

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

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr T Tuck – Vice Chairman, Mr J Tuck, Mr A Quick, Mr D Northcott, Mr A Voysey
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. Mike Lewis, Sarah Lloyd - McDonalds

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 4 January meeting were agreed.

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Megan Day is the new PCSO for Wincanton Rural West. A crime report for the month had been previously circulated.

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

ML reported 140 SSDC staff are now working on COVID related duties. There may be an announcement in the next week from the Secretary of State regarding the Unitary proposals. The phosphate issue is still ongoing.

6 HIGHWAYS

ML has spoken to Gary Warren about double yellow lines at Wolfester Terrace. It was agreed to request yellow lines on both sides of the road, excluding the layby.

ML

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

- a) 20/02743/FUL Erection of 2 dwellings (as approved under Planning Permission No. 19/00414/FUL) with revised boundary arrangements. Land adjoining The Orchard, Cherry Pie Lane, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions.**

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 21/00073/TPO Application to carry out tree surgery works to trees within SSDC (SPAR1) 2003 Tree Preservation Order. 3 Twines Close, Sparkford. **No concerns were raised.**

9 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

- a) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update** Sarah confirmed that the litter pickers are still working around the village. There is still an issue with rats in the surrounding area but pest control still attend McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services regularly.
- b) **A303 dualling proposals** The proposals have been approved by the Secretary of State. It was agreed to contact Highways England to identify the next steps for the traffic calming proposals for Sparkford.

LD

<p>c) New Village Hall Steering Group – update An informal meeting of the Steering Group was held on 20 January. They are due to meet again in February (date to be confirmed). Village Hall week was promoted on social media and generated some suggestions about the new hall. It was agreed that TT would attend the next Steering Group meeting to represent the Village Hall Committee in the absence of another representative.</p>	
<p>d) Buffer zone agreements with properties at Twines Close A requested had been received to review the agreements this year. It was agreed to look at the contracts and discuss further at the next meeting.</p>	LD
<p>e) Zoom licence It was unanimously agreed to purchase a licence for the next 12 months.</p>	LD
<p>f) Groundsman proposal It was agreed to ask West Camel, Queen Camel and Marston Magna Parish Councils to consider a joint Parish Warden Scheme.</p>	LD
<p>10 FINANCIAL MATTERS</p>	
<p>a) Payment of £312.64 to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary) Approved</p>	
<p>b) Annual grant request – Village Hall Grant of £150 approved</p>	
<p>c) Annual grant request – Sparkford Copse Trust Grant of £150 approved</p>	
<p>d) Annual grant request – Cricket Club Agreed to ask a representative of the Cricket Club to attend the next meeting to discuss their proposals</p>	LD
<p>e) Annual grant request – Playing Field Grant of £150 approved</p>	
<p>f) Annual grant request – Sparkford Church Grant of £150 approved</p>	
<p>g) Annual grant request – Holy Cross Church Grant of £150 approved</p>	
<p>h) Annual grant request – 3rd Sparkford Scouts Grant of £150 approved</p>	
<p>11 CORRESPONDENCE</p>	
<p>12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS</p>	
<p>TT agreed look at options for a new sign and the lowering of the notice board.</p>	TT
<p>13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA</p>	
<p>14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	
<p>Monday 1 March 2021</p>	
<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.46pm</p>	

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.