

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1 JULY 2019 AT 8.00 PM
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr T Tuck, Mrs A Roylance, Mr D Northcott, Mr A Quick, Mr R Bell, Mr J Tuck
In attendance: Mrs L Davis

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

Item 8a, b & c - DN declared an interest

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (13 MAY 2019) MINUTES

The minutes of the 3 June meeting were agreed

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There were no reports from the Police. J Tuck reported a vehicle that has been left in the car park at Bennetts Close. Yarlington Housing have been informed but it was agreed to also report to the Police.

LD

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Lewis was not present to provide a report

6 HIGHWAYS

Concerns were raised about the kerb lines at the Longhazel Farm development. They are not satisfactory. It was agreed to contact the developers and find out who the Building Control Inspector is.

The Sparkford sign has been put back at Queen Camel Hill but there is still no junction sign by Fletchers Moss.

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

a) **19/00903/HOU** Alterations, the erection of a single storey rear extension, new dormer window and rooflight to rear. 11 Ainstey Drive, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**

LD

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **19/01123/FUL** Erection of seven dwellings and conversion of barn to dwelling. Land rear of Sparkford Inn, High Street, Sparkford. Parish Councillors object to this application due to concerns about access and noise mitigation. The density is also wrong.

LD

b) **19/01100/LBC** Internal and external alterations to barn to convert to dwelling. Sparkford Inn, High Street, Sparkford. Parish Councillors were happy in principle as

- long as suitable access is put in place.
- c) 19/01099/LBC** Alterations to the public house to include relocation of bin store, alterations to existing single storey rear extension, creation of a 2m wide link to existing pub cellar, relocation of toilet and store, erection of a stone wall, removal of existing wall in beer garden and refurbishment of holiday lets. Sparkford Inn, High Street, Sparkford. Parish Councillors support this proposal in principle but object as there is a need for increased parking. The turning head layout is wrong and the access needs to be re-visited with an alternative access proposed.

LD

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update McDonalds seem to be making every effort to make improvements but there are still issues at the garage. It was agreed that a meeting was needed with the owner of the garage, McDonalds and the Police. A letter would be sent to Hazelgrove Services inviting them to attend a meeting.

LD

b) A303 dualling project A decision is due from the Inspectorate at any time. A final invoice has been received from Fairhurst relating to the additional work that was undertaken. RB proposed and DN seconded that Sparkford PC would contribute £224 (1/3 of the total cost)

c) Grit bins TT proposed locations for seven additional grit bins. It was agreed to seek SCC highways approval for the new locations and get prices for the bins.

LD

d) SID's A letter of authority is required from SCC to give consent for the SID's. It was agreed to get more information about the Auto Watch and also identify what data is acceptable for SCC and the Police to inform a decision about future traffic calming measures. The Planning Inspector dealing with the A303 proposals asked SCC to undertake a traffic count on all routes into Sparkford but this has not been done. It was agreed to ask Highways to meet on site to look at all the Highways issues in the village and obtain an explore the data required and what we could do.

LP

LD

e) Quarterly update of outstanding issues

Sparkford Car Wash – LP would contact the owners regarding the water from the ramp that goes into the Highway. It was also agreed to contact SCC again as no response received.

LP/TT

Concrete in channel outside Barley Cottage, High Street – this has not yet been resolved

Fingerposts – the fingerpost at Mill Farm still needs to be repaired

LD

Old Coal Yard – there is still an issue with the fence near the railway line

Field entrance – concerns were raised about the field entrance that is being used to access Hazelgrove Lodge

Welcome Pack – LP would check the details and TT would arrange for the packs to be printed.

f) Parking issues there are continuing issues with a vehicle being parked on the pavement on Church Road. The Police have been informed but no action has been taken to date. It was agreed to write to the owners of the property and ask them to speak to the tenants.

LD

g) Queen Camel Parish Council consultation – Draft Neighbourhood Plan and SEA It was agreed that the proposals seem sensible and there were no objections.

h) SSDC Environment Strategy consultation Comments to be sent to LD

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

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

k) Financial update – Cricket Club An update report for the Club was provided

l) August Parish Council meeting It was agreed not to meet in August due to Parish Councillors availability

m) Playing field inspections quarterly report Details of the quarterly inspection report were presented.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

b) Payment of £250 to Greenslade Taylor Hunt (Playing Field rent) Approved

c) Joint gratuity payment (Les Stevens) There has been discussion between Queen Camel, West Camel and TT regarding the work that Les Stevens has put into the A303 project during the last 18 months. It was agreed to contribute £200 towards the gifting of a weekend away for Les and his wife. It was also agreed to write a letter of thanks to Les.

LD

11 CORRESPONDENCE

The Village Hall Committee have asked if the Playing Field Committee contribute towards the Parish insurance. LP confirmed that the Playing Field and Village Hall had their own policies. The Playing Field were double paying so there was no increase in the Parish insurance to add the Playing Field but there was an additional cost for the Village Hall.

LD

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

A new Wolfester Terrace sign has been erected near the Sparkford sign. It was agreed that a request should be made to move the sign as it is causing confusion.

Traffic management and the works completed by Wessex Water were completed to a high standard.

13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 September 2019, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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.