

**MINUTES OF INFORMAL MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER AT 8.00 PM
VIA ZOOM**

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D Northcott

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 2 November meeting were agreed

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nothing to report, although it was noted that PCSO Thelma Mead is leaving and PCSO Tim Russell will be covering this area

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

COVID information is now being sent out daily by SCC.

SSDC have now reached their limit for the time being on investments after agreeing the purchase of the land and buildings at Yeovil Town Football Club.

SSDC and SCC have submitted their unitary authority bids with a decision expected in the New Year from the Secretary of State.

6 HIGHWAYS

The lights on the A303 roundabout are not working

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) **20/02876/HOU** Proposed single storey extension to dwelling. 23 Church Road, Sparkford. Councillors support this proposal
- b) **20/03172/HOU** The erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling. Larkspur House, 6 Ainstey Drive, Sparkford. Councillors support this proposal
- c) Pre application discussion – proposal for conversion of workshop at Wolfester Terrace, Sparkford. Councillors consider this suitable for development and don't foresee any problems, although would need to consider formally if a planning application was submitted

9 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

- a) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update** Both

businesses have confirmed that pest control contracts are in place (monthly for the services and fortnightly for McDonalds). Cllr Lewis asked if any thought had been given to the opening of the new McDonalds in Wincanton and if that would have any impact on Sparkford. Agreed to ask Sarah if she is taking on the franchise for Wincanton.

b) A303 dualling project update Decision delayed until January 2021

c) Proposal for double yellow lines – Bennetts Close/The Avenue After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Lewis could pursue subject to a plan being circulated and temporary markings approved before they are painted. It was also agreed to request a survey of Wolfester Terrace and for SCC Highways to come back with a proposal.

d) Fingerpost at Mill Farm, Weston Bampfylde Agreed to go ahead with the work as quoted by Crestmoor.

e) Rights of Way application Concerns raised about people crossing the A303, would like to know if Highways are going to install a footbridge over or under the A303.

f) Quarterly update of outstanding issues

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of £332.18 to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary November 2020)

Approved

11 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 January 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.08pm

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.

New Village Hall Steering Group – we are looking for volunteers to join a steering group for the new village hall project. If you are interested 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.