

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016  
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.45PM

Councillors Present

Andrew Waite (Chairman), Chris Jackson, Will Priestman, Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and two villagers.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Elections**

**1a. Election of Chairperson**

Cllr Waite was elected to be Chair.

**1b. Chairpersons signing of Declaration of Acceptance of office form**

Cllr Waite signed the form.

**1c. Election of Vice-Chair**

Cllr Roberts was elected to be Vice-Chair .

**2a. Apologies**

Cllr Roberts and Cllr Walker

**2b. Declaration of Interest**

No interests were declared.

**3a. To approve and sign minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**3b. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. To discuss a response to the SNC Local Plan Part 2A Options Consultation document**

Colin Wootton used to do this work 20 years ago and had put together a summary for Councillors to read. The current plan was adopted by SNC in 1997. SNC are now preparing a replacement plan for the period to 2029.

The West Northants Joint Core Strategy Local Plan which was adopted in 2014 sets out the long term vision and objectives for the whole area. The South Northants allocation is 2360 for rural areas. So far 2322 dwellings have been completed. The number of dwellings for the period up to 2029 in Sulgrave is in the range 11 to 14. Councillors are to consider if the confines should stay as they are with further development restricted to suitable infill or should there be a relaxation of the line to include appropriate sites for houses for elderly people or first time buyers.

The Chair noted that there might be potential development at Kiln Farm for the Manor but they are not pursuing it. Councillors to look at the papers and the Parish Council to form their view. Mr Wootton felt it would be unwise to have more than a general idea of housing and not be specific about sites. The deadline for responses is 10<sup>th</sup> June. A formal response to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

**5. Councillors Reports**

*AY4 footpath* – Cllr Jackson reported that he fed back support for the up and over option. Angus Richards is currently working with an engineer and there is a meeting with Northants Highways next week. Cllr Jackson has responded to the Ramblers Association. The Ramblers Association have written to NCC about the Law of Nuisance. They asked if the Parish Council would support them.

Cllr Jackson replied that the Parish Council are trying to reach an agreement with the landowner and would not support it. The current tone is positive. Cllr Jackson is to respond to an email from a Canons Ashby volunteer about the route.

*Pocket Park/pond* - The Chair had a useful meeting at Pocket Park with George Metcalfe looking at flowers, grasses, the pond and wood. George is keen to get together and try and get a Pocket Park Warden. George has agreed to produce a list of activities that a warden would take on. The aim is to create a working party which would meet three to four times a year to tidy the area up. The emphasis would be on party rather than working. The Chair is keen to support George and asked this to be an agenda item next month.

The pond has been cleared out and there is more work to be done. Rod has written a report with a list of jobs that anyone can do and a list of plants that can be pulled back. Jo Powell agreed to forward the next email that he sends. George has concerns about the island which he feels is clogging up the pond.

*Countryside Leaflets* – An update was circulated by the Chair. Cllr's to recheck once more and send any queries to the Chair by 19<sup>th</sup> May. Jo Powell will then get them printed.

*Street lighting* - Work will commence on Monday 16th May.

## 6. **Finance**

The following payments were approved:-

- £313.28 to EON (electricity)
- £20.00 to House of Lords (HS2 petition)
- £225.00 to R M Fletcher (internal audit)
- £17.50 to SLCC (Clerks membership)
- £257.37 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- £21.08 to Parish Clerk (mileage)
- £288.00 to RD Landscapes Ltd (grass cutting)
- £35.00 to Northants ACRE(membership)

Proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Jackson.

*To agree a new bank signatory*

Cllr Jackson agreed to be the third cheque signatory to replace Jo Powell.

## 7. **Planning**

Three new applications were received:

S/2016/0945/FUL, Replace two flat-roofed windows with pitched roof dormers (one front and one rear elevation) at Castle Cottage, Magpie Road. No objections raised.

S/2016/0924/FUL, Ancillary accommodation at The Junipers, 1A School Street. No objections raised.

S/2016/1005/FUL, Replacement Archive Store (amendment to planning permission S/2014/0896/FUL) At The Old Windmill Track To The Old Windmill. No objections raised.

S/2016/0565/TCA, Remove one laburnum tree at The Old Stocks, Park Lane. For info only.

## 8. **Correspondence**

- Northants CALC, Updated Financial Guidance

## 9. **Open Forum**

Colin Wootton reported that the Wind Farm court hearing has been fixed for 19/20 May. Colin has had to prepare a witness statement and it might deliberate for months.

**10. Matters for consideration at the next meeting**

Pocket Park – Update on Pocket Park warden

Response to SNC Local Plan

Cllr Vacancy- Parish Clerk to forward a note for newsletter

Potholes – to be reported to street doctor

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

Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.45pm at the Church Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm