

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

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

Those present were noted as Cllrs N Roynon (Chair), R Gaunt, J Campbell, A Carwardine, D Errington, and B Carter, and L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, 2 members of the public and Ward Cllr H Greenman (at 19.44).

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Mansfield (personal); G Prewett (personal); J Haselton (personal) and D Spencer (holiday).

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

No declarations of interest were received.

136⁽²³⁾ **Public Forum Session**

A resident from Seagry Road gave their thanks to the Parish Councillors, with a special mention for Cllr C Mansfield, for all the work on successfully arranging for the traffic calming measures to be installed on Seagry Road.

137⁽²³⁾ **Minutes for Approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 November 2023 and they were duly signed by the Chair.

138⁽²³⁾ **Governance**

It was **resolved to approve** the appointment of Cllr Adam Carwardine to take responsibility for Traffic Calming, including the SID and related Highways matters.

139⁽²³⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the December monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £362.20 for payment.
- b) It was **not resolved to approve** the Grounds Maintenance works to be carried out at the Gossip Areas before the end of February 2024, as no quotes had been received.

140⁽²³⁾ **Planning Applications**

Cllr R Gaunt reported on the planning application received and it was **resolved to respond:**

a	PL/2023/09066	Langley Burrell Farm, Sutton Lane, SN15 4LW - Storage of hazardous substances	No Objection
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141⁽²³⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr R Gaunt reported that the NDP team are continuing to work with Bluestone Planning consultants on the final plan.

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

Cllr D Errington reported on tasks completed by the Parish Steward, including filling a small pothole and path/kerb clearance on Chestnut Road. He reported on the Wilts Council Highways event he attended on the 10-Dec and advised that they had received extra funding for potholes and preventative measures throughout the County. He will liaise with Cllr A Carwardine on what can be done to help mitigate speeding on the High Street.

Cllr A Carwardine reported on the recorded results from the SID team showing the before and after improvement from 65% of vehicles staying within 30mph and the effect of the SID creating a much improved 89%.

143⁽²³⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

No update report received from Cllr G Prewett. Cllr D Errington agreed to liaise with Cllr Prewett on arranging for the Parish Steward and Wilts Drainage to clear silt build up from drains and culverts.

144⁽²³⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr R Gaunt reported on SBEN20 improvements and the Clerk advised that she had written to the landowner for permission to install some steps and a handrail. Ward Cllr H Greenman was asked to chase-up Ed about the tree to be planted in the flowerbed nr Manor Farm Drive.

146⁽²³⁾ **Environment & Sustainability**

Cllr N Roynon raised the issue of trees being cut down at the ancient woodland in French Gardens. Cllr A Carwardine advised that it was an agreed programme of works to remove diseased and dying trees and there was a plan to re-plant with new trees.

147⁽²³⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr C Mansfield's report was noted in her absence. The Clerk advised that she had submitted to S106 application for the AV equipment but had not yet received a reply from Wilts Council.

148⁽²³⁾ **Primary School**

Cllr B Carter reported that the school had been awarded a "good" standard from Ofsted.

149⁽²³⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

Ward Cllr H Greenman reported that Wilts Children's Service had been awarded an "Outstanding" standard and he gave an update on the status of the housing land supply.

150⁽²³⁾ **Clerk's Report**

No Clerk's report was given due to time constraints on the Clerk preparing grounds maintenance tenders and the draft budget for 2024-2025.

151⁽²³⁾ **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as being on Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting ended 20:40

Chair.....

Date.....