

# Sutton Benger Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

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

Those present were noted as Cllrs J Campbell (Chair), R Gaunt, C Mansfield, A Carwardine, J Haselton, D Errington, G Prewett and D Spencer, and L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, 4 members representing item 119<sup>(23)</sup> and Ward Cllr H Greenman.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr N Roynon (personal) and B Carter (personal).

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

No declarations of interest were received.

### 118<sup>(23)</sup> Public Forum Session

No matters raised.

### 119<sup>(23)</sup> Land East of Church View (20/03876/OUT)

The Chair invited 4 representatives from Curo and Minster Properties to give a presentation on their proposals for the reserved matters relating to a scheme for 19 affordable homes at the above location. Several questions were raised by Cllrs to clarify a few points.

### 120<sup>(23)</sup> Minutes for Approval

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11 October 2023 and they were duly signed by the Chair.

### 121<sup>(23)</sup> Finance

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the November monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £854.23 for payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the grant application from the Village Hall Management Committee for £2,000.00 towards the cost of ground maintenance at the Rec for 2024. The Clerk to include in the draft budget for 2024-2025 and to advise the VHMC that they will need to apply for this every year going forward if they need it.

### 122<sup>(23)</sup> Planning

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

i	<a href="#">PL/2023/08914</a>	Hazelwood Farm, Seagry Road, SN15 5EU - Removal of existing 15m monopole mast and associated compound, and installation of replacement base station which includes 25m lattice sharable mast, 6 no. of antennas, 2no. dishes, 7no. cabinets, etc and ancillary development thereto	No Objection
ii	<a href="#">PL/2023/09005</a>	32 High Street, SN15 4RF - Cedar tree - reduce by one-third	No Objection

- b) **Wiltshire Local Plan Consultation (Reg 19)** – Cllr A Carwardine presented the response that he and Cllr R Gaunt had circulated to the Council and it was **resolved to approve** the Clerk submitting it online.

### 123<sup>(23)</sup> Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr R Gaunt had no matters to report.

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

a) **Highways and Parish Steward** - Cllr D Errington reported on the new Parish Steward, Lee Escott, starting next week with jobs including clearing the culverts on Seagry Road, and path/kerb clearance. It was agreed that litter picking was not a good use of the PS's time, but it was a continuing problem in the village. Several Cllrs agreed to arrange a village tidy-up day to help tackle the problem and raise awareness.

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

Cllr G Prewett reported on his meeting with a CMPC Cllr at the B4069/River Avon site of recent flooding and is hoping to meet with the landowners to discuss a possible solution to mitigate the flooding. He also reported on the flooding caused by Storms Babet and Ciarán and that he had updated the new version of the Emergency Plan.

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

Cllr R Gaunt reported on her meeting with the local Ramblers Group and advised that problems with Rights of Way can be reported on the MyWilts App. The Clerk was asked to write to a local landowner to seek permission to make changes to a difficult footpath.

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

Cllr C Mansfield reported that the hedge maintenance had been carried out and it was agreed that TM will liaise with them going forward and for the Clerk to raise an Official Order.

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

No update report received.

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

Cllr A Carwardine reported on the recent VH meeting and advised that they are tight on funding at the moment and will be pleased with the ground maintenance grant approved by the PC. They are still putting together a proposal for the new AV System that will be funded by S106 monies. Details of the Quiz Night fundraiser on 25 November were given.

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

No update report received.

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

Ward Cllr H Greenman gave an update on the Parish Forum meeting on the 18 October 2023 that Cllr J Haselton attended (and circulated notes on). He continued to stress the importance of getting the NDP 'made'.

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

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

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

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as being on Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

*Meeting ended 20:46*

Chair.....

Date.....