

# Sutton Benger Parish Council

## Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Village Hall, Sutton Benger

### Present

Chairman: E Pope. Councillors: D Alexander, N Davis, I Dony, G Woodville

Also present: Linda Bragg, Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

### 078<sup>(14)</sup> Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Jones (work).

### 079<sup>(14)</sup> Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interests for the purposes of the meeting.

### 080<sup>(14)</sup> Chair's Announcements

Cllr Pope advised of the meeting with the Village Hall Committee and that L Bragg was to include a page on the website for details of the Village Hall.

(19.50 Cllr Smedley arrived.) Cllr Pope gave thanks to Cllr Smedley for all her work on the Arms Farm response. Cllr Pope informed the meeting that Cllr Randall had resigned from the Council due to personal reasons. Cllr Pope advised the Cllrs to remember the role of the Council and to keep it in perspective.

### 081<sup>(14)</sup> Public Forum

The Chair welcomed those present. Issues raised included concerns about:

- The neighbourhood watch signs – LB to action.
- The level of communication between the Speed Watch Group and the Council.

(Councillor Howard Greenman arrived at 20.00.)

- The 50mph speed limit signs hidden by the hedge and missing on the Draycot straight – Cllr Jones to action.
- The salt bin – Cllr Pope advised the Council were in talks with the Village Hall to re-site it.
- Overgrown hedges – Cllr Pope advised that these matters were being referred to Wilts Council.

### 082<sup>(14)</sup> Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15 October 2014 were **agreed** and signed off as a true record of the proceedings.

### 083<sup>(14)</sup> Clerk's Report

Forms part of these minutes (available on request from the Clerk).

### 084<sup>(14)</sup> Planning / Development Control

a) It was **resolved** to agree the following Planning Applications as follows:

14/09847/FUL	Rockwell Cottage, 8 Sutton Lane, SN15 4RU	Two storey side extension	It was <b>resolved</b> to approve with no objections.
14/09978/FUL	9 Lee Crescent, SN15 4SE	Two storey rear and single storey side extensions	It was <b>resolved</b> to approve with no objections.
14/10318/FUL	Gate Farm, SN15 4RE	Construction of Agricultural Building	It was <b>resolved</b> to object.

- b) Cllr Pope invited Councillor Greenman to give an update on the Hazlewood Farm site levels. He confirmed that Redrow had agreed to revert back to original slab height and that the drainage works had been enhanced. It was agreed that the issue of having a Neighbourhood Plan should be the agenda for the next meeting.
- c) Cllr Greenman gave an update on the Chippenham Pitstop site. It was **resolved** not to object to the application but to raise concerns over traffic safety. LB to write regarding the use of a mirror on the B4122 to improve road safety.

### 085<sup>(14)</sup> **Financial Issues**

- a) The financial statement and bank reconciliation for October 2014 forms part of these minutes (available on request from the Clerk). It was agreed to contact Community user groups to advise of availability of grants. It was **resolved** to agree the following invoices for payment and the cheques were duly signed:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
819	Linda Bragg	Black toner cartridge	27.00
820	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	1 x 'B' Poppy Wreath	17.00
821	Linda Bragg	Clerk's Salary for October 2014	320.26
822	SLCC	Annual Membership 2014-15	87.00
823	Peter Neale	Maintenance of Gossip Areas - to Nov 2014	165.00
824	Linda Bragg	Travel expenses - training course 05-Nov-14	13.05

- b) It was **resolved** to agree to a S137 grant of £500.00 for the community defibrillator to be sited at the Village Hall.
- c) It was **resolved** to agree to re-agenda the budget and precept setting for the Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

### 086<sup>(14)</sup> **Co-option of Councillor**

It was **resolved** to agree to co-opt Mr Keith Pound on as Parish Councillor. LB to send a welcome pack.

### 087<sup>(14)</sup> **Speed Indicator Devices**

It was **agreed** that Cllr Pope would follow-up the speed indicator devices and liaise with the local Speed Watch Group.

### 088<sup>(14)</sup> **Highways and Transport report**

Clerk, L Bragg reported on behalf of Cllr Jones that the Draycot Cerne crossroads had been repainted. Cllr Greenman asked if LB could email him concerning the Parish Steward.

### 089<sup>(14)</sup> **Chippenham Area Board report**

Cllr Alexander gave a brief update and advised that the next Parish Forum was on the 10<sup>th</sup> December to include Neighbourhood Planning.

### 090<sup>(14)</sup> **Police Liaison/Neighbourhood Watch report**

No report was given in Cllr Jones's absence.

Meeting ended at 22.15 hrs

### **Next Meeting Date**

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14 January 2015 commencing 19:45.

**Chairman**..... **Date**.....