

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH JUNE 2018
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present

Chris Jackson (Chairman), Anna Faure, Laura North, Troy Daniels, Neil Higginson (arrived late) and Will Priestman

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk and nine villagers

18/57a. To receive apologies for absence

Colin Wootton

18/57b. To receive Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

18/58. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 5th April and 3rd May 2018

The minutes of the meetings held on 5th April and 3rd May 2018 were approved and signed as a true record of the meetings.

18/59. Matters Arising

An update was given on the new road nameplate for Park Lane. SNC are insisting it is placed on the Stocks green. A site meeting will be arranged with a Parish Councillor and Robin Prior.

18/60. Public Participation Session

Mrs Pearce raised concern about the loss of the Dial A Bus Service from 22nd July and asked if the Parish Clerk could make contact with Greatworth Parish Council. They pay Cheney Coaches £80.00 per month for one service to Banbury and back allowing two hours for socialising and shopping. The current service is good including the conditions of the bus and the telephone service. The Parish Council agreed it is a serious issue but there may be budget issues. The Parish Council did make strong representations at the time but thanked Mrs Pearce for bringing the information to the meeting. Cllr Faure noted that the issue has been raised at HS2 meetings. There will be a new medical centre at Brackley and the question has been asked how people will get to it. This matter will be discussed again at the next meeting when there is more information.

Mr Fonge noted that the gates have not been put in on the footpath by the bridge. The Chair to draft a letter to Angus Richards.

Mr Fonge gave an update on Pocket Park. Now it is being mown more regularly there is less litter. He asked for any spoil from work on the pond area to be put away from Mr Ratleys house.

Mr Roberts spoke about seeing cameras on poles whilst driving locally. The Chair suggested it could be a traffic count for a HS2 survey.

Mr Fonge gave an update on the reseeded of the grass by the Stocks. The problems are the two mature trees and the area being shaded. Mr Fonge and Mr Prior have raked the area and filled a bin with leaves. They have put grass seed down and it is starting to grow through.

18/61. To receive an update on HS2

Cllr Faure attended the recent meeting at Towcester. There were more contractors at this meeting and the traffic situation was discussed. Plans for the relief roads were discussed and the A43 and A422 being closed at off peak times. The contractors have been told they need to talk to villages about local traffic.

Cllr Faure suggested that the Community Engagement tea be invited to a future meeting. This may be arranged for July. Ingram Lloyd is pursuing the funding application and is currently talking to SNC Planning. The issue with HGV's not being able to use the road from Thorpe due to the ongoing water main problem was discussed. Cllr Faure will raise this with the Community Engagement Team.

18/61. To agree the Parish Council position regarding the potential purchase of Castle Mound

The Chair announced that the Parish Council would be happy to be the owner of Castle Mound on behalf of the village. Funding is an issue but there will need to be discussions with the Castle Green Committee. It was agreed that insurance and ongoing maintenance liability must be considered. Cllr Priestman confirmed that the Castle Green Committee will take responsibility for maintenance with fund raising. There is money that can be used within the reserves of the Parish Council main account set aside for Castle Green and trees and shrubs. Mr Pollak noted that other parts of the wall may come down over time and there will be some liability to consider. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr and Mrs Pollak for considering the village first in this major decision.

Action: The Chair to circulate a financial proposal to Councillors and to chase Sulgrave Charities. The Chair to check how much the last repair cost was to the wall.

18/62. To discuss the change of landlord at the Star Inn

The new landlords of the pub will be Nicky and Steve of Spinners Cottages. There will be tea and cake after the service on 24th June. The pub will not be open between 25th-27th June but be open for Aunt Sally on the Thursday. The Parish Council thanked Tom and Chris for all their work over the last eighteen months and wished the new landlords the best of luck.

18/63. To discuss Parish Council engagement with Sulgrave Manor

The Chair was invited to attend the Tudor Day at the weekend. He was able to catch up with Alison Ray, Chief Executive Officer. Sulgrave Manor are working on a business plan and will share it with the Parish Council within the next month. There are plans ahead. They are looking to develop Kiln Farm behind the Thatched Cottage which will be a potential source of money. The Thatched Cottage will be renovated. The Manor will be shut over the Winter whilst internal work is carried out. Mrs Blayney advised she is happy to continue liaising with them.

18/64. To receive an update on GDPR

Northants CALC have been appointed as the Data Protection Officer and emailed various policies which require adopting.

Action: The Parish Clerk to circulate the documents before the next meeting.

18/65. To receive an update on the renovation work to the bus shelter

As there was no update on the bus shelter Cllr Daniels gave an update on the defibrillator. Funding is in place. A letter has been passed to the Shop committee to confirm the verbal agreement to use their electricity. The original plan was to put the defibrillator on a pole next to the shop. Another village have successfully got planning permission to attach one to the side of a Listed Building. This is easier and less obtrusive. The Chair asked Cllr Daniels to carry on looking into putting it on a pole and feeding the supply through the wall of the village shop.

18/66. To discuss the reseeded of the grass by the Stocks

This was covered under Open Forum.

18/67. Finance

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£1251.60 to Came & Company (council insurance)

£17.00 to SLCC (Clerks membership)

£198.00 to The Ground Care Company Ltd (grass cutting)

£396.00 to The Ground Care Company Ltd (grass cutting)

£294.00 to Parish Clerk (hours)
£25.80 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

18/68. To receive an update on Planning

One application had been received since the last meeting:
S/2018/1093/FUL, Reinstatement of lea at the Watermill, Stockwell Lane. No objections.

18/69. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and distributed:-
Northants CALC, DPO Update
SNC, Local Green Spaces Consultation
SNC, Local Government Reform in Northants - Update from the Leader of SNC

18/70. Matters for consideration at the next meeting

Bus Service
Speeding in the village
GDPR and adoption of relevant policies

18/71. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 5th July 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.15pm