

**MINUTES OF INFORMAL MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER AT 8.00 PM  
VIA ZOOM**

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

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr D Northcott

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES**

The minutes of the 5 October meeting were agreed

**4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Nothing to report

**5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Lewis not present to provide an update

**6 HIGHWAYS**

Manhole at Manor Close has not yet been repaired and patching on Sparkford Hill Lane has still not been done

Agreed to send a list of outstanding Highways issues to SCC, requesting an update for the next meeting

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**7 PLANNING DECISIONS**

**a) 20/00825/REM** Reserved matters seeking approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of 36 dwellings and associated infrastructure pursuant to outline planning permission 18/00810/OUT. Land at Cherry Pie Lane, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**

**8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**a) 20/02051/LBC** Proposed relocation of swimming pool and erection of associated pool building, comprehensive landscaping proposals for the east gardens and change of use of small parcel of agricultural land to provide parking for the Manor House. Weston Bampfylde Manor, Higher Farm Lane, Sparkford. No objections raised to these proposals

**b) 20/02050/FUL** Proposed relocation of swimming pool and erection of associated pool building, comprehensive landscaping proposals for the east gardens and change of use of small parcel of agricultural land to provide parking for the Manor House. Weston Bampfylde Manor, Higher Farm Lane, Sparkford. No objections raised to these proposals

**9 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS**

**a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update** Nothing to report, although it was noted that parking was an issue again during half term. No response had been received to the email and LP had been able to speak to the Manager of the garage in person so it was agreed to hand deliver a letter.

LD

**b) A303 dualling project update** Nothing to report, still awaiting response from the Secretary of State

**c) Website accessibility** Various amendments are needed to ensure that documents are accessible. Proposed templates for discussion at the next meeting

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**d) Fingerpost at Mill Farm, Weston Bampfylde** Crestmoor have provided a quote to complete these works. Agreed to seek other quotes and identify if any grant funding available. LP queried if the fingerpost should be insured to avoid future repair costs being incurred. Agreed to contact the insurance company and enquire.

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**e) Parish Tree Giveaway** Information to be sent to the Copse Trust

LD

**10 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**a) Payment of £312.64 to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary October 2020)**

Approved

**11 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

AQ advised that a tree has fallen at Daisy Wood

LP reminded people to be vigilant when out and about as there had been further instances of fly tipping in the area

LP and TT to agree date/time to install the new grit bins

Plan/photos to be produced and sent to SSDC with request for TPO's

LP/TT  
LD

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 7 December 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

## **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.