

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 7 JUNE 2021 AT 8.00PM**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr T Tuck, Mr A Quick, Mr A Voysey, Mr J Tuck
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. Mike Lewis, Jake Gresswell and Jonathan Shelley - Lovells

SPC17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D Northcott

SPC18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

SPC19 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 24 May 2021 meeting were agreed.

SPC20 CRIME

A crime report was circulated for information.

SPC21 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

ML reported that the new Chief Executive appointed two weeks previous had since resigned. Alex Parmley had agreed to continue in the role until a new Chief Executive is appointed. Barry James, Planning Lead had now left and his replacement is now in post.

SPC22 HIGHWAYS

There were no further updates from SCC Highways.

The Playing Field Committee requested a barrier/gate between the footpath leading from the Playing Field and Twines Close to prevent possible accidents. SCC Highways agreed to look at possible options.

It was reported that the hedges were overgrown at The Avenue and needed to be cut as a matter of urgency.

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SPC23 PLANNING DECISIONS

a) **21/00285/FUL** Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings and associated parking. Land at Church Road, Sparkford. **Application withdrawn.**

SPC24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **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.
No objections were raised to these proposals.

SPC25 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) **Cherry Pie Meadow development – discuss issues that have arisen on**

and around the site Jonathan Shelley provided an update on the development. Concerns were raised about regular early starts on site and it was agreed that Lovells would follow this up with their staff, contractors and delivery companies and the Parish Council were encouraged to continue to report issues to Lovells and to include vehicle details where possible. Highways access has been an issue as the site entrance caused a bottle neck at times but the access road is now surfaced so those issues should be removed.

It was agreed that Lovells would pay the £1,000 contribution to the Village Hall Committee now rather than at the end of the use. The car park would continue to be used as the site does not lend itself to allow parking once all properties are in build stage.

TT commended the street sweeping that is being completed. In response to a question about cleaning the drains, Lovells advised that SCC Highways had refused to allow them to clear the drains. It was agreed to follow this up with John Nicholson.

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In response to a query about traffic management for Old London Road as the highway drainage works continue along the road, Jonathan advised that traffic control would be put in place and residents would be made aware in advance of these works starting.

Jake confirmed that mains water, sewage and electric would be provided to the village hall site. Drainage would need to be via storage on site which could then drain into the new system. LP agreed to discuss this further with Kevin/Lovells.

LP

Lovells would have the terms and conditions for the electricity supply by the end of the week so would send a copy to the Clerk.

TT requested that the street name is re-visited and further consideration given to Parsonage Way. Jake agreed to look into the reason for the street name.
b) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services - outstanding issues update** A response had been received from McDonalds regarding the pest control contact in place. It was agreed that a request would be made for a zoom meeting with McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services to discuss the issues further.

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c) **Traffic issues on High Street and Church Road – discuss issues with traffic volumes and highway safety concerns during peak holiday times** Concerns were raised following the accident on the High Street on 29 May. ML had been in contact with SCC Highways and Highways England to request a meeting to discuss traffic management options. It was agreed that it was essential to work with Queen Camel Parish Council to find a resolution to the traffic volumes through the villages, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays. ML would follow up and arrange a meeting as a matter of urgency.

ML

d) **Parish Asset register – review of asset register** It was agreed that LP and TT would send a list of assets to the Clerk by 18 June for the Clerk to produce a spreadsheet.

LP/TT

e) **Daisy Wood – update on use of land, maintenance and access requirements following meeting on 27 May** LP and TT met with Kevin at the woods. It was agreed that the Parish Council were happy to let the Scouts manage the maintenance of the area. It was noted that there are three trees

that need to be removed. It was agreed that Kevin would be asked to liaise with Small to Tall Tree Surgery to discuss what work is needed to address the Ash die back issues. ML advised that the Woodland Trust now manage Bluebell Woods.

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It was agreed to get a price for a wooden lean to, to store the mower.

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It was agreed that TT would re-do the Daisy Wood wording on the stone in white acrylic.

TT

It was agreed that a Working Group would meet to discuss the plans for the woods.

LP

f) Quarterly review of outstanding issues – to report any updates on outstanding issues

Cherry Pie Lane resurfacing – reported to SSDC June 2020, no further update from enforcement team

TPO's on trees opposite Hazelgrove Lodge - request for TPO's submitted to Planning and chased for response but no update to report.

Goodwood Drive pavement – Ashford Homes advised that the laying of the wearing course and any replacement kerbs would be completed by early March. LP has advised that there is an issue with the water pipe that needs to be resolved before the access road can be completed and the kerbs replaced.

Broken finger post by Old Parlour Farm Shop Weston Bampfylde – Order placed in December, awaiting confirmation of when the work will be completed

Possible planning breach at Longhazel Lodge - reported to SSDC October 2020, no update received.

Footpath diversion – Application submitted to SSDC. SSDC website says it takes more than 6 months to go through the application process.

Barton Court – possible planning breach reported to SSDC June 2021.

Footpaths – issues reported to SCC but no response received to date, although noted that there are some footpath closures in place to enable repairs.

g) 2020/21 Audit submission – approve paperwork for the Chair to sign A query had been raised by the Clerk regarding the funds received for Daisy Wood. The AGAR would be signed once the query had been resolved.

h) Parish Council meeting in August – consideration of postponing meeting in August It was agreed to postpone the meeting in August.

SPC26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

SPC27 CORRESPONDENCE

None

SPC28 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Concerns were raised about Garrett Commercials now spreading into the additional field. It was agreed to look into the planning consent and any conditions included.

TT asked that his apologies were recorded for the meeting on 5 July.

SPC29 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

SPC30 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 July 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.37pm

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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.