

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3 JUNE 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
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Mr 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

Mr R Bell, Mr J Tuck

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 8a – LP declared a personal interest

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

The minutes of the 13 May meeting were agreed.

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There were no reports from the Police.

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

SCC has been featured in a Panorama programme 'Crisis in Care', describing some of the issues faced by all local authorities dealing with social care. Connecting Devon and Somerset continues to be an issue. There are now a number of private companies providing superfast broadband but Connecting Devon and Somerset is the place to go.

SSDC held their annual meeting in May. Henry Hobhouse is now the Chair of Area East Committee and Toni Capozzoli is the Vice Chair. The system changed this year with the administration choosing the Chair rather than them being elected. This is a significant change to previous years so we will have to see how that impacts throughout the coming year.

6 HIGHWAYS

The drain on the High Street has been repaired. The railings by Mill Farm at the bridge need to be repaired. LP reported that the Sparkford River bridge near Cam Cottages has collapsed.

LD

Concern was raised regarding the response from Highways about the gully clearance not being completed until 2021. It was agreed to contact SCC and advise that after all the investiture in drainage it is getting to a state of disrepair. There is something vitally wrong with the maintenance programme.

LD

Further concerns have been raised about vehicles parking on Wolfester Terrace. Highways have contacted the residents regarding the dropped kerbs and following a

meeting they have advised that the cost will be £60 per stone plus the licence fee.

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 19/01186/FUL The erection of 1 no. new dwelling. Land adjacent to Ainstey House, Ainstey Drive, Sparkford Concerns were raised as this will push the site over the limit for the number of dwellings on a non-adopted highway because of the visibility splay onto Church Road. Also, since the changes at Cherry Pie Lane there has been an increased amount of surface water at Ainstey Drive.

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update Sarah was unable to attend the meeting. LP reported that during the half term period cars were parked in the chevron area so it as look as though improvements are being made. There are still issues with parking on the roadside at Wolfester Terrace.

b) Wessex Water Quarterly update A report from Martin Tidman was read, he will be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting in September when hopefully further progress will have been made. Malcolm Littlewood asked that a note of thanks is passed to Wessex Water staff following the recent completion of works at Church Road.

c) A303 dualling project TT attended a meeting in May. Unfortunately SCC supported Highways England and not the Parish Council's, support from SCC has been totally lacking throughout the process. A letter was presented on behalf of the three Parish Council's but they were not offered a session to speak. We now have to wait until 12 June to hear the Inspectors summary.

d) SID's We are awaiting a response from SCC re: approval. The use of the Auto Watch was discussed as this would provide the data needed to put forward a proposal for traffic calming measures. It was suggested that consideration should be given to purchasing an Auto Watch to locate by Cam Cottages in addition to a SID on the High Street. It was agreed to wait until we receive feedback from the Police and discuss further at the next meeting.

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RB

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

11 CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail has been received from Queen Camel Parish Council regarding a Neighbourhood Plan consultation, this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

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12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1 July 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.