

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1 MARCH 2021 AT 8.00 PM
VIA ZOOM**

Present: Mr T Tuck – Chairman, Mr A Quick, Mr D Northcott, Mr A Voysey
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. Mike Lewis, Jan den Hartog – Sparkford Cricket Club, John King-Brain – Sparkford Cricket Club, Will Reeves – Cricket Club, Richard Clark – Sparkford Cricket Club, 1 member of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Larry Piper

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 1 February meeting were agreed.

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No update.

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

ML reported a 1.99% increase in Council Tax for 2021/22 plus 3% for Adult Social Care and Children's Social Services. SSDC are still struggling with planning matters. SCC elections will be deferred to May 2022. A decision on the One Somerset/Stronger Somerset proposals is expected by July 2021.

6 HIGHWAYS

There are continuing issues with drainage and patching at Brains Lane, particularly after heavy rain.

LD

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

- a) 21/00073/TPO Application to carry out tree surgery works to trees within SSDC
- b) (SPAR1) 2003 Tree Preservation Order. 3 Twines Close, Sparkford. **Approved**
 - b) 21/00205/PDE Prior approval for a proposed extension. Camelot View, 5 Church Road, Sparkford. **Permission not required**

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 21/00595/S73 Application to vary conditions 5 (highway drainage) and 6 (travel plan) of application 17/02745/FUL to allow details to be submitted prior to first occupation of the development rather than prior to commencement. Haynes International Motor Museum, Cary Road, Sparkford. **Councillors support the variation to the Travel Plan condition but object to the variation to the Highway drainage condition.**

9 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

- a) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update** No update

b) Cricket Club Pavilion project update and grant request Jan den Hartog provided an update on the proposals for the new pavilion which had been delayed due to COVID and explained the need for repairs to the roof and toilet facilities of the existing building to be completed due to the delay in the project. It was agreed that the Cricket Club would explore other funding opportunities and attend the next meeting to provide an update. Cllr Mike Lewis agreed to contact SSDC about possible grant funding available. John King-Brain offered an open invitation to all Parish Councillors to visit the Cricket ground when the new season starts.

RESOLVED: it was unanimously agreed to approve a grant of £300 towards the cost of the repairs.

c) New Village Hall Steering Group – formal adoption of Steering Group and update

RESOLVED: it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Steering Group.

d) Parish Noticeboard – a quote has been requested to lower the noticeboard and produce/erect a new sign.

e) Defibrillator at Sparkford Services – it was agreed to ask the Manager at Hazelgrove Services to confirm the location of the defibrillator and follow up with McDonalds to identify if it could be re-located outside of the restaurant.

f) Acceptance of S106 offer for new play equipment at playing field It was unanimously agreed to accept the S106 contribution from the Old Coal Yard development to use towards the purchase of new equipment at the playing field.

g) CCS consultancy for new village hall TT attended a webinar with CCS on new developments and improvements to village halls. It was agreed to approve a payment of £100 to kickstart the consultancy providing there was no clause to make further payments.

h) Quarterly review of outstanding issues

Daisy Wood – still awaiting confirmation of transfer of land and copy of paperwork

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 again to Planning 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. Still awaiting confirmation of who the Building Inspector is for the development.

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 - no response received to request for advice. It was agreed to submit a formal application.

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10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) **Payment to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary)** Approved
- b) **Payment for Zoom licence** Approved

11 CORRESPONDENCE

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Parish Clerk agreed to find out if the trigger points have been met for the S106 contributions for the Longhazel Farm development.

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LP to drill holes in the grit bin near the Old Coal Yard to let the water drain out.

LP

Concerns were raised about the footpaths in the parish. The Parish Clerk agreed to contact SCC Rights of Way team.

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13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cricket Club proposals

Website

Twines Close buffer zone agreements

De-fibrillator re-location and registration with Heartsafe

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12 April 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32pm

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.