

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 8.00 PM
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr T Tuck – Vice Chairman, Mr A Quick,
Mrs A Roylance
In attendance: Amy Willoughby – ELC, representative from Sparkford Church
and 1 member of the public

After a short opportunity for members of the public to address the Council, the Chairman opened the meeting at 8.02 pm.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D Northcott, Mr R Bell, Mr J Tuck

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update Nothing new to report

b) Adoption of New Village Hall Steering Group This was deferred to the March meeting

c) A303 dualling project Nothing to report

d) Grit bins The positions of the new grit bins have been approved by SCC

e) Defibrillator The defibrillator has been fitted. A suggestion of a light to be installed above it has been made. TT agreed to price this up.

f) Traffic calming Surveys have been taken and we are now waiting to hear from SCC. It is hoped to adjust 3-mph each end of the village

g) VE Day celebrations It was agreed to set aside £1,000 towards the costs for organising the events/activities on the day

h) Financial update – Playing Field Account balance details to be circulated

i) Financial update – Village Hall Account balance details to be circulated

j) Playing field inspections quarterly report The details of the inspection report have been received. The trim trail is on its last legs and will be removed during this year

LD

TT

4 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of £283.94 to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary) Approved

b) Funding request – Ninesprings Radio Agreed not to approve a grant for 2020/21

c) Annual grant request – Playing Field Approved grant of £150

d) Annual grant request – Village Hall Approved grant of £250

e) Annual grant request – Sparkford Scouts Approved grant of £150

f) Annual grant request – Sparkford Church Approved grant of £250

g) Annual grant request – Copse Trust Approved grant of £150

h) Annual grant request – Cricket Club Approved grant of £150

i) Funding request – Sparkford Playday Approved grant of £250

j) Setting the precept for 2020/2 Agreed 4% increase

5 CORRESPONDENCE

ELC have been working with Wessex Water to seek compensation as the proposed sewage main could be going through their land. LP advised that the Parish Council would not be happy if the ELC scuppers the proposed sewage main as they have fought for this for nearly a decade.

Also the ELC are pursuing full retail on their site as their thoughts are this will not make any difference to the traffic as it would more than likely large sales such as 100 trees for one client to pick up. LP was concerned that this may not be the case and there could equally be 100 clients colleting one tree each.

It was agreed to write to SSDC Planning to advise that the parish is against the thought of retail and the majority of the Parish Council are against the complete application. A letter would be drafted and sent to Simon Fox asking for confirmation of receipt stating that the road is not man enough for more than the amount of traffic that currently uses the lane.

LD/LP

ELC have also reported that they have renamed the area to Wyvern Paddock.

6 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

TT is checking with Justin Crawford regarding tree planting

TT

The village Hall Car Park now has a licence to use via the Montgomery family

PCSO to be contacted due to the parking problems at Cedar Court. A request for considerate parking also to be added to the website and Facebook page.

LD

TPO to be chased High Street end of the village.

The trigger points for the Section 106 agreement for the development to the rear of Bennett Close to be confirmed

LP

The church has a new rector and has asked if the parish would like a service on the weekend of the VE Day celebrations or perhaps we could ask the rector along to our celebration.

7 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

New Village Hall Steering Group

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 March 2020, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

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.