

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

Present: Mr T Tuck – Vice Chairman, Mrs A Roylance, Mr D Northcott, Mr A Quick, Mr R Bell
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. M Lewis, Mr R Tizzard, Sarah Lloyd – McDonalds, Charlotte – McDonalds, 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

Mr L Piper and Mr J Tuck

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (1 JULY 2019) MINUTES

The minutes of the 1 July meeting were agreed

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There were no reports from the Police.

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Lewis updated on a number of conversations with Mrs Wake regarding planning issues, some of which have now been dealt with by Planning. Mrs Wake has been advised to contact SCC Highways regarding the parking issues at Wolfester Terrace and provide them with photos if possible. John Nicholson will speak to Garry Warren regarding yellow lines. SCC are also looking into the traffic and speeding issues through villages on the A359.

6 HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **19/02063/HOU** The erection of a single storey front porch enclosure, Lime Tree Cottage, 4 Ainstey Drive, Sparkford. No objections to date but not seen by all Parish Councillors.

b) **19/01942FUL** Installation of wooden pergola to be used as seating area for farm shop customers, Mill Farm, Weston Bampfylde Road, Sparkford. No objections to date but not seen by all Parish Councillors.

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) **Wessex Water quarterly update** A report from Martin Tidman was read, a meeting

would be arranged with Martin on 18 September to enable him to update on further progress before his retirement from Wessex Water at the end of September.

b) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update It was agreed that a meeting is needed to discuss traffic management at the site. McDonalds, Hazelgrove Services and the Police should all be involved in the meeting. There is frustration on both parties (Parish Council and McDonalds) with the traffic issues. McDonalds are particularly challenged in terms of staff parking with the national speed limit road in such close proximity causing health and safety concerns. TT advised that if the LGV parking area is changed to car parking then there would be a need for alternative provision for LGV parking to be found.

c) Land rear of Bennett Close/Village Hall Outline planning permission has been granted for this site. The Section 106 agreement has been completed and includes conditions and obligations for education, outdoor facilities and the land for a village hall including access and services which will be handed over upon 30% dwelling occupation. Mr Tizzard advised that if there is anything further that he can do to help with the new hall then he would try. He is confident that there is sufficient demand from developers to build in Sparkford. He is working with prospective buyers and asking them to commit to provide the village hall. If all goes well then a developer may be seeking reserved matters within the next six months. Subject to the outcome of the planning process the 30% occupation could be in around 18 months. Mr Tizzard confirmed that he would be happy to introduce the developer to the Parish Council once chosen.

RB asked if the boundary would be the responsibility of the Parish Council or the developer? Mr Tizzard assumed that the final boundary would be the responsibility of the Parish Council but the developers would need to keep the building site safe.

Cllr Lewis advised that SSDC is going through a review of the Local Plan and Sparkford is being designated as a village. He has asked what benefits there are to Sparkford being a village but is still awaiting a response.

d) A303 dualling project LP and TT met with Mott McDonald on 27 August to discuss possible traffic calming as there are now designated funds within the A303 proposals to provide a scheme for Sparkford. They are going to look at a scheme for the High Street and the old A303 and will look at options for Wolfester Terrace. Highways England will do all the survey and communications in conjunction with SCC Highways. The proposals will go before the Secretary of State later this month but we won't have prior view of the recommendations before the submission.

Cllr Lewis advised that it would be useful to work with West Camel and Queen Camel on the traffic calming measures and also suggested that an e-mail is sent to Mott McDonalds regarding amending the locations for satellite navigation as per discussions with West Camel.

e) Traffic calming Details as per item 9d

f) Update from Highways meeting TT met with John Nicholson from SCC Highways on 28 August to look at issues in the parish. The meeting was followed up by a response the following date with the actions proposed by SCC.

g) SID's Following communication from Lopen PC regarding issues with SCC and in light of the proposed traffic calming measures it was agreed to put the installation of the SID on hold until we know more about the Highways England proposals.

h) Parking issues There are continuing issues with vehicles parking on the pavement on Church Road. Unfortunately the Police have been unable to witness any vehicles parked on the pavement and have confirmed that they are unable to act on third party evidence.

i) Area East Town and Parish meeting TT agreed to attend the meeting

i) Proposed closure of St. Margaret's Hospice It was agreed to support the campaign against the closure

k) Grit bins It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when hopefully SCC would have confirmed the proposed locations for new bins

l) Councillor training There is a need for DN and AQ need to attend the Councillor Essential Training and LP needs to attend the Chairman's training.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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11 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from M Littlewood regarding the Ecological Land Co-operative proposals

A letter was received from Plug-N-Go regarding charging systems/electric vehicle points. It was agreed that there is no requirement for this at the present time.

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Concerns were raised about proposals for a farm shop within South Cadbury Parish. It was agreed to request copies of agendas and minutes for North Cadbury and South Cadbury Parish Council meetings.

LD

Despite previous requests the minutes of the Playing Field Association meetings and accounts for 2018/19 have not yet been received. A further request would be made and it was agreed that if the Chairman of the Playing Field Association was in agreement then an item would be added to the agenda of the October meeting to discuss possible options for support to the committee in the absence of a secretary.

LP/LD

RB confirmed that the silhouettes are still in storage but a decision about the location and timing of display for this year needs to be made. It was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

RB will be away for the meeting in October

13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Steering group for new village hall
Silhouettes

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 October 2019, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

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