

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014  
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.45PM

Councillors Present

Andrew Waite (Chair), Jo Powell, Sally Harding, Clare Pollak and six villagers.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1a. Apologies**

Cllr's Roberts and Russell.

**1b. Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

**2a. To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

The minutes were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Pollak and seconded by Cllr Powell.

**2b. Matters Arising**

*Community Spaces Grant* - The Chair confirmed that £2K has now been received into the bank account. The Parish Council are looking for suitable storage space for the items to be purchased. The area would have to be safe and insured. The Chair to look to see if there is a time limit on purchasing the items and find out the size of the items. Cllr Powell to ask a villager who may have an idea for storage.

*SNC Local Plan* - The Chair has written to Andy Darcy of SNC to advise that the Parish Council wishes to make a consultation response and be engaged as the plan develops. No response has been made yet by Sulgrave Parish Council.

*Building work in the village* - The Chair has emailed Watson and Cox who are the builders in Little Street to ask about repairs to damaged verges. Some turf has been put down but it is not a permanent fix. Watson and Cox have replied and apologised. They are aware of the damage and intend to repair the areas that they are responsible for. They noted that building work is taking place either side of Belmont and all three properties have a shared responsibility. Watson and Cox have agreed to re-inspect the affected areas. The Chair to speak to Cllr Roberts about contacting the other builders in Little Street and Church Street.

**3. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Powell has spoken to the Star Pub about signage and they will make contact with Alison Pell at NCC Highways. If the pub has ideas for a new sign, Cllr Powell will suggest they show it to the Parish Council first for consideration.

**4. Finance Report**

a) Cheques for approval

£42.66 to Mr A Waite (payment for digital map for tree application)

£233.20 to Parish Clerk (hours)

£21.08 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

£12.03 to Janet Smith (refreshments at December meeting)

These payments were proposed by Cllr Pollak and seconded by Cllr Powell.

5. **Tender process for the village lighting scheme - To discuss questions about wooden poles, lantern choices and lighting hours, details circulated**

Paul Jones, the lighting consultant had some questions to ask about the proposed tender for the village lighting scheme.

*Wooden Poles* - They were previously owned by Western Power but are now the responsibility of the Parish Council. Whilst these would have been inspected on a regular basis by Western Power it is unlikely that any lighting contractors will have received the same training to allow them to carry out the same level of inspection. It would be prudent to have these poles replaced with lighting columns to reduce the risks posed by deterioration of poles. Due to the location of some of the poles it will prove more expensive to install new columns when compared to straightforward replacements. Paul Jones is proposing to issue documents which would request that new contractors provide rates for complete replacement of wooden poles with new columns and also for alternative rates for the renewal of brackets and lanterns only. Cllr Roberts agreed with the suggestion to allow the council to have alternate prices and determine the level of funding required for both options.

*Lantern Choice* - There are a number of possible lantern/lamp combinations which could be used. E.on have installed a specific type of lantern called Phosco P567 lanterns with 42W PLT lamps within parish settings. This lamp is reasonably priced, reliable and will provide a reduction in energy consumption of 50% against the current 80W lamps currently in operation. Cllr Roberts suggested that the council accept the proposed lantern as the pricing is reasonable and it looks modern and sleek.

*Lighting hours* - The new lanterns can be fitted with standard photo cells which would switch the lights on at around half an hour after sunset and then off at half an hour before sunrise. Further reductions in energy charges can be made by using alternative cells. More savings could be made by changing to part night lighting. Cllr Roberts thought the suggestion was sound. He proposed all night lighting in Magpie Road, School Street and Helmdon Road as this is the main through route and part night lighting in Park Lane, Church Street, Little Street and Towrise.

Councillors agreed with the suggestions made but felt it important that the opinions of the villagers are sought at a later date on lantern choice and lighting hours. The Chair noted that Manor Road should be included in all night lighting as the Star Pub and Sulgrave Manor are along this road.

*Action: The Chair to confirm this with Cllr Roberts.*

6. **Planning Applications**

No new applications had been received since the last meeting.

There was an update on two older applications:-

1. S/2013/1575/FUL, Single storey rear extension at the Old Forge, Church Street. Approval has been given.
2. S/2013/1589/FUL, Variation of condition 2 of planning permission S/2013/0077/FUL (Variation of condition 2 of planning permission S/2012/0489/FUL (four dwellings with garages and new garage for Belmont House) to add a conservation roof light to plot 3 at Belmont, Little Street. Approval has been given.

7. **Correspondence**

- NCC Public Path Diversion Order 2014 for part of AY4
- NCC, Planting of trees within the public highway, Junction of School Street and Manor Road
- Northants CALC, Precept capping

- MP Andrea Leadsom, Surgery dates for 2014. On notice-board, website and going into newsletter.
- HS2, Hybrid Bill Document Deposit. The deadline has been extended until 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Several items of correspondence were highlighted:

- NCC Public Path Diversion Order 2014 for part of AY4. This is the footpath to Weston which crosses the railway line. It has been in existence since 1900 and has gradually deteriorated over time. The landowner is not happy to spend money and maintain the bridge. Councillors felt it a shame that the structure could not be repaired. However bridge repairs are expensive and if the railway line is not in use it will not be a priority. It was agreed a flyer would be produced and distributed around the village. An application could be made to English Heritage to get the railway line listed. Colin Wootton offered to look into this.

- NCC, Planting of a tree within the public highway, Junction of School Street and Manor Road. Janet Smith confirmed the new tree will be a red hawthorn but quite small in size. NCC have sent a letter to advise they have no objection to the planting but it is subject to six conditions being agreed and signed by the Parish Council. It was felt that not all the conditions could be agreed to at this time. The Chair to go back to NCC.

**8. Open Forum**

There was nothing to report from the floor.

**9. Date and time of next meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.45pm at the Church Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm