

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER AT 8.00PM**

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Present: Mr K Flood - Chair, Mr D Hazell, Mr L Piper, Mr A Quick, Mr R Squires, Mr T Tuck  
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr Henry Hobhouse, Cllr Kevin Messenger, 8 members of public

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**Public session**

A resident spoke about works to a Chestnut tree on Diocese land.

The meeting started at 8.05pm

**2024**

**SPC56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr D Westwood

**SPC57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**SPC58 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 2 September were agreed.

**SPC59 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

There was no crime report.

**SPC60 SOMERSET COUNCILLORS**

Henry Hobhouse reported that Wessex Water have confirmed that there will be a minimum of six years before the new connection is installed so there would be no benefit in granting permission for any new planning developments until this has been resolved.

**SPC61 HIGHWAYS**

Two potholes were reported along the High Street. Concerns were raised about the increase in traffic on High Street. It was agreed that there is a need to analyse the SID data.

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**SPC62 PLANNING DECISIONS**

None

**SPC63 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) **24/02088/HOU Proposed veranda to the west elevation of dwelling. Hill View Weston Bampfylde Road Weston Bampfylde** No objections were raised to this planning application.
- b) **24/01978/S73A S73A application to vary condition 03 (opening hours) and 05 (number of customers) of approved application 23/02956/FUL**

**(Dual use of outbuilding for incidental residential use and for hosting supper clubs and siting of portable kitchen). Brooklands Barn Brains Lane Sparkford** Concerns were raised about an increase in the number of events and also the extension of the times that the events are running. An increase in events would mean an increase in deliveries which could create an additional nuisance to neighbouring properties. The Village Hall car park has been overflowing during the summer events and concerns were raised about the issues that this has caused with vehicles parked on the roadside. It was agreed that the Chair would contact Horrell and Horrell to discuss the issues raised.

- c) **22/01598/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the creation of commercial buildings under Use Class B2 and B8 – update following Somerset Council Planning Committee meeting on 24 September** An update was given and it was agreed that those wishing to speak at the Planning Committee meeting in October would meet to agree the subject matters being spoken about by each person.

#### **SPC64 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS**

- d) **To discuss footpath diversion application** No concerns were raised regarding the application to divert the footpath
- e) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services - outstanding issues update**  
There was no update
- f) **To consider warranty extension for SID's** It was agreed to obtain further information LD
- g) **To discuss quote for tree works at Daisy Woods** It was agreed that further quotes would be sought LD
- h) **Transfer of land for village hall – update** KF gave an update following a discussion with Lovells. It was agreed that TT would get three quotes for the fence and soil removal. TT
- i) **Proposed development of Glebe land adjoining Sparkford playing field – update** KF reported that he met with the Diocese, they were not aware of the proposal for 60 dwellings and advised that they did not agree with Cherry Pie Lane being used to access the site. The Diocese confirmed that LVA must engage with the Parish throughout the process.
- j) **Local Community Network (LCN) – update** The next LCN meeting is on 23 October. RS and KF gave an update following the Highways Working Group meeting.
- k) **New development sites – update and discuss any issues** There was no update.

#### **SPC65 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) **Payment to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary)** Approved
- b) **Payment of £47.32 to Mrs A Tuck (Clerk cover – February and August)** Approved
- c) **Payment of £4,228.80 to Battens (land transfer for new Village Hall land)** Approved
- d) **Payment of £180 to Western Web Ltd. (deposit for design and publication of new website)** Approved
- e) **Payment of £101,140.77 to Redlynch (new play equipment at playing field)** Approved
- f) **Payment of £1,713.60 to Cary Traders (cutting back of visibility**

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**SPC66CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**SPC67 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 4 November 2024

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.42pm

## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Neighbourhood Watch** – we are looking to re-instate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. If you would like to get involved then please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Speedwatch** – we are looking for volunteers to get involved with Speedwatch in the Parish. If you are interested then please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Warm Hubs** – Do you have a few hours to spare each week or month? Would you like to help people who may be struggling with the cost of living crisis? Do you like to meet new people? If you answer yes to all these questions then please contact the Parish Clerk to learn more about how you could help with a Village Café/Warm Hub?

**Community Newsletter** – do you have experience in producing newsletters? We are looking for someone to create a regular newsletter for Sparkford. If you are interested then please contact the Parish Clerk to find out more.

**Community events** – are you holding an event in Sparkford? Please send the details to the Parish Clerk so that it can be promoted on the parish website and Community Facebook page.

**Daisy Woods** – please note that in the interests of safety and to protect the habitat Daisy Woods has been closed temporarily to allow the area to recover following recent bad weather.

Emergency Plan – would you like to get involved in producing an emergency plan for Sparkford? Please get in touch with the Parish Clerk to find out how you help!