

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2021  
IN MARSTON ST LAWRENCE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45PM

Councillors Present

Richard Fonge (Chairman), Neil Higginson, Mike Powell and Will Priestman

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk and three villagers

**21/85. To receive apologies for absence**

None.

**21/86. To receive Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests to declare.

**21/87a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2021**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

**21/87b. Matters Arising**

*Cllr Resignation Letter* – This was received from Anna Faure.

*Pocket Park* – The work to the youth shelter still needs to be done. The felt has been purchased.

*Village Library* – The cases have been made and castors put on. They have been half filled with good quality books. It was agreed that someone purchasing a book can make a donation. Councillors to think of ideas of how to spend the donations. The official opening date is 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 10.30am. The PCC will put on coffee and cakes.

*Broken light on Magpie Road* – The Parish Clerk has chased EON for a response. EON are awaiting a response from DW Windsor.

**21/88. To receive an update on HS2**

The road to Marston St Lawrence will be closed week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July which will mean more traffic using Sulgrave. Information has been received on footpath closures.

**21/89. To receive an update from Sulgrave Manor**

A family fun day is taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> July. A full programme of events to November is in the latest newsletter. Residents are able to get their own passes but have to prove residency.

**21/90. To receive an update on the allotments**

There has been a change of committee, a new Chairman and Treasurer. The committee would like to put up a 3 rail fence with a 3 foot gate in the centre. It would tidy the area up and keep it open. They are going to get quotes.

**21/91. To receive an update on improvement work to the Village/Church Hall**

The stage has been removed and the curtains sold. Work should be completed by mid August.

**21/92. To receive an update on the flagpole**

A very detailed response was received from Helmdon Parish Council. Residents near the proposed locations should be consulted. The approximate cost of the flagpole is between £600 and £800. A note will be put in the next newsletter. To be discussed at the next meeting.

**21/93. To discuss a replacement village sign at the Magpie Road end**

Two sample village signs have been circulated, one designed by a resident. The sign on the Helmdon Road will be replaced at the same time. If the new sign is a similar size to the old one and the existing poles can be used, the Regulations team will issue a license. Councillors to let the Clerk know of their preferred choice.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to forward the preferred choice to Northants Highways.*

**21/94. To discuss the planting of wildflowers**

The idea of planting wildflowers was discussed. There is a flat piece on Castle Mound. Councillors to think of other areas. Existing turf can be lifted.

*Action: The Chair to speak to Mr Tims for further advice.*

**21/95. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Powell has strimmed by the village sign. Thanks was given to him.

Village picnic on 11<sup>th</sup> July – There will be no bar and everyone is to bring their own drinks. The shop will sell wine. Details are to be put on the website and Next Door. A risk assessment has been typed. It was agreed for the grass contractor to be contacted to cut the grass on Castle Green again.

*Action: Cllr Higginson to contact the Ground Care Company.*

**21/96. Finance**

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£78.00 to R Fonge (felt for shelter repair in Pocket Park)

£120.00 to W Priestman (book cases for library books)

£16.32 to N Higginson (refurbish of Soldier Silhouette)

£30.00 to Marston St Lawrence Village Hall (use of hall for two meetings)

£124.00 to Bower Property Services (Supply and fit of castors on bookcases for village library)

**21/97. To receive an update on Planning**

The following applications were received:

- WNS/2021/0671/FUL, *Two storey extension, partly over the existing single storey element, to the side and rear, with an oak framed single storey extension to the rear at Asby Cottage, Manor Road.* No comment.
- WNS/2021/0538/FUL, *Replace rear conservatory with single storey extension. New car port and workshop to side elevation. New entrance canopy to front elevation at Kirkleys, Magpie Road.* No comment.
- WNS/2021/0746/FUL, *New access to agricultural land, including fence and gate at Sulgrave Farm, Banbury Road.* No comment.
- WNS/2021/0498/EIA, *Construction and operation of a solar farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure. Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement on land north and south of Welsh Lane, Greatworth.* Comments given.

**21/98. To receive the following correspondence:-**

The following correspondence had been circulated:

- Northants ACRE, Update on Northamptonshire Village Awards. This application will be carried forward to 2022.

**21/99. Public participation session**

Thanks was given to Paul Crowley for clearing a public footpath.

**21/100. Matters for consideration at the next meeting**

VAS

New flagpole

New Village Sign

**21/101. Date and Time of next meeting**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm in Sulgrave Church Hall

Meeting closed at 8.35pm