

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 13 September 2023 in the Sutton Benger Village Hall

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

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

No apologies were received.

078⁽²³⁾ **New Parish Councillor Applications**

It was **resolved to approve** the co-options of applicants as Parish Councillor and, on receipt of the signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office, the following were invited to join the meeting table:

- a) Adam Carwardine.
- b) Jeremy Haselton.
- c) Garry Prewett.

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

No declarations of interest were received.

080⁽²³⁾ **Public Forum Session**

A resident of Cowley Way raised the issue of a recent minor traffic incident and her application to LHFIC for painted white lines – it was **agreed** to move the item up the Agenda for discussion. A resident from Seagry advised that they were interested in the Parish Council's response to the Land off the High Street planning application.

085⁽²³⁾ d) **Highway Improvement Request**

It was **resolved not to support** a resident's request for an application to LHFIC for white line marking at the Cowley Way/Lee Crescent junction.

081⁽²³⁾ **Minutes for Approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12 July 2023 and they were duly signed by the Chair.

082⁽²³⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to ratify** the August monthly accounts statement and invoices totalling £459.33 that were authorised and paid on the 9 August 2023.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the September monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £459.33 for payment.

083⁽²³⁾ **Planning**

- a) It was **resolved to ratify** the responses made to new planning applications received in August:

i	PL/2023/03042	12 Chestnut Road, SN15 4RP - Rear First Floor Extension (Revised application)	Mixed
ii	PL/2023/05525	11b High Street, SN15 4RE - Conversion of garage loft space to habitable space with rooflights following insertion of access staircase and entrance door at 1st floor level incorporating revision to approved application PL/2022/04005 to include covered external staircase.	No Objection
iii	PL/2023/05867	The Old School House, Seagry Road, SN15 4RX - T1 - Box elder Reduce in height by approximately 2.5 metres and width by approximately 2 metres, leaving at a finished height of approximately 3.5 metres and width of 2.5 metres. T2 -	No Objection

		Silver birch Remove tree to ground level, the birch is 0.5 metres away from the box elder, currently overshadowing it and reducing even growth, the birch is 1 metre away from the property and has outgrown its location. T3 - Elaeagnus remove as Elaeagnus has died.	
iv	PL/2023/06410	The Old School House, Seagry Road, SN15 4RX - T1 - cherry tree Proposed work is to remove cherry tree as the tree is suffering from leaf spot and is in a poor condition. T2 and T3 - Purple leaf maples proposed work is to crown raise both trees up to the height of approximately 4 metres as lowest limbs are growing close to property hang low across driveway. T4 - Cherry tree proposed work is to remove cherry tree as this is a poor specimen of a tree and the property owner to re plant a more suitable tree in its place.	No Objection

b) **New Applications:** Cllr R Gaunt reported on new planning applications and it was **resolved to respond** as follows:

i	PL/2023/06204	Land Off The High Street, SN15 4SP - Outline planning application for the erection of up to 60 dwellings, including affordable housing with public open space, structural planting and landscaping, land for the provision of allotments and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) with vehicular access point. All matters reserved except for means of access.	Object
ii	PL/2023/07080	Holly House, 76 High Street, SN15 4RL - 1 - Cedar tree - crown raise 2 - Magnolia tree - crown reduce 30% 3 - Holly tree - crown reduce 30%	No Objection
iii	PL/2023/07081	Long Ridge House, High Street, SN15 4SP - Field Maple tree - prune back low branches	No Objection

084⁽²³⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Chair of the NDP Steering Group, N Hayward, reported on the status of the plan and advised that their comprehensive response to PL/2023/06204 would be taken into account by Wiltshire Planning. We will be submitting an application for the next round of NDP Grant funding so the Consultants can move forward with the next stage and it is hoped that the Referendum will take place in early Spring 2024.

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

- a) **Highways and Parish Steward** - Cllr D Errington reported on works carried out by Mark, our Parish Steward, which included path clearance, hedge cutting and litter picking.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device** – Cllr L Craig reported that the SID had now been moved to the other end of the High Street and that the team were looking at what/how to report stats from the data. They are also looking for a couple of volunteers – a few of the Cllrs said they'd be willing to do the necessary training and/or to help when required.
- c) **Seagry Road Traffic Calming** – Cllr C Mansfield reported on the meeting she and Cllr L Craig had with Kirsty Rose, Principal Traffic Engineer where they discussed the possible improvements. She is waiting for cost details from KR on the various options and a possible location for the SID. Ward Cllr H Greenman advised that speeding on rural roads was a topic on the agenda for the next Rural Parishes Forum on 18 October.

086⁽²³⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr R Gaunt had no matters to report.

087⁽²³⁾ **History Trail Interpretation Boards**

Cllrs D Errington and C Mansfield reported that residents of Draycot Cerne were not happy with the location or style of the board. Cllr D Errington agreed to investigate the possibility of installing it on land on the byway in DC.

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088⁽²³⁾ **Allotments**

Cllr C Mansfield reported that there had been a minor incident over parking on the verge at the Allotments and she would continue to monitor the situation. She also reported that SBAGA had no-one on the waiting list at the moment for an allotment.

089⁽²³⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr N Roynon asked Cllr G Prewett if he would be interested in helping with this – he agreed.

090⁽²³⁾ **Environment & Sustainability**

Cllr N Roynon had no matters to report.

091⁽²³⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr C Mansfield had no matters to report.

092⁽²³⁾ **Primary School**

Cllr B Carter had no matters to report.

093⁽²³⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

Ward Cllr H Greenman reported on the Local Plan Consultation and how Regulation 19 would see major changes - he urged everyone to respond.

094⁽²³⁾ **Clerk's Report**

No Clerk's report was given.

095⁽²³⁾ **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as being on Wednesday 11 October 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting ended 20:45

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