

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 8.00 PM
IN SPARKFORD PARISH HALL**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chairman, Mr T Tuck, Mr D Northcott, Mr R Bell
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr. M Lewis, Olly, Sonia and Lauren - Eco Land Co-operative, 4 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

Mr J Tuck and Mrs A Roylance

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

LP – item 7a

3 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S (7 JANUARY 2019) MINUTES

The minutes of the 7 January meeting were agreed.

4 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There were no reports from the Police. LP advised that there had been further attempts to break in in the local area so people should be vigilant.

5 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Lewis advised that South Somerset District Council have agreed a Council Tax Increase of £4.63, this includes services for SSDC and £1.85 on behalf of Somerset Rivers Authority. This is an increase of under 3%. Somerset County Council have not set their Council Tax yet.

Any feedback following the recently cold spell and gritting/non-gritting of areas was welcomed.

6 HIGHWAYS

Following reports of water from the car wash running across the A359, SSDC Planning have investigated. Further concerns were raised by Parish Councillors about water running off the canopy, this is not car wash water but surface water from the canopy. It was agreed that LP would contact the owners to discuss before contacting the Planning Enforcement Officer again.

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7 PLANNING DECISIONS

- a) **18/04016/NMA** Application for a non-material amendment to planning application 17/02046/FUL to amend openings and elevations. Land at Long Hazel Farm, High Street, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**
- b) **18/03367/FUL** Proposed extension to barn for storage. Mill Farm, Weston Bampfylde Road, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 18/03555/FUL Single storey side extension to forecourt sales building, erection of timber bin store and adjustment to entrance crossover. Hazelgrove Service Station, Wolfester Terrace, Sparkford. **It was agreed to request a time extension for this application as it was still being circulated.**

b) 18/03851/HOU Alterations, the erection of a single storey side and rear extension and formation of new vehicular access and driveway. Annhurst, Wolfester Terrace, Sparkford **This application is still being circulated.**

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

a) Eco Land Co-operative project update Lauren, Olly and Sonia from the Eco Land Co-operative confirmed that the land has now been purchased. A public consultation meeting is taking place on Tuesday 5 February where plans will be available and staff will be on hand to explain the proposals. A pre app meeting is also being held with SSDC Planning.

Any questions should be sent to LP by e-mail if people are unable to attend. Malcolm Littlewood raised concerns about access and temporary accommodation and re-iterated the need for the Parish to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Olly advised that being part of a local environment is important. The temporary accommodation proposal is to ensure that businesses and the local community are happy before applying for permanent low impact development. There would be a maximum of three dwellings and all properties would have an agricultural tie.

b) McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services outstanding issues update LP has met with the new Manager at Hazelgrove Services. Katie has confirmed that Pest Control have been inspecting the site weekly and no further issues have been reported.

c) Wessex Water Quarterly update and proposed improvement works An update report from Wessex Water was read out. It was agreed to request an update after the meeting with the Treatment team has taken place.

d) A303 dualling project A joint parishes meeting is taking place on 8 February to discuss the next approach. Site visits are also taking place on 19 and 20 February with the Planning Inspectorate.

e) Parish Paths consultation LP has carried out inspections and suggestions have been returned.

f) Tree Preservation Orders LP agreed to contact Phil Poulton to discuss further

g) SID's A Freedom of Information request has been submitted to Avon and Somerset Police but no response has been received to date. It was agreed to ask SCC Highways if the existing poles could be used and also that another quote be sought.

h) Defibrillator It was agreed to ask McDonalds if they would consider hosting the defibrillator that is currently located at Hazelgrove Services.

i) Damage to Cricket Club boundary fence The driver's insurance company have been in contact. Sparkford Sawmills have been asked to look at the repairs and assess whether it is of an adequate standard. LP has spoken to Mr King-Brain at length regarding the fence and the tree. The Groundsman would like the stump of the tree removed, a quote of around £250 has been received to undertake this work. The Cricket Club have also been advised that the tree root needs to be removed and a new tree planted in the same place. The driver has returned the broken silhouette, which unfortunately is beyond repair. A cheque for £200 has been given to compensate and purchase a replacement, a tree sapling to the value of £60 has also been donated to replace the tree that was there.

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The fencing along Cary Road is in disrepair so it was agreed to ask Sparkford Sawmills to quote for the full replacement of the fence.

It was agreed that there was no appetite to consider selling the land to the Cricket Club at the present time and also recognised that there is a need for the Parish Council to work with the Club as the land and the Club are an asset to the local community. A meeting with Jan would be arranged to discuss the insurance arrangements for the Cricket Club.

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j) Night landing pad at Cricket field Dorset Air Ambulance have previously approved the site for night landing. TT suggested that floodlighting could be included if planning permission is sought for a new pavilion. It was agreed to raise this at the meeting with Jan.

LP/RB

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

b) Funding request – Yeovil Shopmobility Agreed to consider this again later in the year

11 CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the sealed order for the naming of the new roads at the Longhazel Farm development has been received.

12 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

RB suggested on reflection that the Silhouettes are uplifted and re-sited later in the year. Sparkford Storage have offered to store them free of charge.

A request has been received from residents for a 'Keep Clear Turning Circle' sign to be erected in Green Close.

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13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Quarterly update
SID's

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 March 2019, Sparkford Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12 pm