

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 12 July 2023 in the Sutton Benger Village Hall

Those present were noted as Cllrs N Roynon (Chair), R Gaunt, J Campbell, D Errington, C Mansfield and D Spencer, and L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, 4 members of the public and Ward Cllr H Greenman.

059⁽²³⁾ **Apologies and Reasons for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. B Carter (unwell) and L Craig (holiday).

060⁽²³⁾ **Declarations of Interests from members regarding the agenda.**

No declarations of interest were received.

061⁽²³⁾ **Public Forum Session**

Residents of Seagry Road were present for an update on the traffic calming application to LHFIG – it was **agreed** to move the item up the Agenda.

066⁽²³⁾ c) **Seagry Road Traffic Calming** – Cllr C Mansfield reported on the results of the Seagry Road speed survey carried out in June, which showed that the average speed of vehicles was 37mph. She attended the LHFIG Meeting on 6 July 2023 where it was agreed that K Rose, Principal Engineer Manager would attend a site meeting to discuss options for traffic calming. She also reported that there was a lack of funds available to LHFIG and that the Parish Council may need to contribute a higher amount. Following a brief discussion, she agreed to try and find out more about whether the painted line on Seagry Road was a footpath and whether it could be enhanced.

062⁽²³⁾ **Minutes for Approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14 June 2023 and they were duly signed by the Chair.

063⁽²³⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £1,908.48 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the purchase of a 6' Tripod Ladder with adjustable legs for the SID Volunteer Team to use when moving the device at £319.00.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** the purchase of a kneeling chair for the Clerk, at a cost of £124.58 being a 50% share with CMPC also paying 50%.

064⁽²³⁾ **Planning**

Cllr R Gaunt asked all Councillors to respond to the planning application circulated by the Clerk by email.

065⁽²³⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

No update received – the team are still working on the Reg.14 responses.

066⁽²³⁾ **Highways, Parish Steward & Speed Indicator Device**

- a) **Highways and Parish Steward** - Cllr D Errington reported that the Parish Steward had cleared some of the footpath between Sutton Benger and Draycot Cerne and was hoping to return to carry out some more clearing later this month.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device** – Cllr L Craig's update report was noted in her absence.

067⁽²³⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr R Gaunt had no matters to report.

- 068⁽²³⁾ **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.
- 069⁽²³⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**
 Cllr N Roynon reported on the PEAS application for salt and flood signs.
- 070⁽²³⁾ **Environment & Sustainability**
 Cllr N Roynon had no matters to report. A brief discussion took place on the 'King's' tree.
- 071⁽²³⁾ **Village Hall**
 Cllr C Mansfield reported on the financial situation of the VHMC and asked for clarification on funding available to them, including the S106 indoor leisure facilities funds.
- 072⁽²³⁾ **Primary School**
 No update report received.
- 073⁽²³⁾ **Wiltshire Council**
 Ward Cllr H Greenman reported on the new housing figures and confirmed that SBPC does not have a residual housing figure as we have already met our requirement since 2017. He reminded the Councillors about the Parishes Forum on 19 July 2023 and the new Community Police Teams.
- 074⁽²³⁾ **Clerk's Report**
 The Clerk's Report was given and forms part of these minutes.
- 075⁽²³⁾ **Date of the Next Meeting**
 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as being on Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.
- 076⁽²³⁾ **Personnel – Confidential Matters**
 The Clerk and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting, under provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12a, Section 3. Cllr C Mansfield reported on the Clerk's Appraisal of 26 June 2023.

Meeting ended 20:51

Chair.....

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