

**MINUTES OF INFORMAL MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 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
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. M Lewis, Sarah - McDonalds

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs A Roylance

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 7 September meeting were agreed

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nothing to report

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

COVID-19 is still an issue.

The unitary debate is ongoing until the Secretary of State makes a decision.

Highways England have been asked to improve the High Street in Sparkford and it is looking hopeful that funding will be provided to complete improvements.

6 HIGHWAYS

Lamp number 10 at the High Street was not upgraded with the remainder in the street

LD

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

9 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update There were issues with the number of McDonalds customers using the toilet facilities at the garage when the restaurant initially re-opened but this has now been resolved. Litter picking is now being fully completed.

TT suggested that a meeting with Highways, Police, SCC member, McDonalds and the garage was needed to address the issues with traffic management and parking at and around the site. It was agreed to contact the garage again with request to engage in discussions. LD will email the group manager and LP will contact the local manager the garage.

LD/LP

LP asked Sarah to pass on thanks to the local manager as the work that they do is really appreciated.

b) A303 dualling project update No update to report

c) Insurance for garage at Playing Field The additional premium quoted to insure the garage at the playing field is £111.17 for the remainder of the year. Agreed to inform the Playing Field Committee of the additional premium and add to the insurance if they are happy to pay.

LD

d) Playing Field inspections quarterly report Weekly inspection details circulated to all Parish Councillors.

e) WW1 silhouettes LP would get the silhouettes out of storage and LP/TT would arrange to put them up by 12 October.

LP/TT

f) Financial update – Playing Field Account balance details not yet been provided

g) Financial update – Village Hall Account balance details were provided

h) Climate Emergency Community Fund TT suggested an application for electric charging points outside the parish hall. LD to find out if this would be eligible.

LD

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of £1652.48 to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary March – August 2020) Approved

b) Payment of £312.64 to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary September 2020) Approved

11 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

TT confirmed that the parish hall is now open for active users with social distancing measures in place.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 November 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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.