

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019  
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present

Chris Jackson (Chairman), Troy Daniels, Neil Higginson, Laura North and Will Priestman

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk and five villagers

**19/31. To receive apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

**19/32. To receive Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Priestman declared an interest in the tree application at The Limes, 2 Manor Road.

**19/33a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**19/33b. Matters Arising**

*Bus Shelter* - The Chair and Cllr Higginson have looked at the condition of the bus shelter. Quotations were previously received to make it last longer. Another competitive quote has been received to replace the cladding and there is a lot of rot/woodworm. The quote will involve an intensive anti worming process. The character of the existing shelter will be retained. To be discussed at the April meeting.

*Fees/Purchase of Castle Mound* – Following the last meeting the letter was sent to the solicitors and the matter has now been resolved. A final figure of £5613.60 was paid.

*Bus Services* – Discussions are ongoing. A local meeting is being held in Culworth on 13<sup>th</sup> March. The Chair is unable to attend but will ask for feedback.

*Footpaths* – These will be trimmed back before the grass cutting season starts.

**19/34. To receive an update on HS2 and renovations to the Church Hall**

There was little to report on HS2.

The letter from Lucy Apperly was circulated. It was agreed the Parish Council will remain neutral and focus on local issues that arise.

*Action: The Chair to respond to the letter.*

Cllr Daniels confirmed the New Homes Bonus funding cannot be used to secure the lease on the Church Hall. It can be used to pay for renovation items and the next deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

*Action: Cllr Daniels to make contact with Ingram Lloyd.*

**19/35. To discuss the repair of the wall in Church Street and overhanging trees**

Repair work will be needed to the wall in Church Street. This was paid for before by the Parish Council. The trees will require trimming. It was agreed the committee could get quotes for the wall repair and tree work. They will examine the wall in a few weeks time.

**19/36. Finance**

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £260.74 to Parish Clerk (hours)

- £19.35 to Parish Clerk (mileage)
- £5613.60 to Brethertons Solicitors (purchase of Castle Mound and final legal fees)

**19/37. To receive an update on Planning**

The following applications had been received:

- S/2019/0201/TPO Pollarding six lime trees at The Limes, 2 Manor Road. No objections.
- S/2019/0200/TCA, Trimming the top off Leylandii hedge at rear of garden of The Limes, 2 Manor Road. For info only.
- S/2019/0201/TPO and S/2019/0206/TCA, Pollarding six lime trees at The Magpies, Manor Road. No objections.
- S2019/0206/TCA, Pruning of maple tree and hedge trimming at The Magpies, Manor Road. For info only.

**19/38. Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received and distributed:-

- Great British Spring Clean, Keep Britain Tidy
- Lucy Apperly, HS2 Slow Train to OOC
- NCC, Confirmation of Public Path Diversion Order 2014 - (Public Bridleway AY4)

One item of correspondence was highlighted:

- Great British Spring Clean, Keep Britain Tidy. It was agreed to hold a litter pick on 13<sup>th</sup> April.  
*Action: Cllr North to put a note in the next newsletter.*

**19/39. Public participation session**

A street light at the bottom of Manor Road, near the Gated Road has been hit by a hedge cutter. The Chair to take a photo and pass to the Clerk.

The living tree with plaque will be planted in Pocket Park on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr Higginson has received quotes for extra cutting at the bottom of Helmdon Road. This will be circulated before the next meeting.

The glass on the shop front notice-boards are getting fogged up. A couple of vent holes will be put in them.

**19/40. Matters for consideration at the next meeting**

Bus Shelter refurbishment  
Grass cutting quotes

**19/41. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Parish Council meeting at 7pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

At this point Cllr Jackson advised he would be resigning from the Parish Council after the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm