

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 in the Sutton Benger Village Hall

Those present were noted as Cllrs N Roynon (Chair), R Gaunt, J Campbell, B Carter, D Spencer, J Williams and C Mansfield. Also present 3 members of the public and Ward Cllr H Greenman. (The Clerk sent apologies as she was unwell and the minutes were taken by Cllr J Campbell).

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

Apologies were received from Cllr L Craig (unwell).

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

Cllr C Mansfield declared an interest as the applicant of planning application at 152⁽²¹⁾f) No further declarations of interest were received.

148⁽²¹⁾ **Public Forum Session**

A resident raised a query about the state of the Neville Terrace Gossip Area. Cllr Campbell explained that Lewis (sub-contractors of Wessex Water) were about to undertake remedial work and a letter would be issued shortly to all the residents explaining the works and timescales.

The same resident then asked for assistance in resolving an issue on private land. It was explained that the Parish Council has no power to intervene, Cllr Greenman agreed separately to discuss the matter with them.

A resident raised issues with a blocked drain causing flooding on the High Street and delays clearing it and a loose drain cover, also on the High Street. It was agreed that the issues would be reported to Wiltshire Council.

The same resident also raised issues with overhanging branches of the yew trees in the churchyard and their potential to cause damage. After a discussion it was clear that the trees are the responsibility of the church.

149⁽²¹⁾ **Information Boards for the History Trail and Rights of Way**

- a) The Council received a brief presentation on the options for the Information Boards – materials, graphics and costings.
- b) It was agreed that boards will be mounted on the village hall wall, 2 x A1 size, one for the PROW and one for the History Trail. At Draycot Cerne the preferred format was for a display cabinet with a steel back so that a peel off vinyl overlay can be applied, to allow for easy and inexpensive updating. It was **resolved to approve** Anna Strawson to provide the graphic services.

150⁽²¹⁾ **Minutes for approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12 January 2022 and they were duly signed.

151⁽²¹⁾ **Finance**

It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £2330.94 for payment.

152⁽²¹⁾ **Planning**

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

Planning Ref	Details	Decision
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a	PL/2021/04258	Land to the rear of Arms Farm High Street SN15 4TP - Erection of 4 dwellings and associated works (Revised)	Object
b	PL/2021/11721	Land adjacent to B4122, Draycott Cerne, (located on land north of B4122, and east of Wiltshire Household recycling centre) - Retention of site compound, to provide facilities including toilets, site office, canteen and storage facilities.	Object
c	PL/2022/00566	Appletrees, High Street, SN15 4RD - 1 x Conifer (pine) Fell due to excessive height and poor condition.	No Objection
d	PL/2022/00657	Church Barn, Seagry Road, SN15 4RZ - Horse Chestnut - trimming of fresh branches, reduction by no more than 5% of side shoots.	No Objection
e	PL/2022/00740	10 Draycot Cerne, SN15 5LD – Single storey extension	No Objection
f	PL/2022/00747	23 Barrington Court, SN15 4TY - Single storey rear extension (re-submission with changes to the roof form and made smaller of PL/2021/05016)	No Objection

153⁽²¹⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr R Gaunt reported that progressing was being made and that 50 residents had responded to the recent Housing Needs Survey.

154⁽²¹⁾ **Highways & Parish Steward**

Cllr D Spencer had nothing to report.

155⁽²¹⁾ **Arts Development Projects**

Cllr C Mansfield expressed a need for more support and would explore partnering with the church over the art exhibition, and also the school.

156⁽²¹⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr R Gaunt explained that old hand drawn maps on the Council's website showed some unauthorised routes and could be construed as promoting trespass. Cllr Gaunt will liaise with the Clerk.

157⁽²¹⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr N Roynon had nothing to report.

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

Cllr J Williams had nothing to report. Cllr C Mansfield reported dangerous metal struts used to anchor a tree stump were now exposed and posed a hazard in the Play Area in The Park. Greenbelt had taken very limited action. The Clerk to write requesting the struts be removed/made safe.

159⁽²¹⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr J Campbell reported that it had been agreed with the VHMC that the 'birthday present' funds would be spent on an outdoor table tennis table and that they had requested that the section 106 money for indoor leisure facilities be spent on extending/improving the kitchen.

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160⁽²¹⁾ **Primary School**

Cllr B Carter reported that the Head teacher has been seconded to support a Swindon school for a proportion of each week.

161⁽²¹⁾ **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

No discussion took place – to be included on Agenda for next PCM.

162⁽²¹⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

Cllr Greenman praised the efforts of the NDP group and urged them to continue their efforts. Central Government intends to give greater weight to both existing NDP's and those in preparation when considering planning matters.

163⁽²¹⁾ **Clerk's Report**

No update report received.

164⁽²¹⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as 9 March 2022 in the Village Hall.

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