

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 8 December 2021 in the Village Hall

Those present were noted as Cllrs N Roynon (Chair), R Gaunt, J Campbell, B Carter, J Williams, L Craig and C Mansfield. Also present L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, 1 member of the public and Cllr H Greenman.

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

No apologies were received.

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

No declarations of interest were received.

112⁽²¹⁾ **Public Forum Session**

No matters raised.

113⁽²¹⁾ **BARTS Festival 2022**

The Council received a presentation on the proposals and draft finances for the BARTS Festival 2022.

114⁽²¹⁾ **Minutes for approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10 November 2021 and they were duly signed.

115⁽²¹⁾ **Finance**

It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £535.04 for payment.

116⁽²¹⁾ **Planning**

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

	Planning Ref	Details	Decision
a	PL/2021/10209	4 Chestnut Road, SN15 4RP - Internal alterations and side extension.	No Objection
b	PL/2021/10219	2 Barrington Court, SN15 4TY - 2 Storey rear extension to form side entrance from driveway and increased kitchen /diner space. En-suite to serve existing bedroom and existing small bedroom increased in size to serve as a study / spare bedroom.	No Objection
c	PL/2021/10284	Land at Draycot Cerne - Retention of temporarily permitted access gateway.	Comment - Informative
d	PL/2021/10304	51 Chestnut Road, SN15 4RP - Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new dwelling and garage.	No Objection

117⁽²¹⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr R Gaunt reported on the Housing Needs Survey meeting and that they were progressing with the Plan

118⁽²¹⁾ **Highways & Parish Steward**

No update received. Cllr L Craig updated the Council on her discussions with Wilts Highways on the acceptable sites for the Speed Indicator Device.

119⁽²¹⁾ **Arts Development Projects**

Cllr C Mansfield clarified a few points raised during the BARTS presentation.

120⁽²¹⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr R Gaunt said all was well with the Rights of Way and there was a brief discussion on the new Information Boards being installed for the History Trail – it was agreed that they should swivel and have the RoW map on the other side. Cllr C Mansfield is liaising with the graphic designer on the boards.

121⁽²¹⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr N Roynon gave a brief update.

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

Cllr J Williams gave a brief update on the Government's consultations on single use plastic and advised that he is working with the NDP Team. Cllr L Craig advised the Council that the school and church were looking at installing solar panels or a more sustainable heat source.

123⁽²¹⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr J Campbell gave apologies from the new Chair of the Village Hall that she couldn't make the Christmas drinks. There was a discussion about the Bengel Blaze issues, use of the S106 Indoor Leisure Facilities money and the Bengel Bears 'wild' garden area. It was **agreed in principle** that the Parish Council could add the area to the maintenance contract.

124⁽²¹⁾ **Primary School**

Cllr B Carter reported that the iSing Pop event was very successful and the Clerk asked for a copy of the invoice from the school so that she could process the Community Grant payment.

125⁽²¹⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

Cllr H Greenman reported that he would not be calling in the planning application for Ash House as the Parish Council did not support it. He advised that they will be submitting another pre-application and he would be meeting with the planning officer on site in the new year. He further reported on the disappointing news that 2 planning applications that went against the NDPs in Calne and Lyneham were supported on appeal by the Planning Inspectorate. He also reported on budgetary matters.

126⁽²¹⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

127⁽²¹⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as 12 January 2022 in the Village Hall.

128⁽²¹⁾ **Personnel – Confidential Matters**

It was **agreed** to exclude members of the public and the Clerk under provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12a, Section 3 to discuss confidential matters pertaining to a review of the Parish Clerk's Salary Scale from 1 April 2022.

- a) It was **resolved to approve** adopting the salary scale range of LC2 Substantive Benchmark Range (SCP 24-28), with effect from 1 April 2022.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** that the Clerk's salary will rise annually, by automatic increase on the 1st April each year by incremental steps, to the scale maximum (SCP 28).

Meeting ended at 21:20

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