

Sutton Benger Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

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

Those present were noted as Cllrs A Carwardine (Chair), J Campbell, R Gaunt, J Haselton, C Mansfield, G Prewett, D Spencer, and L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, 6 members of the public and Ward Cllr H Greenman.

001⁽²⁴⁾ Apologies and Reasons for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Roynon (holiday) and B Carter (holiday).

002⁽²⁴⁾ Declarations of Interests from members regarding the agenda.

No declarations of interest were received.

003⁽²⁴⁾ Public Forum Session

Several residents raised questions concerning the recent marketing and planning applications for the Bell House Hotel. The applicant and developer stated their interest in the Parish Council's response to the applications.

004⁽²⁴⁾ Minutes for Approval

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 March 2024 and they were duly signed by the Chair.

005⁽²⁴⁾ Finance

- It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement to 31 March 2024 and new invoices totalling £10,596.94 for payment.
- It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement from 1 April 2024 and new invoices totalling £2,593.04 for payment.
- It was **resolved to approve** a Community Grant Application from Sutton Benger PCC for £500 towards grounds maintenance costs at the churchyard.

006⁽²⁴⁾ Planning Applications

- It was **resolved to respond** to new planning applications received as follows:

i	PL/2024/02644 (LBC)	The Bell House Hotel, SN15 4RQ - Proposed partial demolition of existing hotel to form new dwelling along with the erection of 4 new dwellings with associated landscaping	Object
ii	PL/2024/02622	Swaledale House, 1 The Shearings, SN15 4PU - Proposed solar panels to roof	Support
iii	PL/2024/02340	The Bell House Hotel, SN15 4RQ - Proposed partial demolition of existing hotel to form new dwelling along with the erection of 4 new dwellings with associated landscaping	Object

- Lime Down Solar Park** – no response was proposed to the initial stage consultation by Island Green Power for their early-stage proposals for a new solar park and battery energy storage project on land in North Wiltshire.

007⁽²⁴⁾ Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Council, as the qualifying body for the Sutton Benger Neighbourhood Development Plan (the Plan), considered the following:

- It was **resolved to approve** that the modifications contained in the modification proposal are not so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the Plan.

- b) It was **resolved to approve** that the draft Plan should be progressed by Wiltshire Council to the Regulation 15 stage.

008⁽²⁴⁾ **Grounds Maintenance**

Cllr J Haselton queried the expenditure for new plants at the Gossip Areas and the Clerk asked him to produce a spec with costings for consideration at the next meeting.

009⁽²⁴⁾ **Highways, Parish Steward & Speed Indicator Device**

No update report was received from Cllr D Errington. Cllr D Spencer reported that the Parish Steward had been filling potholes in the village.

010⁽²⁴⁾ **Traffic Calming/LHFIG/Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

Cllr A Carwardine's update reports were noted, and he advised that position for the pole on Seagry Road had now been approved by Wiltshire Council and asked the Clerk to put the expenditure for this on the next agenda.

011⁽²⁴⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr G Prewett had nothing to report.

012⁽²⁴⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr R Gaunt had nothing to report.

013⁽²⁴⁾ **Environment & Sustainability**

No update report was received from Cllr N Roynon.

014⁽²⁴⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr C Mansfield's update report was noted, and she asked if there was any update on the S106 application – the Clerk advised she had not received a reply from Wilts Council despite her emails to them. The Clerk agreed to put the new notice board expenditure on the next agenda. The Councillors were pleased to note that the VHMC would be holding the Beer and Sausage Festival in September.

015⁽²⁴⁾ **Primary School**

No update report was received from Cllr B Carter.

016⁽²⁴⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

Cllr H Greenman reported that representatives from St Modwen would be attending the next Rural Parish Forum on 19 June 2024 – the Clerk advised it was being held in Christian Malford.

017⁽²⁴⁾ **Clerk's Report**

There was no Clerk's report.

018⁽²⁴⁾ **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was noted as being on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting ended 20:03

Chair.....

Date.....