

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 JULY 2021 AT 8.00PM**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr A Quick, Mr J Tuck
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. Mike Lewis, two members of the public

Two members of the public expressed their concerns about the proposals for the bridleway (Rights of Way application 858M). To date they have been unable to find any evidence of there ever being a track in this location.

The meeting started at 8.10pm.

SPC31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D Northcott, Mr A Voysey and Mr T Tuck

SPC32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

SPC33 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 7 June 2021 meeting were agreed.

SPC34 CRIME

No report had been received from the Police. It was noted an 03 registration Iveco van had been seen trying to break through to the building site on the High Street. LP advised residents to be vigilant.

SPC35 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

ML reported that Queen Camel Parish Council had met with Gary Warren at SCC regarding a temporary regulation order. SCC were proposing to include Sparkford Hill Lane in the order which would mean that 'no through road' signs could be put out from Friday to Sunday. It was agreed that ML would request a site visit with Gary Warren to discuss further. With the increased traffic on the A303 on Fridays and Saturdays it was suggested that SCC Highways complete another traffic survey and to ask Highways England to re-consider providing Speed Indicator Devices for the High Street. ML agreed to contact SCC and Highways England again regarding the meeting that had previously been requested to discuss traffic calming measures.

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SPC36 HIGHWAYS

There were no further updates from SCC Highways.

It was reported that the hedges were still overgrown at The Avenue and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would write to the owners as no response had been received from SCC or SSDC.

LD

SPC37 PLANNING DECISIONS

a) **21/00595/S73** S73 application to vary condition 5 (highway drainage) of approval 17/02745/FUL as varied by 21/00595/S73. Haynes Motor Museum,

- Cary Road, Sparkford. **Application approved**
- b) **21/01111/HOU** Erection of single storey extension to rear/side and a two storey extension to the side of dwelling. Birchwood, High Street, Sparkford. **Application approved**

SPC38 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) **21/01617/REM** Reserved matters application of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following outline approval 18/03536/OUT for the erection of 2 no. dwellings and construction of vehicular access thereto. **Concerns were raised regarding the access and drainage issues.**
- b) **21/01615/REM** Reserved matters application of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following outline approval 17/04916/OUT for the erection of 4 no. dwellings and construction of vehicular access thereto. **Concerns were raised regarding the access and drainage issues.**
- c) **21/01966/COU** Change of use of land from agricultural to extension of residential garden. Orchard Corner, Green Close, Sparkford. **No objections were raised to these proposals.**
- d) **20/03623/HOU** Conversion of existing car port/garage to form an annexe (revision to approval 19/02746/HOU). Little Weston House, Little Weston Road, Sparkford. **No objections were raised to these proposals.**
- e) **20/03629/LBC** Conversion of existing car port/garage to form an annexe (revision to approval 19/02747/LBC). Little Weston House, Little Weston Road, Sparkford. **No objections were raised to these proposals.**

SPC39 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

- a) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services - outstanding issues update** LP reported that a meeting with McDonalds and Hazelgrove had been confirmed to take place on 8 July. LP and TT would feedback at the next meeting. **LP/TT**
- b) **Parking issues – to discuss issues reported** Issues with vehicles parking on the pavement had been reported. It was agreed to contact the PCSO. **LD**
- c) **Financial update – Village Hall** Details noted
- d) **Financial update – Playing Field** No financial update had been received, LP agreed to follow up and circulate when received. LP reported that it was hoped to re-open the playing field in time for the summer holidays. **LP**
- e) **Playing Field inspections – quarterly report** Report circulated and details noted
- f) **2020/21 Audit submission – to approve AGAR** Approved

SPC40 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

SPC41 CORRESPONDENCE

A Rights of Way application has been submitted (858M). It was agreed to support residents with their objections to the proposals as there seems to be no reason for a footpath to be there and no evidence that there is a footpath to be upgraded to a bridleway.

SPC42 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

JT reported that the Facebook engagement was increasing. It was agreed that it

would be useful to have a Social Media Policy. The Parish Clerk would send some examples to JT who would draft a policy for discussion at the next meeting.

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JT

SPC43 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Jubilee celebrations
Speed Indicator Devices
New Village Hall Steering Group update

SPC44 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6 September 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56pm

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.

New Village Hall – if you have any relevant knowledge, expertise and/or skills to help the Steering Group with the new Village Hall project then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.