

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER 2015
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.45PM

Councillors Present

Andrew Waite (Chair), Chris Jackson, Will Priestman, Graham Roberts, Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and five villagers.

Apologies

Cllr Powell and Cllr Walker

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. This would be a short meeting followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

1. To receive an update on Bridleway AY4

A letter dated 23rd November 2015 was prepared by Cllr Jackson and sent to Mr C Wicks, Rights of Way Officer at Northants County Council. A message has been left on his phone today and he will call them back on Monday 14th December. It is hoped that a meeting can be set up with representatives of the Parish Council, the landowner, tenant and Rights of Way Officers at NCC to negotiate a way forward.

2. To receive an update on the Public Works Loan for the replacement street lighting scheme

Cllr Roberts reported that the Public Works Loan was paid into the Barclays Community Account on 8th December. The Parish Council can now commence work on the project. Cllr Roberts has spoken to Chris Barnes (the Project Manager) and he will produce a letter of intent for the contractor before Christmas. He will also produce a contract document which will include a letter of understanding, rules and regulations which both parties will sign. This will give a clear understanding of responsibilities and constraints. Cllr Roberts agreed to circulate the letter before it is sent. Cllr's spoke about the village being very dark without street lights and agreed there will be the right balance of lighting.

Two other matters that were discussed included work to the pond which Cllr Powell has been progressing. She has been in contact with Rod d'Ayala who had previously worked on the pond extension. His charges are £40 per hour plus travel for advice and less for actual work. It was agreed he could charge up to 4-5 hours work and this will be fed back to Cllr Powell.

Mr Wootton advised that he has received an email from the Windfarm Action Group and the Appeal Court will convene with Broadview, the Secretary of State and himself on 19th/20th May 2016.

Meeting finished at 8.15pm.