

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 9th September 2015 at the Village Hall, Sutton Benger

077⁽¹⁵⁾ Present

Councillors: E Pope (Chair), K Smedley (Vice-chair), D Alexander, N Davis, K Pound and P Jones

Also present: L Bragg, Parish Clerk, 5 Members of the Public and Councillor Greenman (Wilts Council).

To receive apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were received from Cllr G Woodville.

078⁽¹⁵⁾ To receive any Declarations of Interests

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

079⁽¹⁵⁾ Public Forum Session

Issues were raised by members of the public concerning the following:

- Areas of grass no longer being maintained by Wiltshire Council
- Funding requests for grounds maintenance and benches from the Village Hall Management Committee
- Various highways issues including waste lorries causing damage to the B4069 and the approval of the 20mph speed limit on Chestnut Road – Cllr Alexander advised that as 1 objection had been received the matter has been referred to the Cabinet for final decision.

080⁽¹⁵⁾ Chair's announcements

Cllr E Pope expressed her good wishes and support for the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group and introduced the issue regarding the grass verges/service strips within the village.

081⁽¹⁵⁾ To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 8th July 2015.

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2015, that had been duly circulated, be taken as read and approved as being a correct record and were signed as such by the Chair.

082⁽¹⁵⁾ Financial Issues

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the budget statement and invoices totalling £547.07 for signing.
- b) It was **resolved to agree to pay** to the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) the full amount of £1,128.00 for the purchase of 2 new benches for the recreation ground.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** the Community Grant Application for £500 from the VHMC for grounds maintenance.

083⁽¹⁵⁾ Planning and Development Control

- a) It was **resolved to agree** the Planning Application as follows:

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- b) Cllrs D Alexander and E Pope offered to assist Cllr G Woodville with the S106 agreement for planning application 14/12070/FUL, The Park. Cllr E Pope asked for ideas for projects to be put forward.
- c) **Grass verge fronting 62-68 High Street** - Cllr E Pope gave a summary of the amount expended by the PC on investigating the fenced-in area of grass at 66 High Street. It **was agreed** to spend no more time or funds on this matter as the PC has no power to easily gain ownership of the land.

084⁽¹⁵⁾ Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

- a) Cllr K Smedley gave an update of the NDP steering group stating that they have applied for an Area Designation, on behalf of the PC. A general meeting had been scheduled for the 30-Sep-2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
- b) It was **resolved to agree** to Cllr K Smedley completing grant applications of behalf of the NDP

Group.

- c) It was **resolved to agree** to the Clerk administering the funds for the NDP Group through the PC's accounts.

085⁽¹⁵⁾ **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – following discussion it was **agreed** to produce a leaflet to post out to resident's on The Park to try and encourage applications for the 3 vacancies on the PC.

086⁽¹⁵⁾ **Highways and Transport**

- a) Cllr P Jones reported on the list of outstanding Highways issues raised with Wiltshire Council and further voiced his frustrations at the lack of response. Councillor H Greenman advised that the change of contractors from Balfour Beatty to English Landscapes means the timeframes to complete works from Wiltshire Council will probably be longer. He recommended that the PC have a representative at the Chippenham Area Transport Group (CATG) meetings.
- b) It was **agreed** to produce an information leaflet for the notice boards and website on the grass areas in the village showing those that Wiltshire Council and the PC are responsible for maintaining and the potential uses of the service strips by residents.
- c) The traffic issues on the B4122 caused by the reduced opening times of the Stanton St Quintin Recycling Site were discussed. Cllr E Pope agreed to draft a letter raising the PC's concerns with Wiltshire Council and to cc the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald.
- d) It was **agreed** that the Clerk would complete the Community Asset Transfer request to Wiltshire Council for ownership of the flowerbed on the junction of the High Street and Manor Farm Drive.
- e) It was **agreed** that the Clerk would attend the CATG meetings in the absence of a Councillor.

087⁽¹⁵⁾ **Chippenham Area Board**

Cllr D Alexander gave an update on the Parish Forum meeting on the 7-Sep-2015. The meeting involved workshops concerning Policing, Rural Isolation and Highways matters. He reported that the Playpark Group were successful with their grant application to the Chippenham Area Board.

088⁽¹⁵⁾ The Clerk's report was received and outstanding actions were noted. (Forms part of these minutes and is available on request from the Clerk).

089⁽¹⁵⁾ **Dates agreed for the Next Meeting** of the Sutton Benger Parish Council were 7th October 2015 in the School Hall (Clerk to check availability) or Friday 16th October 2015 in the Village Hall.

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