

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 11 November 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 (Chair), C Mansfield, J Campbell, B Carter, R Gaunt, J Williams and D Spencer (*arrived at 19:48*). Also present L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, Ward Cllr H Greenman and 1 member of the public.

065⁽²⁰⁾ To receive apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr L Craig (unwell).

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

Cllr N Roynon declared an interest in planning application 20/08773/FUL (070⁽²⁰⁾a)ii) as the owner of the property. No further interests were declared.

067⁽²⁰⁾ Public Forum Session

A resident raised the issue of the removal of parts of a tree at 60 High Street and the Clerk advised that the matter was reported to Wiltshire Council's Tree Officer and a reply had been received stating that the applicant had revised their planning application (20/07164/FUL) and it will be considered in full at the next Parish Council meeting on 9-December. The resident's concerns about the proximity of the oil tank to her premises and the footpath to the front of the property were noted.

068⁽²⁰⁾ Minutes of previous meeting

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 November 2020.

069⁽²⁰⁾ Finance

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and the payment of new invoices totalling £3,277.00.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the purchase of a laptop for the Clerk's use at a cost of £599.00 to be funded from Section 11a Ear Marked Reserves of the 2020-2021 Approved Budget (v1.4).

070⁽²⁰⁾ Planning / Development Control

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

	Planning Ref	Details	Response
i	20/08623/FUL	25 Heath Avenue, SN15 4TH - Proposed single storey rear extension	Support
ii	20/08773/FUL	Land at No. 3, 3 Chestnut Grove, SN15 4TP – Erection of a Dwelling	Support

- b) Cllr H Greenman reported on a proposed pre-application for 9 further houses at Arms Farm. No update had been received by the Neighbourhood Development Planning group and following discussions on how best to take it forward, Cllr R Gaunt agreed to contact them for a sit-rep and Cllr H Greenman was asked to contact Graeme Slaymaker (from Hullavington PC) to see if he would be willing to help with the process.

071⁽²⁰⁾ Highways & Parish Steward

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint about an overgrown hedge in Cowley Way and Cllr D Spencer agreed to contact the Parish Steward on his next visit (30 November).

072⁽²⁰⁾ Neville Terrace Gossip Area

Cllr J Campbell presented a draft tender for improvements to the gossip area and, following discussions, the Clerk was asked to make some changes, to include the depth of excavation, gravel size and more mature trees, and to produce a final tender to send out to contractors.

073⁽²⁰⁾ Arts Development Projects

Cllr C Mansfield gave a brief update on developments for the Festival and Arts History Trail, including the use of QR codes at points of interest.

074⁽²⁰⁾ Rights of Way

Cllr R Gaunt reported that several new stiles had been repaired/installed but there was still an ongoing problem with person(s) unknown removing the signs.

075⁽²⁰⁾ Flooding/Emergency Plan

Cllr N Roynon reported that we had enough supplies available for this winter and that the culverts on Seagry Road were clear.

076⁽²⁰⁾ Communications/Social Media

Cllr B Carter reported that there had been an increase in the number of followers on the Council's Facebook page and that there had been a number of responses to the request for any projects that the CIL monies could be used for. He is compiling a detailed report for the Cllrs to consider at a future meeting.

077⁽²⁰⁾ Village Hall

Cllr J Campbell reported on the recent VH zoom meeting which covered fundraising, finances and their plan to apply for funding to make improvements to the Hall.

078⁽²⁰⁾ Primary School

Cllr B Carter had nothing to report from the School.

079⁽²⁰⁾ Wiltshire Council

Cllr H Greenman reported that the strategic spending review had been reduced from 3 years to 1 and that it was important we maintain a robust precept going forward as it was likely there would be less money available for local authorities and services would be devolved down to Parish level.

080⁽²⁰⁾ Clerk's Report

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

081⁽²⁰⁾ Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next **Parish Council Meeting** was noted as **Wednesday 9 December 2020** to be held remotely, starting at 7.45pm.

Meeting ended at 21.05.

Chair..... **Date**.....