

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 8 March 2023 in the Sutton Benger Village Hall

Those present were noted as Cllrs N Roynon (Chair), J Campbell, B Carter, L Craig, J Williams, C Mansfield and D Spencer, and L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, 12 members of the public and Ward Cllr Howard Greenman.

161⁽²²⁾ Apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Gaunt (holiday) and Cllr J Williams (work).

162⁽²²⁾ New Parish Councillor Application

It was **resolved to approve the co-option** of Daniel Errington as a Parish Councillor and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed and he joined the meeting.

163⁽²²⁾ Declarations of interests from members regarding matters on the agenda

No declarations of interest were received.

164⁽²²⁾ Public Forum Session

Several residents raised a variety of concerns over the planning application at the Bell House Hotel and the applicant and their agents also gave a brief update of their plans. A resident in Seagry Road gave details of the road closures by Wessex Water.

165⁽²²⁾ Minutes for approval

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 8 February 2023 and they were duly signed.

166⁽²²⁾ Finance

- It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices for BACS payment totalling £1,977.93.
- It was **resolved to approve** the closure of the NS&I Investment Account and to transfer the funds to the Council's Lloyds Business Bank Instant Account.

167⁽²²⁾ Planning

Cllr N Roynon referred to previous discussions on new planning applications and it was **resolved to respond** as follows:

a	PL/2022/08936	51 Chestnut Road, SN15 4RP - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on PL/2021/10304	No Objection – Subject to Condition
b	PL/2023/00813	Bell House Hotel, 47 High Street, SN15 4RH - Proposed Partial Demolition of Existing Hotel to form tourism accommodation along with the Erection of 4 New Dwellings & Village Shop with Dwelling Above with Associated Landscaping.	Mixed It was agreed to ask Cllr H Greenman to call-in
c	PL/2023/00979 (LBC)	Bell House Hotel, 47 High Street, SN15 4RH - Proposed Partial Demolition of Existing Hotel to form tourism accommodation along with the Erection of 4 New Dwellings & Village Shop with Dwelling Above with Associated Landscaping.	Mixed It was agreed to ask Cllr H Greenman to call-in
d	PL/2023/00858	11 Manor Farm Drive, SN15 4RW - Proposed detached workshop.	Support
e	PL/2023/00867	14a Chestnut Road, SN15 4RP - Remove existing conservatory and replace with single storey rear extension.	Support
f	PL/2023/01339 (TCA)	7 Chestnut Road, SN15 4RP - T1 - To remove an Ash Leaf Maple tree situated in the front border of the property. T2 - Significantly reduce a naturally seeded	No Objection

		silver birch tree that is interfering with overhead power and telephone lines.	
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168⁽²²⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Clerk reported that she had submitted the Grant Application for Technical Support on the Design Code.

169⁽²²⁾ **Highways, Parish Steward & Speed Indicator Device**

- a) **Highways and Parish Steward** - Cllr D Spencer reported on the hedge cutting on Sutton Lane and the Clerk noted that she had forwarded 2 requests to him for the PS.
- b) **Seagry Road Traffic Calming** – Cllr C Mansfield gave a brief update on the LHFIC Meeting and agreed to visit residents to seek their comments.
- c) **Speed Indicator Device** - Cllr L Craig reported that the post installations have been carried out and the SID had been delivered.

170⁽²²⁾ **Rights of Way**

No update received from Cllr R Gaunt.

171⁽²²⁾ **Interpretation Boards - Installation**

Cllr C Mansfield reported on the installation of the boards in Draycot Cerne and the Clerk agreed to contact AJS Graphics to confirm we can proceed with our order. Cllr D Errington agreed to contact the residents to arrange for their hedges to be cleared around the boards and water hydrant.

172⁽²²⁾ **Allotments**

Cllr C Mansfield reported on the SBAGA AGM and their thanks for the grant from the Council for grounds maintenance. They are having problems with children getting onto the allotments and causing minor vandalism so they are putting a combination lock on the gate. The Clerk agreed to compile a statement on ASB to go on the website, FB and Parish News.

173⁽²²⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

No update received from Cllr J Williams. A brief discussion took place on the new water mains being installed by Wessex Water in April 2023.

174⁽²²⁾ **Environment & Sustainability**

No update received from Cllr J Williams.

175⁽²²⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr J Campbell reported that the Rugby Club had asked for permission to install permanent posts on the Rec for their lighting. They currently have no plans for a Coronation Party.

176⁽²²⁾ **Primary School**

Cllr B Carter had nothing to report.

177⁽²²⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

Ward Cllr H Greenman reported that the budget figures had been approved for 2023-2024 and the Planning department have funding for more staff and for an Apprenticeship Scheme.

178⁽²²⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

179⁽²²⁾ **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as being on Wednesday 12 April 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting ended 20:33

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