedwatch in the Parish. If you are interested then please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Warm Hubs** – Do you have a few hours to spare each week or month? Would you like to help people who may be struggling with the cost of living crisis? Do you like to meet new people? If you answer yes to all these questions then please contact the Parish Clerk to learn more about how you could help with a Village Café/Warm Hub?