

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019 AT 8.00 PM
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr T Tuck – Vice Chairman, Mrs A Roylance, Mr D Northcott, Mr A Quick, Mr R Bell, Mr J Tuck
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. M Lewis, , 1 member 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

None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

LP – item 8c

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (2 SEPTEMBER 2019) MINUTES

The minutes of the 2 September meeting were agreed

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There were no reports from the Police. LP advised that there had been several trailers stolen in the local area so residents should be vigilant and ensure that vehicles and equipment are securely locked away.

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Lewis has asked that details of the re-filling of grit bins are circulated to all Parish Council's.

6 HIGHWAYS

An update on the meeting between Highways and the owners of the car wash to be requested. The street nameplate for Wolfester Terrace outside Reeves has been hit and needs to be re-erected. The other Wolfester Terrace sign needs to be moved. Street light no. 5 outside Hazelgrove Lodge, High Street is not working.

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7 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 19/02160/FUL The siting of three temporary agricultural workers' dwellings for a period of 5 years together with an agricultural barn with PV array and new vehicular access to provide three affordable smallholdings to new entrants to ecological agriculture. Land north of Sparkford Hill Lane, Sparkford.

There has been a lot of community engagement prior to the planning application being submitted. TT asked if ELC were aware of Wessex Water proposals for a sewer diversion through the site. Concerns were raised regarding the lack of provision for visibility splays where Sparkford Hill Lane joins Church Road. ELC advises that Highways had been consulted. Parish Councillors felt that access should be via Church

Road only and not Sparkford Hill Lane.

Malcolm Littlewood raised concerns about additional traffic on Sparkford Hill Lane and also the condition of the lane as well as the long term plans for the site. This application is for temporary accommodation initially to build up business. Permanent accommodation would be subject to a new planning application and viable business plans. Vehicle movements would be monitored as part of an annual traffic management plan and issues would be addressed if they arise.

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Parish Councillors requested that the development be named Wyvern Paddock and not Wolfester Paddock.

b) 19/02333/HOU Proposed garden store, Paddock Lodge, Cherry Pie Lane, Sparkford. This application is still being circulated but there were no objections to date.
c) 19/02373/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of 6 dwellings. Land at Long Hazel Farm, High Street, Sparkford. Shaun Travers from Boon Brown presented the amended proposals. Bungalows have been incorporated into the design as there is an understanding that there is a demand for them in the area. This scheme should be more sustainable as the residential scheme would be pumped into a commercial drainage pipe. The permeable surface will also be better for the residential development. Concerns have been raised by neighbours with regard to dust and noise at the existing building site so a noise and air quality study will be provided within the next two weeks.

RB asked if there was any noise abatement? It was confirmed that a 3m high acoustic fence is proposed. Concerns were raised about the noise from the A303, particularly as future traffic will be travelling at much higher speeds once the dualling proposals are completed. The commercial units gave a natural barrier.

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update No new issues were reported but it was agreed to follow up to identify if the defibrillator at the service station could be re-located to McDonalds

b) Cricket Club pavilion proposals The Cricket Club presented their proposals for the demolition of the existing pavilion and re-build of a new pavilion in the corner of the site. The design will enhance the area and improve the entrance to the village, the jubilee tree will remain and there are no issues at present with drainage into the ditch so it is not envisaged that there will be any future issues. The design has been kept as basic as possible to meet the minimum requirements of Sport England and ECB. The planning application has been submitted so there is now slot of fundraising to be done.

c) A303 dualling project Highways England have now provided a traffic management plan. Concerns have been raised about night closures so Highways England have been asked for mitigation.

d) Wessex Water meeting update Martin Tidman from Wessex Water has produced a plan showing proposals for a new sewer line. The plans will now go to design and costing and it is hoped to put them into the new build programme. It was agreed to confirm the new contact at Wessex Water and ask for quarterly updates to continue.

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e) Grit bins It was agreed to request that all existing grit bins are filled and ask for update on request for additional bins.

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f) New Village Hall Steering Group Sparkford Scout Group have put forward two representatives but unfortunately there are no other volunteers to date.

g) Quarterly update of outstanding issues

SID's - the SCC document should not be deterrent, it is designed to assist parish councils and protect them. It was agreed to await the response from Highways England regarding traffic calming measures before making any further decisions.

Wolfester Terrace - it was agreed to arrange a meeting with Highways, the Police and McDonalds to discuss parking issues at Wolfester Terrace and draft a letter to residents about proposed consideration of yellow lines.

CIL contributions - LP would contact Lynda Pincombe at SSDC to arrange a meeting.

Cricket Club - LP to contact Mrs Bray about the grinding of the tree stump.

Defibrillator - the village hall has had all the electrics brought up to standard. Contact SWAST to arrange a meeting to agree location of defibrillator.

h) Playing Field inspections quarterly report Details of the quarterly inspection report were presented.

i) VE Day celebrations It was agreed to put on the agenda to discuss in the new year

j) WW1 silhouettes It was agreed to locate the silhouettes together by the Sparkford stone. TT and RB to put them up.

k) Financial update – Playing Field Account balance details are yet to be provided. LP to contact Marc Beale

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

m) Support for Playing Field Committee LP advised that the playing field committee are hot on the heels of getting a new secretary. The minutes would be provided by the next meeting.

n) Land at Daisy Wood, Sparkford Agreed in principle subject to further details of maintenance costs

o) Support for CAT Bus It was agreed to request an update from the CAT Bus

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10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

b) Payment of £8.40 to Mrs L Davis (postage stamps) Approved

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Haynes Development - JT confirmed that the site has now been sold and the next stage of the planning application is expected within the next two months.

RB confirmed that the insurance certificate has been received

Welcome Pack - it was agreed to print 100 copies at 12p per copy

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13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 November 2019, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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