

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 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, B Carter, R Gaunt, J Williams, L Craig, J Campbell and D Spencer and L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, Ward Cllr Greenman and 1 member of the public.

138⁽²⁰⁾ **To receive Apologies and reasons for absence**

No apologies were received.

139⁽²⁰⁾ **To receive declarations of interests from members regarding the agenda**

No interests were declared.

140⁽²⁰⁾ **Public Forum Session**

Matters raised by a new resident included the lack of street lighting to the east of the High Street and the provision of a village shop – Cllr Greenman gave a potted history.

141⁽²⁰⁾ **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 February 2021.

142⁽²⁰⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statements and the payment of new invoices totalling £625.15 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** a Community Grant from CIL funds for £2,120.50 for FoSBS for the installation of a sunshade canopy at the Primary School.
- c) Cllr B Carter explained the various proposed community projects using Community Grants from the CIL funds. The Clerk advised that the Grant Policy needed amending to take account of these types of grants in future.

143⁽²⁰⁾ **Planning / Development Control**

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

	Planning Ref	Details	Response
i	21/01632/OHL	Land Close to Chippenham Pit Stop - Upgrade existing overhead electricity line to 3 phase, this will require a 3rd line to be added to the existing 2.	Support
ii	21/01705/FUL	27 Heath Avenue, SN15 4TH - Two storey rear extension to form additional bedroom and enlarge kitchen dining space	Support
iii	21/01569/FUL	Field on Seagry Road - Widen existing access on Seagry Road. Works include removal of 2m hedgerow (to be reinstated following completion) and new gates	Support Subject to Conditions

- b) Other planning matters were discussed as follows:

- i. **Permitted Development** – Cllr R Gaunt reported that there had been several complaints about the recent loft extensions on The Park, which planning enforcement have advised are permitted development. There was a restricted covenant on the houses but Redrow no longer have the power to enforce it and it would now be a civil matter should anyone wish to take action.
- ii. **Maintenance of Land to the North of The Park** – Cllr C Mansfield reported that Greenbelt only have an agreement to maintain the land and that this did not include replacing the trees that had died. The Clerk suggested that we run a community project to plant more trees on the land, subject to Greenbelt's permission and Cllr N Roynon said he could get some trees for free.
- iii. The Clerk gave a brief update on the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

- c) It was **resolved to agree** to submit Sutton Gardens and Sutton Court as the new street names for the development adjacent to Sharplands, Sutton Lane.

144⁽²⁰⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr R Gaunt reported that the NDP Steering Group were continuing make progress.

145⁽²⁰⁾ **Highways & Parish Steward**

- a) Cllr D Spencer gave a brief update.
b) The Clerk reported on the impact of the upcoming Wessex Water foul water sewer installation from May-November 2021 and it was **agreed** that Cllr N Roynon would draft a letter to Wessex Water requesting some form of compensation for the landowners that might be affected by an increase in walkers on their land.

146⁽²⁰⁾ **Arts Development Projects**

Cllr C Mansfield gave a brief update on the potential plans for taster sessions in 2021 and reported that there had been no volunteers to help with the History Trail Project.

147⁽²⁰⁾ **Rights of Way**

- a) Cllr R Gaunt reported on the stiles that had been repaired and that Peter had been in contact with Christian Malford PC about the use of anti-slip strips.
b) Cllr R Gaunt reported that she had received some feedback on the provision for walking, cycling & horse-riding assessment by Atkins Global. Cllr N Roynon asked if they would consider improvements at Draycot Cerne and Cllr R Gaunt agreed to take a look.

148⁽²⁰⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr N Roynon agreed to circulate the contact details for Wessex Water for the reporting of raw sewage leaking onto the roads during heavy rains.

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

Cllr B Carter had nothing to report.

150⁽²⁰⁾ **Environment/Climate Emergency**

Cllr J Williams had nothing to report. Cllr N Roynon advised that the NDP group will require some information in due course.

151⁽²⁰⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr J Campbell gave a brief update and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the VHMC to clarify the use of the £2,000 'birthday gift' from the Parish Council.

152⁽²⁰⁾ **Primary School**

Cllr B Carter had nothing to report.

153⁽²⁰⁾ **Gigaclear Community Hub**

It was agreed that Cllr B Carter would approach the school to see if they'd be interested in the offer of a year's free broadband from Gigaclear.

154⁽²⁰⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

Cllr L Craig agreed to contact Wilts Traffic to discuss the sites for the metro counts on Seagry Road. Cllr H Greenman reported on the £75m Chippenham Distributor Road and the ongoing discussion with the Council's leaders.

155⁽²⁰⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

156⁽²⁰⁾ **Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting**

The date of the next Meeting was noted as **14 April 2021** to be held remotely, starting at 7.45pm.

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