

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 10 January 2024 in the Sutton Benger Village Hall

Those present were noted as Cllrs N Roynon (Chair), R Gaunt, A Carwardine, D Errington, G Prewett, C Mansfield, J Haselton, D Spencer and B Carter (arrived 20:05), and L Roslyn, Parish Clerk and Ward Cllr H Greenman.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr J Campbell (work).

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

No declarations of interest were received.

154⁽²³⁾ **Public Forum Session**

No matters raised.

155⁽²³⁾ **Minutes for Approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 December 2023 and they were duly signed by the Chair.

156⁽²³⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the January monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £2,341.04 for payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the quote from Andrew Davies for one-off Grounds Maintenance at the Gossip Areas and Allotments to be carried out before the end of February 2024 for £1,075.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** the quote from Andrew Davies for Grounds Maintenance 2024-2026 and to award the contract, subject to a small reduction – Cllr J Haselton to discuss with AD.
- d) It was **resolved to approve** the Budget (v2.0) and Precept at £15,499.66 for 2024-2025.

166⁽²³⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

It was agreed to move this item up the Agenda. Ward Cllr H Greenman reported on the sad of the sad passing of Cllr Tony Trotman. Howard worked alongside Tony for many years on the planning committees and he will be greatly missed. He reported on the good news that the 5 year housing land supply had been reduced to 4 years, with immediate effect, by Michael Gove and that this may impact on some planning appeal decisions where applications were approved solely on the basis of the HLS figures and the S106 agreements haven't yet been signed off. The next Community Parish Forum meeting is on 17 January 2024 in Kington St Michael. Cllrs A Carwardine, J Haselton and G Prewett all said they could attend.

157⁽²³⁾ **Planning Applications**

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

i	PL/2023/10770	Pitstop, Oakleigh Acres, Draycot Cerne, SN15 5LH - Removal of existing stores, 3No, an construction of new ambient store with bin storage area and relocation of the oil fuel	Support
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- b) **Planning Appeal - [PL/2022/09773](#)** - Land adj. Rockwell Cottage, 8 Sutton Lane, SN15 4RU - It was **resolved not to make** any additional comments on Appeal (Ref. APP/Y3940/W/23/3330141).

158⁽²³⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

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

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

Cllr D Errington reported on tasks completed by the Parish Steward, including the removal of vegetation around the SID pole and clearing of the Seagry Road culverts.

160⁽²³⁾ **Traffic Calming/Sid**

Cllr A Carwardine reported on the recent set of figures from the SID and that it is now registered with the Wilts Police. The SID is faulty and will be returned, under warranty, to ElanCity for repairs.

161⁽²³⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr G Prewett reported he is keeping details of flooding in the village, including photos, and it was agreed to create a shared spreadsheet on OneDrive for Cllrs to share details, photos, etc., He also reported that he will be attending the next Operational Flood Working Group (North) meeting on 25 January 2024.

162⁽²³⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr R Gaunt reported that we'd received permission from the landowner for SBEN20 improvements to install some steps and a handrail. The Clerk asked for details of the proposed works, including costings.

163⁽²³⁾ **Environment & Sustainability**

Cllr N Roynon had looked into the programme of works to remove diseased and dying trees and the plan to re-plant with new trees at the ancient woodland in French Gardens. Cllr B Carter gave details of the Village Spring Clean, scheduled for Saturday 16 March 2024.

164⁽²³⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr C Mansfield reported that not much was happening at the hall at the moment, but they have received funding from Church Piece for a new boiler and they were planning to hold a music quiz.

165⁽²³⁾ **Primary School**

Cllr B Carter reported that the school had purchased new tables and the old ones had been donated to a scheme to help schools in Africa.

167⁽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.

168⁽²³⁾ **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as being on Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting ended 20:40

Chair.....

Date.....