

# Sutton Benger Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 14 June 2023 in the Sutton Benger Village Hall

Those present were noted as Cllrs J Campbell (Chair), B Carter, D Errington, C Mansfield and D Spencer, and L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, 5 members of the public and Ward Cllr H Greenman (20.20).

### 040<sup>(23)</sup> **Resignation of Joe Williams**

The resignation of Joe was noted and the Councillors expressed their thanks and best wishes to him and his family.

### 041<sup>(23)</sup> **Apologies and Reasons for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. N Roynon (holiday), R Gaunt (holiday) and L Craig (work).

### 042<sup>(23)</sup> **Declarations of Interests from members regarding the agenda.**

No declarations of interest were received.

### 043<sup>(23)</sup> **Public Forum Session**

Residents of Seagry Road requested an update on the traffic calming measures and Cllr C Mansfield reported that the speed review box had been installed on the 13 June, to record the number of vehicles and their speed in both directions. She advised that nothing will be done until the results of the speed survey have been analysed and that the process through LHFIFG will not be quick. Cllr J Campbell assured them that the Council fully supported their concerns over safety on Seagry Road and will continue to update them on the progress of our application to LHFIFG. The proposed Gladman development for 60 houses to the east of the High Street was also raised but the Chair advised that we were not in a position to discuss that at this meeting.

### 044<sup>(23)</sup> **Minutes for Approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 May 2023 and they were duly signed by the Chair.

### 045<sup>(23)</sup> **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £837.47 for online payment.
- b) **Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022-2023**
  - i. It was **resolved to receive and note** the completed Annual Internal Audit Report.
  - ii. It was **resolved to consider and approve** the Annual Governance Statement and it was duly signed by the Chair and Clerk.
  - iii. It was **resolved to consider and approve** the Accounting Statements and they were duly signed by the Chair.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** the Clerk attending the SLCC Planning Summit on 5 July 2023 at a cost of £60 and 2 hours of overtime at £33.28.
- d) It was **resolved to approve** Cllr D Errington to act as a new signatory for the Council.
- e) It was **resolved to approve** the adoption of the BArts Volunteer Group's Terms of Reference (v1.0) and Grant Application (v1.0) for use of the S106 Arts Development funds and for the Clerk to clarify the transfer and use of the funds by the BVG.

### 046<sup>(23)</sup> **Planning**

Cllr D Errington reported on the briefing and short Q&A held by St Modwen in Kington Langley on 12 June, that he and Cllr J Campbell attended, to discuss the background, scope and justification for their proposals. He will put together a full report to the Councillors but gave a summary of the meeting, including their statement that the 2 new units will create 800 jobs in the local community, that they have engaged with the Highways Agency but

were not aware of the Lyneham Banks road closure, will be carrying out Ecology and Tree Surveys and are looking at enabling PV Solar panels to be fitted to the roofs. There will be a Public Consultation on 11 July, again in Kington Langley, and they are planning a new website. They are proposing to submit the full planning application in late summer/early autumn. Cllrs D Errington and J Campbell will be negotiating with St Modwen to try and secure for some funds to help with Community Projects should the application be approved.

047<sup>(23)</sup> **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr N Roynon's email on the footpaths at Draycot Cerne was noted.

048<sup>(23)</sup> **Highways, Parish Steward & Speed Indicator Device**

a) **Highways and Parish Steward** - Cllr D Errington reported that our new Parish Steward, Mark Hawkins, should be with us on 15 and 19 June as they had been on grass cutting duties across Wiltshire in May and he was waiting on contact details for Mark.

b) **Speed Indicator Device** – No update report received.

049<sup>(23)</sup> **Rights of Way**

No update report received.

050<sup>(23)</sup> **Benger Trails**

Cllr C Mansfield thanked the Parish Council for its continuing support for the History Trail App, Information Boards and Website. The team will be going into the school to talk to the children about it and will also be talking to the over 60s to record their memories, etc., to be included in future updates to the App. They are aiming to introduce 2 new trails every year. The Clerk agreed to put a link on the website to the Trails.

*(20.20 Cllr H Greenman arrived)*

051<sup>(23)</sup> **Allotments**

Cllr C Mansfield reported that they could benefit from an irrigation system to be used during hot weather and the Clerk advised that they could apply for a Community Grant.

052<sup>(23)</sup> **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

No update report received.

053<sup>(23)</sup> **Environment & Sustainability**

No update report received.

054<sup>(23)</sup> **Village Hall**

a) Cllr J Campbell reported that we plan to have quarterly meetings with the VHMC to discuss financial matters, etc.

b) It was **resolved to appoint** Cllr C Mansfield to act as the Council's liaison with the VHMC.

055<sup>(23)</sup> **Primary School**

Cllr B Carter had no matters to report.

056<sup>(23)</sup> **Wiltshire Council**

Ward Cllr H Greenman reported on the proposals for a new Solar Farm along the A350.

057<sup>(23)</sup> **Clerk's Report**

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

058<sup>(23)</sup> **Date of the Next Meeting**

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

*Meeting ended 20:51*

Chair.....

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