

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 9 September 2020 remotely via Zoom

In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, this meeting was held remotely using the Zoom platform enabling both Council members and the public to hear and be heard.

Those present were noted as Cllrs N Roynon, C Mansfield, J Williams, J Campbell, B Carter, L Craig and D Spencer (arrived at 19:52). Also present L Roslyn, Clerk and 1 member of the BARTS Festival Trust.

026⁽²⁰⁾ To elect a Chair

It was **resolved to elect** Cllr Neil Roynon as Chair of the Parish Council and the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received and would be signed by the Clerk on physical receipt. The resignation of Nicola Hayward was noted.

027⁽²⁰⁾ To receive apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Gaunt (holiday).

028⁽²⁰⁾ To receive declarations of interests from members regarding the agenda.

No interests were declared.

029⁽²⁰⁾ Public Forum Session

No matters were raised.

030⁽²⁰⁾ BARTS Festival 2021

A representative of the Sutton Benger Arts (BARTS) Festival Trust gave a presentation to the Council on the event to be held in July 2021.

031⁽²⁰⁾ Minutes of previous meeting

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2020.

032⁽²⁰⁾ Finance

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and the payment of new invoices totalling £275.00.
- b) The NJC pay award of 2.75% for the Parish Clerk, effective from the 1 April 2020, was noted.

033⁽²⁰⁾ Planning / Development Control

a) It was **resolved to respond** to new planning applications as follows:

	Planning Ref	Details	Response
i	20/06910/TCA	9 Manor Farm Drive, SN15 4RW – 50% reduction to 3 Leylandii trees	No Objection
ii	20/07395/TCA	6 Manor Farm Drive, SN15 4RW – Fell tree line of Sycamores, Field Maples and Cypress trees (TG1)	Support subject to Conditions

- b) It was **resolved to ratify** planning decisions agreed via email since the last meeting.
- c) Cllr J Williams **agreed** to attend the Wiltshire Parishes Planning Group meeting on 23 September to review any responses to the following Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Consultations on proposed changes to the planning system:
 - i. Consultation on changes to planning policy and regulations.
 - ii. Planning for the Future (White Paper August 2020).

034⁽²⁰⁾ Neighbourhood Development Plan

No update report received.

035⁽²⁰⁾ **Highways & Parish Steward**

Cllr D Spencer reported on works carried out by the Parish Steward.

036⁽²⁰⁾ **Arts Development Projects**

Cllr C Mansfield clarified a few queries from Councillors following the presentation.

037⁽²⁰⁾ **Rights of Way**

No update received. Cllr J Campbell raised the issue of dog fouling on footpaths and the Clerk agreed to liaise with Cllr R Gaunt on putting up new signs.

038⁽²⁰⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr N Roynon reported that we had supplies of salt and gel sacks for the winter.

039⁽²⁰⁾ **Social Media/Communications**

It was **agreed** to appoint Cllr B Carter as the Councillor with responsibility for social media/communications and Cllr L Craig to take over from him on Finance.

040⁽²⁰⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr J Campbell gave a brief update on the VHMCs recent meeting. The Clerk advised that you she would inform the VHMC that, due to Covid-19, the Council would not be using the Hall for meetings at least for the remainder of 2020.

041⁽²⁰⁾ **Primary School**

Cllr B Carter advised that the School has fully re-opened with all the necessary Covid-19 restrictions in place and that so far, they had had no reported cases.

042⁽²⁰⁾ **Church Piece Trustee Appointment**

It was **resolved to approve** the appointment of Richard Gaunt as the Parish Council's Church Piece Trustee, following the resignation of Mr K Pound.

043⁽²⁰⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

No report received.

044⁽²⁰⁾ **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's Report forms part of these minutes and is available on request.

045⁽²⁰⁾ **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next **Parish Council Meeting** was noted as **Wednesday 14 October 2020** to be held remotely, starting at 7.45pm.

Meeting ended at 21.00.

Chairman.....

Date.....