

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2014
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.45PM

Councillors Present

Andrew Waite, Graham Roberts, Jo Powell and one villager.

1a. Apologies

Cllr's Russell, Harding and Pollak

1b. Chairman's signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form

This was signed and the Parish Clerk will file.

2a. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2b. To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2014

The minutes could not be approved as only one councillor (namely Cllr Roberts) was present at this meeting and the last meeting. To be carried over and approved at the next meeting.

2b. Matters Arising

Dog fouling - This was reported to SNC who have sent dog fouling notices. Cllr Roberts to put them up around the village where appropriate.

Fly Tipping - This was reported to the Street Doctor. SNC have advised that contact details of the offender were found in the dumped rubbish and they have been interviewed. SNC are deciding whether to take any further action. The Parish Clerk has spoken to George Metcalfe who reported the incident to the Parish Council.

HS2 Petitions - The Parish Clerk wrote to MP Andrea Leadsom to complain about the short notice to file a petition. Mrs Leadsom has replied and written to the Secretary of State for Transport to express the concern. There will be another opportunity to petition Parliament when the Bill reaches the House of Lords.

Releasing of Covenant relating to The Old Farmhouse and The Old School House (now the village shop) - The Clerk has signed the documents and returned to Brethertons Solicitors.

3. Councillors Reports

Cllr Roberts spoke about the quality of the grass cutting which was raised at the last meeting. A request was made to cut extra verges of which there has been no extra charge. The Parish Clerk contacted Philip Daynes about cutting much shorter so that the cuts last and including the extra verges. There are other verges such as in Park Lane which are meant to be strimmed twice a year but have not been cut at all. Mrs Lloyd also emailed the Parish Clerk about the path up the churchyard which is very overgrown.

Action: The Councillors to visit the churchyard after the meeting and Cllr Roberts to speak to Philip Daynes.

Cllr Powell reported an overflowing storm drain in Manor Road despite the weather being very dry recently.

Action: The Parish Clerk to report to the Street Doctor.

4. To discuss the progress of the street lighting project

CLlr Roberts has produced a specification which has been typed up. The Parish Clerk has sent the tender to four companies and advised that replies have to be submitted by 4pm on 31st July. There is no Parish Council meeting in August because of holidays but the councillors can look at the tenders in September. The Parish Council will use August to consult the village via the newsletter.

Councillors discussed how the project will be funded. The best way is through a Public Works Loan as it is such a big project.

Action: The Parish Clerk to investigate the loan details and process for investigation.

5. Finance

a) *To approve the following payments:*

£140.00 to Sulgrave PCC (contribution towards church clock service)

£10.00 to South Northants Area Support Team, Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

£276.00 to RD Landscapes (grass cutting April)

£552.00 to RD Landscapes (grass cutting May)

£1044.06 to Broker Network Ltd (general council insurance)

£277.28 to Parish Clerk (hours)

£31.62 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

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

6. Planning Applications

- *S/2014/0571/FUL, Erection of new classic car gallery and demolition of existing asphalt tennis court with associated chainlink fence at Sulgrave House, Little Street. No objections raised but comments made about the protection of existing trees and their root protection areas during construction.*
- *S/2014/0631/TCA, Tree work at Star Cottage and Nutcracker Cottage, Manor Road. For info only.*

A new application had been received after the agenda was sent round.

S/2014/0769/FUL, Proposed single and a half storey side extension at Bower House, Park Lane. To be circulated amongst councillors.

7. Correspondence

- Andrew Bodman, HS2 Petitions created. Circulated.
- Northants Highways, Landowner Deposit No 198, All Souls College. Circulated
- Andrew Young, Chair of Slapton Parish Council and Paul Smith, Clerk of Weston and Weedon Lois Parish Council, Complaint letters about the Wings For Life Event. Circulated.
- SNC, New Guides, Cycling in South Northants and Walking and Wildlife with Children.
- Green Dragon Rare Breeds Farm and Eco Centre, Orchard Planning Workshop on 28th June. Details circulated.

The Parish Clerk highlighted two items of correspondence:-

- Complaint letters about Wings for Life Event. It was agreed the Chair would write a similar letter to NCC.
- SNC, New Guides, Cycling in South Northants and Walking and Wildlife with Children. It was agreed the Parish Clerk will ask for 20 copies of each to be sent which can be put in the shop and pub. The Clerk will give all the details to Janet Smith for the newsletter and Colin Wootton for the website.

8. **Open Forum**

Janet Smith spoke about the tree which is to be planted in memory of the Stallabrasses. Paul Lewis has agreed to plant the tree. The family have requested to put a plaque on a stone. The idea was agreed in principle.

Action: Janet Smith to ask about the form of words for the plaque and size of stone.

Janet Smith asked if there was any progress about improvements to the Church Hall? Cllr's Roberts and Powell to meet Robin Prior. If there is agreement in principle, the Chair will go the hall and measure up to draw plans.

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

Parish Council meeting on 10th July 2014 at 7.45pm at the Church Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm