

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2018
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present

Chris Jackson (Chairman), Troy Daniels, Anna Faure, Neil Higginson and Will Priestman

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and six villagers

18/18a. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr North

18/18b. To receive Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

18/19a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2018

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th January 2018 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

18/19b. Matters Arising

Damaged grit bin on Helmdon Road - The Parish Clerk has sent an email to Northants Highways for them to confirm they looked at the correct bin and is awaiting a response.

Park Lane road sign - The sign is rotten. This is in hand.

Neighbourhood Watch - Carol Churchill is the co-ordinator and a meeting has been held today. Villagers will be encouraged to sign themselves up. Cllr Higginson to invite Carol to a future meeting.

18/20. Public Participation Session

Mr Wootton advised that he has made some changes to the village website. He has created a page called Latest Parish Council news and updated some items. Thanks was given to Mr Wootton for all his work.

Mr Fonge spoke about the willow tree that was felled. Another limb measuring 30 feet long came off last week and was balancing in the ash tree. Both he and Paul Lewis took it down immediately as it was dangerous. Mr Lewis cut it up and Mr Fonge burnt it. There are four more limbs which could potentially fall at some point in time. It was agreed that the Chair and Cllr North will arrange to meet Andrew Barlow as the tree belongs to him. Thanks was given to Mr Fonge for all his help over the weekend.

The grass verge outside the shop was reported again as being damaged. A meeting was held with highways last year about what could be done to improve the verge. Small signs were put up which did help keep the verge looking nice. As Spring approaches it was agreed to repair the verge and put the signs back up.

The potholes on Magpie Road and Helmdon Road were mentioned. The drains are bad by the shop. These will be reported to Highways. Villagers are to be encouraged to report potholes and drains on Street Doctor. Speeding through the village was discussed. This will be added to a future agenda.

18/21. To receive an update on HS2

Cllr Faure and Ingram Lloyd met the Parochial Church Council and neighbours of the Church Hall last week. If certain things are proved such as disruption and community benefits, then a grant may be given. Both Thorpe Mandeville and Helmdon Preschool have been successful in their recent applications to the fund although they have asked for modest amounts. Sulgrave will be asking for a substantial amount.

A survey will be carried out on Survey Monkey to demonstrate there has been a consultation. A group of people have been identified to form a focus group. There will be a meeting on 9th February with Groundworks which Cllr Faure will attend. Unfortunately Ingram Lloyd cannot attend this meeting.

Mr Wootton noted that he is working on a web page. It will illustrate what it will be like during construction and after construction. Work on the general contract will start in March 2019. Work will start in this area in late 2019/early 2020. The collapse of Carillion will not affect the work.

18/22. To approve the purchase of trees for Pocket Park

The trees for Pocket Park have been purchased. The cost of £75.54 was agreed. A cheque will be raised.

18/23. To discuss litter in the village

Dog waste bins have been discussed in the past but the problem has always been where to site them. The Parish Council would have to purchase the waste bins and pay either SNC or a company to empty them on a regular basis. A lot of litter has been observed in the village over Christmas. Councillors agreed they would organise a litter pick in February/March time. A date will be agreed and put in the March newsletter. Mr Roberts, a former Parish Councillor agreed to forward a risk assessment document to the Chair.

The build up of foliage under the beech trees by the Stocks was discussed. This will be an agenda item in the Autumn.

Action: The Chair to speak to Cllr North who was going to organise a working party to clear the leaves.

18/24. To receive an update on the grass cutting tender and agree a contractor

Cllr Higginson had recently met the contractor who had given the cheapest quote. Cllr Higginson was impressed with the references and professionalism of this person. After discussing the quotes, it was agreed the three year contract would be given to The Ground Care Company. The agreement with the Parochial Church Council and cutting of the churchyard will be dealt with separately.

Action: The Parish Clerk to send a letter of appointment to The Ground Care Company. Cllr Higginson to contact the contractors who were unsuccessful. All details will be kept on file.

18/25. Finance

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£30.00 to Parish Clerk (broadband contribution)

£40.00 to OPFA (membership)

18/26. To receive an update on Planning

There were no updates.

18/27. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and distributed:-

- Sulgrave PCC, Thank you email.
- Northants CALC, Latest Pay Award.
- HS2, Announcement of the First Round of Funding - HS2 Community & Environment Fund and Business & Local Economy Fund.
- Northants Police, Meeting with PCC on 5th February.
- Chris and Mel Kirkpatrick, Little Street pavements

One item of correspondence had been highlighted:

Northants Police, Meeting with PCC on 5th February. The Parish Clerk to send an email and ask why the meetings are always held at Wootton Hall, Northampton.

18/28. Matters for consideration at the next meeting

Neighbourhood Watch

Speeding

18/29. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 1st March 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.15pm