

**MINUTES OF INFORMAL MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6 JULY 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. M Lewis

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D Northcott, Mrs A Roylance

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6a - LP

3 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nothing to report

4 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

SSDC has approved an accelerated housing programme and therefore it is likely that more housing will be approved. Yeovil and Chard have not taken their housing numbers so rural areas have been hit because of this.

SCC unitary authority business case will go online on 7 July. As of 31 March 2020 there was a £6m underspend that was put into reserves but the pandemic has hit funding badly so that will have an impact on this financial year. The funding allocated does not meet the £42m spent so far on the pandemic.

5 HIGHWAYS

There is a pothole in the carriageway from Queen Camel to the roundabout, opposite the junction to Reeves.

The advanced warning sign near Hazelgrove Lodge needs to be repaired as half of it is missing.

LD

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

a) 20/00505/S73 Application to vary condition 2, remove condition 14 as not relevant, vary condition 16 and vary condition 18 of planning approval 17/02046/FUL. Land at Longhazel Farm, High Street, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**

b) 20/01102/FUL The erection of 1 no. dwelling and detached garage with workshop/store above. Land adj. Barley Cottage, High Street, Sparkford. **Application withdrawn**

LD

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 20/01603/HOU Erection of a carport extension to side of dwelling. Sandon, Cherry Pie Lane, Sparkford. **Parish Councillors have no objections to these proposals**

8. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update There are no issues to report although it was noted that the bins in the laybys on the A359 are filling

up quickly and need to be emptied more regularly. LD would report to SSDC
b) A303 dualling proposals Nothing to report as awaiting decision later in July
c) Update on outstanding issues

LD

Damage to High Street – follow up with Instalcom

Fingerposts – follow up with contractor to obtain quote for works

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

LD

a) Financial update – Playing Field Account balance details were provided

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

c) Playing Field Committee funding request The Playing Field Committee have received plans and quotes for the proposed improvements to the Playing Field:

Wickstead - £24,870 + VAT

Lapsett - £30,000 + VAT

Compan - £32,819 + VAT

Lapsett is the preferred supplier and the Committee are now working with SSDC to agree the project proposals and plans. They have requested that the contractors are instructed through the Parish Council, although the Playing Field Committee will manage the works. The Parish Clerk would contact SSDC to discuss the procedure to draw down the S106 monies upon receipt of the three quotes and set of plans.

LD

It was agreed to check the lease and make sure that there are no restrictions/clauses to be considered.

LD

LP would ask the Playing Field Committee to circulate the plans and quotes to Parish Councillors.

LP

10 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

LP and TT have visited a new development in Somerton as they are having issues with the road widths. It was agreed to contact SCC Highways to request a meeting to discuss the concerns regarding the proposed road widths at the development behind Bennetts Close and to make SSDC Planning aware of the potential issues and ongoing discussions with the agent and SCC Highways.

LD

AQ has spoken to residents in Church Road regarding the boundary to the proposed development. AQ will send a summary of the responses to LD. TT thanked AQ for doing the survey.

AQ

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 September 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm

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.