

# Sutton Benger Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 11 January 2023 in the Sutton Benger Village Hall

Those present were noted as Cllrs N Roynon (Chair), R Gaunt, J Campbell, B Carter, L Craig, J Williams, C Mansfield and D Spencer, and L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, 2 members of the public and Ward Cllr Howard Greenman.

### 126<sup>(22)</sup> **Apologies and reasons for absence**

No apologies were received.

### 127<sup>(22)</sup> **Declarations of interests from members regarding matters on the agenda**

No declarations of interest were received.

### 128<sup>(22)</sup> **Public Forum Session**

Residents from Draycot Cerne raised concerns about the state of the road leading to the hamlet and said that ad-hoc filling of the potholes was no longer a viable option. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Wiltshire Highways to see what else can be done and if it might be possible to put it on their road re-surfacing programme.

### 129<sup>(22)</sup> **Minutes for approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14 December 2022 and they were duly signed.

### 130<sup>(22)</sup> **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices for payment totalling £694.28 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the Budget (v2.0) for 2023-2034 and the Precept for 2023-2024 was set at £15,010.82.

### 131<sup>(22)</sup> **Planning**

Cllr R Gaunt advised that no new planning applications had been received. Cllr J Campbell asked if there was an update on 51 Chestnut Road and Howard agreed to liaise with the planning officer.

### 132<sup>(22)</sup> **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr R Gaunt reported that the Regulation 14 Consultation should be going live on 20 January 2023.

### 133<sup>(22)</sup> **Highways, Parish Steward & Speed Indicator Device**

- a) Cllr D Spencer gave a brief update on Parish Steward matters. He has received a few requests for the hedges to be cut back along Sutton Lane, leading to the Meadow.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device** – Cllr L Craig reported that the training had been completed by the volunteers and she was waiting on a date from Ringway for the post installations.
- c) **Other Highways** – It was **resolved not to approve** a request for additional street lighting along the western end of the High Street as the Council had committed to other priorities for traffic calming, etc., along Seagry Road, the High Street and Sutton Lane and was not in favour of adding further to light pollution/energy consumption.

### 134<sup>(22)</sup> **Rights of Way**

Cllr R Gaunt had nothing to report.

**135<sup>(22)</sup> Allotments**

Cllr C Mansfield had nothing to report.

**136<sup>(22)</sup> Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr J Williams reported that the area was currently under a low-level alert for flooding.

**137<sup>(22)</sup> Environment/Climate Emergency**

Cllr J Williams had nothing to report.

**138<sup>(22)</sup> Village Hall**

Cllr J Campbell reported that the VHMC were holding a Music Quiz on 28-Jan-2023 and that there was nothing further news on the proposals for an extension to the Hall.

**139<sup>(22)</sup> Primary School**

Cllr B Carter reported that the school had its own supply of high-vis vests for the children but thanked the Parish Council for their offer to provide some. He also advised that FoSBS were looking at funding options for new projects at the school.

**140<sup>(22)</sup> Wiltshire Council**

Cllr H Greenman reported that the applicant for the 4 new houses at Arms Farm, refused by Wilts Council, have lodged a Planning Appeal.

**141<sup>(22)</sup> Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was given and forms part of these minutes.

**142<sup>(22)</sup> Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as 8 February 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

*Meeting ended 20:24*

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