

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 8.00PM**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr A Quick, Mr J Tuck, Mr T Tuck, Mr A
Voysey
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. Mike Lewis, PCSO Beata, PCSO Louise

The meeting started at 8.00pm.

SPC73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D Northcott

SPC74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

SPC75 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 4 October 2021 meeting were agreed.

SPC76 CRIME

A crime report received from the Police had been circulated in advance of the meeting. PCSO Beata agreed to follow the removal of the fire damaged car at Sparkford Copse.

In response to a query from ML, PCSO Beata agreed to find out if arrangements were still in place to help in the event of flooding issues in the parish and surrounding areas.

SPC77 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

ML reported that the further announcement regarding the LGR had been delayed so there was no further update.

SPC78 HIGHWAYS

There were no further updates from SCC Highways.

SCC have confirmed that the bollard outside the Sparkford Inn will be replaced following an accident. The broken BT cover on Sparkford Road has not yet been repaired.

SPC79 PLANNING DECISIONS

- a) **21/02838/DOC1** Discharge of condition No. 09 (materials) of planning application 20/00825/REM, Land at Cherry Pie Lane, Sparkford. **Condition discharged.**
- b) **21/000928/FUL** Partial demolition of the 'Print and Bind' warehouse to provide new access to the three existing commercial buildings currently inaccessible and which will also provide additional space for HGV's to manoeuvre, along with providing additional parking spaces and re-configuration of the existing car park. External alterations to the existing buildings to include sections of new facades to provide roller shutter doors,

glazed screens, entrance doors and new cladding. Creation of new landscape buffers and erection of 1.8m fence to separate adjacent buildings from commercial buildings. Print And Bind, Haynes Publishing, High Street, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions.**

- c) **20/00084/S73A** Section 73A application to vary condition 02 (approved plans), 12 and 13 (drainage) of approved application 17/01442/FUL to amend design and drainage layout (as per approval 18/00613/S73) and to amend plans from adopted highways layout and drainage to private highways layout, surface water drainage from private highways/stormwater drainage system with private road and drainage system controlled by a management company. The Orchard, Cherry Pie Lane, Sparkford. **Application withdrawn.**
- d) **21/02531/TPO** Application to carry out tree surgery works to No.01 tree included within Tree Preservation Order South Somerset District Council (SPAR 1) 2019. Southdown, High Street, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions.**

SPC80 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

SPC81 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services - outstanding issues update** Sarah Lloyd was unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed that McDonalds were still chasing a response about who was responsible for the hedge cutting and tree maintenance. Concerns have been raised by a resident of Wolfester Terrace about the height of the trees/hedgerow and potential issues with the electricity line. The Clerk agreed to contact McDonalds about this.

TT reported a red car that is regularly parked on the road/pavement on Wolfester Terrace which may belong to a member of staff at McDonalds/Hazelgrove Services.

b) **Traffic calming – update on proposals** There was no update to report

c) **Greenspaces – update on review** A zoom meeting with surrounding Parish Council's is taking place on 24 November

d) **Daisy Wood – update and consideration of purchase of memorial bench** TT advised that the original lock had been re-instated and that friends and family of the previous owner had visited the woods. It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would look at options and prices for a gate/stile to enable pedestrian access and that a tree inspection report would be completed.

e) **Re-connecting Communities – update on funding award** £1,500 has been awarded from SCC towards the purchase of a replacement dog bin, benches at the playing field and The Copse and a contribution towards the hall hire costs to run a Village Café at the Parish Hall.

f) **Litter bin at the Copse – update on recent fire damage** LP reported that the litter bin at the Copse had been damaged beyond repair following a recent car accident/fire. Sarah Lloyd has agreed to find out if McDonalds are able to replace the bin.

g) **Playing Field inspections – update on play inspection report** No response had been received from the Playing Field Committee. LP agreed to follow up to ensure that the repairs had been completed.

h) **Tree Preservation Order (TPO) – to note SSDC (Sparkford No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 2021** Tree Preservation Order was noted.

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i) New development sites – update

Development to the rear of Bennetts Close - Lovells had confirmed that the overhead cables on the western boundary of the site had been taken down but they had not received a site live date yet. SSDC Enforcement team completed a site visit and found that there had been no breach of planning control so the matter has been closed. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Lovells regarding the payment to the Village Hall Committee for the use of the car park.

Development at Longhazel Farm – SCC Highway Lighting team have advised that Ashford Homes have confirmed that they would complete the relocation and replacement of the lighting column on the High Street but had not confirmed when this would be done.

SCC Infrastructures Team have asked Ashford Homes to investigate and rectify the problem with lying water at the entrance to Goodwood Drive.

j) Meetings timetable – to agree meetings timetable for 2022 The dates for the meetings in 2022 were agreed.

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SPC82 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

b) Payment of £288 to First Image Signs (repairs to noticeboard) Approved

SPC83 CORRESPONDENCE

A request for representatives for the Somerset Bus Partnership had been received. AV advised that he had completed the recent survey but felt that it was aimed more at the larger towns.

SPC84 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

TT reported that there had been a poor response to the Parish Survey so the deadline was extended by a week. The New Village Hall Steering Group are meeting again in December

It was agreed that LP would remove the grit bin by the river as it had been damaged further.

LP

JT agreed to publish a poll on the Facebook page regarding the possible installation of an additional dog waste bin and where it would be best located. The Clerk would also contact Longhazel Caravan Park to find out if they had received any comments from visitors regarding access to dog bins.

JT

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SPC85 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Neighbourhood Development Plan presentation
Draft Social Media Policy
New development sites
Daisy Wood – gate and tree report
Jubilee celebrations – confirm plans

SPC86 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6 December 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.16pm

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.