

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2019 AT 8.00 PM
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr T Tuck – Vice Chairman, Mr D Northcott, Mr A Quick, Mr R Bell
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. M Lewis, PCSO Mead, PCSO Winfield, 10 members of 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

Mrs A Roylance and Mr J Tuck

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (4 NOVEMBER 2019) MINUTES

The minutes of the 4 November meeting were agreed

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Parishioners were encouraged to be vigilant following a recent theft from a van on Church Road. Unfortunately the vehicle registration number was not seen so the incident has now been filed. PCSO Winfield is working closely with Haynes Motor Museum regarding traffic issues, they are looking to hold an event with the traffic team.

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

SCC briefing note has been circulated. A winter health website has been setup to help those who may be struggling. The closing date for primary school applications is 15 January. Connecting Devon and Somerset are still having issues, a period of consultation will continue until 10 December.

Cllr. Lewis apologised on behalf of SSDC that the planning service is still struggling but unfortunately there doesn't appear to be a great deal that can be achieved.

6 HIGHWAYS

The grit bins have not yet been topped up. SCC Highways have queried the number and locations of the proposed new bins. TT transported grit in his car last year so there is a need for the additional bins. TT to mark the locations in the new map as requested by Highways.

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

a) 19/02587/S73 Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of permission 18/03555/FUL to allow substituted plans. The proposed roof construction is to be amended from the approved pitched roof to a flat roof. Hazelgrove Service Station, Wolfester Terrace, Sparkford. **Approved**

b) 19/02582/FUL The demolition of the existing pavilion and the erection of a new

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pavilion with alterations to access and parking. Sparkford Cricket Club, Brains Lane, Sparkford. **Approved**

c) 19/02805/S73 Section 73 application for 19/00903/HOU to allow for the addition of an obscure glazed first floor window to south elevation. Linnet Cottage, 11 Ainstey Drive, Sparkford. **Approved**

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 19/02803/FUL Alteration to existing access and erection of 3 no. dwellings. Land South of Brooklands, Brains Lane Sparkford **This application is still being circulated**

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update TT met with Sarah as the staff at McDonalds have been painting the village hall. Concerns were raised about McDonalds staff parking at Wolfester Terrace, residents have had to ask staff to move their vehicles as driveways have been blocked. It was agreed to ask Sarah for re-assurance that staff are not parking there. The Parish Council cannot stop staff parking there but can request that they do not park there. There are also issues with noise from lorries, particularly sounding horns at night. The intercoms system is also loud and can be heard when the windows are open in the houses.

There are problems with boy racers at the services, one resident has spoken to them and asked them to stop but received a threatening response. Issues with rats at the site was also reported.

The issues reported would be raised with McDonalds.

b) Traffic calming at Wolfester Terrace In light of the A303 dualling proposals and the Highways Agency traffic calming proposals it was agreed that suggestions for improvements at Wolfester Terrace should be considered. Residents were encouraged to put forward their views/suggestions.

12 Wolfester Terrace - would like to see a cul-de-sac, with the Queen Camel end closed. Young children who live there cannot play outside because it's too dangerous and there are problems with boy racers at night.

2 Wolfester Terrace - is happy with how it is currently and would not like to see it closed. They do not notice any problems with boy racers.

7 Wolfester Terrace - would like to see a reduced speed limit as 60mph is too fast on the High Street past Pipers Trimmers. Would be concerned about McDonalds staff using the area as an overspill car park if it was a cul-de-sac. The Police do not enforce or address anything but nothing would be achieved by making it one way.

It was felt that the use of Wolfester Terrace as a rat run should reduce once the A303 dualling is completed.

The residents present at the meeting would support double yellow lines and a reduction in the speed limit. It was agreed that the residents concerns would be included in future discussions about traffic calming. A suggestion for double yellow lines from one end to the other, hatching next to the lay by and a 30mph speed limit would be put forward to SCC Highways.

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c) New Village Hall Kevin Davis and Rob Butcher are keen to be part of the steering group for the new village hall but to date no other volunteers have expressed an interest.

The site has been purchased by Lovells. Clive Miller Planning Ltd. are acting on their behalf for the residential development. They are proposing to attend the Parish Council meeting in January and hold a public consultation event on the same date. It was agreed to suggest that the consultation is deferred until February but that they still attend the Parish Council meeting in January.

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It was agreed to request that information about the development is delivered to properties at Cherry Pie Lane, Cedar Court, right hand side of Church Road, Orchard Close and Bennett Close.

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Cllr. Lewis suggested that the Parish Council negotiate with Lovells to include the village hall in the Reserved Matters application.

Mrs Wake asked if the existing village hall could be retained by the Parish Council and converted to residential properties to let out. LP advised that the steering group would be looking at the options available.

d) Land at Daisy Wood, Sparkford It was agreed to ask the woodman for a report so that we are aware of what we are taking on and any costs that are likely to be incurred, RB agreed to speak to the woodman. TT and KD have looked at the site, the Scout group would be happy to maintain the area as much as possible. It was agreed that a request is made to the estate to handover the land in a maintained and safe state.

RB

e) Parish Warden scheme It was agreed to ask for a meeting with SSDC to discuss the options further.

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f) A303 dualling proposals There is no further update

g) Environment Strategy Details of the SSDC Environment Strategy proposals have been circulated. Any comments should be sent to the Parish Clerk

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The High Street and surrounding area has not been left in an acceptable state following the roadworks. It was agreed to request a deep clean of the channels, gullies and footpaths and that the bulbs are replaced. LP would pass on the contact details for the company leading the works.

LP/LD

RB suggested that a hog roast at the Sparkford Inn is funded by the Parish Council to celebrate VE Day. Surrounding parishes could also be invited to participate/contribute. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

VE Day celebrations

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6 January 2020, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.46pm

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.