

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 in the Village Hall

Those present were noted as Cllrs N Roynon (Chair), R Gaunt, (Chair), J Williams and D Spencer. Also present L Roslyn, Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

073⁽²¹⁾ **Apologies and reasons for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr L Craig (holiday), J Campbell (unwell), C Mansfield (unwell) and B Carter (personal).

074⁽²¹⁾ **Declarations of interests from members regarding matters on the agenda**

No declarations of interest were received.

075⁽²¹⁾ **Public Forum Session**

The applicants for PL/2021/07508, 36 High Street gave details of the materials to be used on the extension to the front of their property.

078⁽²¹⁾ **Planning – it was agreed to move this item up the Agenda.**

It was **resolved to respond** to new planning applications as:

	Planning Ref	Details	Decision
a	PL/2021/08752	The Garden House, Seagry Road, SN15 4RX - Proposed two storey extension and internal/external alterations	No Objection
b	PL/2021/07508	Bumblebee House, 36 High Street, SN15 4RF - Two storey side and rear, and single storey rear extensions to support multi-generational dwelling	No Objection

076⁽²¹⁾ **Minutes for approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8 September 2021 and they were duly signed.

077⁽²¹⁾ **Finance**

- It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £562.04 for payment.
- It was **resolved to approve** a Grant Application from the Sutton Benger Allotment and Gardens Association for £200 towards costs for grounds maintenance.

079⁽²¹⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr R Gaunt reported that the Housing Needs Survey would be carried out in the village between 22nd Nov-20th Dec. She also thanked the Clerk for successfully applying for the NDP Grant.

080⁽²¹⁾ **Highways & Parish Steward**

Cllr D Spencer gave an update on works carried out by and reported to the Parish Steward. Cllr R Gaunt asked if he could talk to the PS about the dangerous trees at The Bell.

081⁽²¹⁾ **Arts Development Projects**

No update report received.

082⁽²¹⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr R Gaunt gave a brief update and discussed the gate to be installed by the landowner on the Bridleway at Gate Farm.

083⁽²¹⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr N Roynon reported that Wessex Water had now completed the re-lining of the sewer pipes which should hopefully prevent flooding.

084⁽²¹⁾ **Environment/Climate Emergency**

Cllr J Williams advised that the Wilts Council consultation was now closed and that he would be attending the Climate Action Planning Seminar on 16 November. Cllr N Roynon expressed an interest in attending also.

085⁽²¹⁾ **Village Hall**

No update report received.

086⁽²¹⁾ **Primary School**

No update report received.

087⁽²¹⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

No update report received.

088⁽²¹⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

089⁽²¹⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as 10 November in the Village Hall.

090⁽²¹⁾ **Personnel - CONFIDENTIAL**

Cllr N Roynon presented Cllr C Mansfield's review of the Clerk's hours and it was **resolved to approve** an increase in the Clerk's contracted hours from 33 to up to 37 hours per month with effect from 1 November 2021 and for Section 1a to be increased by transferring the necessary funds from Budget Section 13b – Ear Marked Reserves for Clerk expenses.

Meeting ended at 20.30

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