

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2016
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present

Andrew Waite (Chairman), Troy Daniels, Chris Jackson, Will Priestman, Graham Roberts and eight villagers

1. Apologies

David Walker, Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

2. Declaration of Interest

No interests were declared

3. To consider the following planning application:

S/2016/2785/FUL, Remove part of front boundary wall to allow new vehicular access and off road parking in front garden at 13 Spinners Cottages, Magpie Road.

The Chairman reminded those present that the Parish Council is one of many consultees for the application which would be determined by South Northants District Council. Councillors discussed the nature of the proposal and considered its impact on the Conservation Area and on parking generally. Councillors were generally of the opinion that the proposal would have a negative impact. An improvement to parking in a more collective way was considered preferable (such as by increasing the capacity of the lay-by). The Chairman invited Councillors to submit their individual comments to the Parish Clerk by 2.00pm of the day following the meeting.

4. To approve the following payment:

£1154.40 to Glebe Farm Joinery for two oak notice-boards with glass doors. A 40% deposit to be paid immediately - £461.76.

Councillors all approved the sum for the work required and for immediate payment of the deposit.

5. Castle Green Wall

In the interests of public safety the Chairman requested emergency consideration by Councillors of a quotation for the repair of the boundary wall of the Castle Green where stones had fallen out and others had become loose. All Councillors agreed that the need to proceed was essential. The Council therefore authorised the Castle Green Committee to proceed with arranging the work to be done as soon as possible. The sum of £1760.00 plus VAT was approved for payment. The Chairman will pass copies of the quotation to the Parish Clerk.

6. Other Matters

In concluding the meeting the Chairman announced that, after serving for nearly ten years, he had decided to step down as Councillor (and as Pocket Park Warden) following the meeting. He thanked the Parish Clerk and all the Councillors for their hard work and support. He also thanked Mr Fonge for his assistance with work at the pocket park. Councillor Roberts spoke on behalf of the Council and gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Waite for his service to the Parish and in particular his leadership as Chairman, the Parish has benefitted in many ways during his tenure and appreciates the service he has given to the community. Councillor Roberts, as Vice Chairman, will hold the Chairman's post until the January meeting when a new chairman will be elected by councillors.

In concluding the meeting the Chairman invited all present to gather afterwards to share mince pies and mulled wine. He thanked Janet Smith for providing & preparing the refreshments.

Those attending also enjoyed Christmas music and projected images with the theme of "Sulgrave (etc.) in the Snow". Thanks to Colin Wootton for providing the technology for the slide show and also for some "bleak mid-winter" images from years ago.