

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 4 JULY 2022 AT 8.00PM**

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, Mr T Canvin (planning applicant), 3 members of the public

The meeting started at 8.00pm.

SPC29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

SPC30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

LP declared a personal interest in item SPC36a)

SPC31 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 6 June 2022 meeting were agreed.

SPC32 CRIME

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

SPC33 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

ML reported that there were issues with waste and recycling collections at the new properties opposite the Old Coal Yard and that he was in contact with Somerset Waste Partnership and SSDC to try and find a resolution. There was no update on the planning resource or phosphate issues.

SPC34 HIGHWAYS

There were no updates to report from SCC Highways. LP reported that the pavement at Wolfester Terrace needs repairing/replacing.

LD

SPC35 PLANNING DECISIONS

- a) **22/01552/TPO** Application to carry out tree surgery works to no. 3 trees as shown by South Somerset District Council (SPAR 1) 2003 Tree Preservation Order. Land at Ainstey Drive, Sparkford. **Approved**
- b) **22/00969/HOU** Erection of single storey side/rear extension (revised application to approval 21/01111/HOU). Birchfield, High Street, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**

SPC36 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.
The applicant, Mr Canvin, explained that this is the first application with a second to follow in due course for residential development. Mr Canvin advised that there was a demand from local people for units in

Sparkford but when asked for evidence of this he was unable to provide any and confirmed that he would not be undertaking any local consultation. Parish Councillors suggested that should there be a proven need for additional commercial units for local people then these should be at the empty Haynes Publishing site or Cadbury Business Park where there is space for expansion. Mr Canvin advised that he was not aware of Cadbury Business Park. Parish Councillors raised concerns about the entrance to the site which would create a dangerous crossroads on a busy road that is predicted to see an increase in traffic upon completion of the A303 dualling works. There is a mature orchard which contains trees that are subject to TPO's and a wide array of wildlife that would be seriously impacted by this development. There are existing problems with the sewer over topping surface water into the ditch and any development in this area would exasperate these issues. There is still no provision for the improvement scheme proposed by Wessex Water to go ahead and until this has been completed the sewerage system cannot cope during periods of heavy rain. Mr Canvin advised that the development would not connect to the Goodwood Drive system but instead the water would be held back and released gradually into the ditch. When asked about provision for overnight lorry parking and enforcement of parking on double yellow lines, the applicant confirmed that he would be responsible for all enforcement on the site and didn't feel that overnight parking would cause an issue despite the issues that are already experienced with overnight lorry parking at McDonalds and the noise complaints received from local residents. Parish Councillors strongly felt that this development was un-necessary and in the proposed location on a greenfield site would be detrimental to the local community and environment and would create further issues, problems and risks.

RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (4 – for, 0 – abstained, 1 – against) that the Parish Council object to these proposals.

SPC37

MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services - outstanding issues update

McDonalds had still not arranged for the clearing of the rubbish in the ditch following the works to the trees, the Clerk would follow this up. It was agreed to contact McDonalds Head Office to try and resolve the land ownership queries.

LD

b) S106 leisure contributions for 22/00259/OUT The proposal from SSDC was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would respond with a counter proposal regarding the proposed contribution to Queen Camel Parish Council.

LD

c) Local Community Network (LCN) pilot The Clerk reported that a well attended event was held on 29th June to discuss youth. It was agreed that Sparkford PC would like to opt into the youth consultation project.

d) Daisy Wood inspections – It was agreed that David Hazell would complete the weekly inspections and that the Clerk would produce a checklist.

DH/LD

e) Sparkford Copse picnic bench – it was agreed to purchase a steel park bench

f) Community Review project – it was agreed to submit an expression of interest and to contact Jo Witherden at Dorset Council to find out if she is able to provide some advice regarding the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

LD

g) New development sites – update and discuss any issues The Clerk advised that SCC were looking into the street lighting proposals at The Burrows. LP reported that Wessex Water had not yet approved the drainage at Goodwood Drive. TT queried if there was anything in the original planning consent for provision to complete the footpath from Bennett Close.

SPC38 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payment to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary) **Approved**
- b) Payment to Mr David Braybon Tree Surgery (works to trees at Daisy Wood) **Approved**
- c) To consider grant requests **Grant request for Weston Bampfylde PCC was approved. It was agreed to contact other groups requesting submission of grant requests to consideration at the meeting in September.**

LD

SPC39 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that Camelot Growers had donated the tree that was planted at Daisy Wood for the Platinum Jubilee.

It was agreed that KF would look at the data from the Speed Indicator Device.

KF

LP advised that Sparkford Playing Field Committee were struggling to obtain quotes for the next phase of the works. The Clerk would send contact details of companies who may be able to assist.

LD

SPC40 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 September 2022

SPC41 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider exclusion of press and public for remainder of the meeting under *Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960*, Section 1 (2) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed unanimously that in accordance with the *Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960*, Section 1 (2), the press and public be excluded on the grounds that discussion of the following business would disclose confidential information.

SP42 Operation London Bridge

- a) To discuss letter and information pack from SSDC
The letter and information pack were discussed and arrangements for Sparkford agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.39 pm

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.