

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sulgrave Church Hall is currently unavailable due to building work taking place. The next meeting in July will be held in this village hall and meetings from September should resume back in Sulgrave.

**21/68. To receive apologies for absence**

Martin Sirot-Smith

**21/69. To receive Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests to declare.

**21/70a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>TH</sup> May 2021**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

**21/70b. Matters Arising**

The street light on Magpie Road is still not working. The Parish Clerk to chase EON.

Drains on Magpie Road – They will be cleared out again as part of a regular six month programme.

The Chair reported that Anna Faure had resigned. This leaves two vacancies on the Parish Council.

**21/71. To receive an update on HS2**

Not much has happened recently. Thanks was given to Colin Wootton for his work on the recent note for the newsletter. There was some confusion over the new road that HS2 are building. The Chair confirmed it's a temporary road.

**21/72. To receive an update from Sulgrave Manor**

Sulgrave Manor will hopefully reopen on 4<sup>th</sup> July with a family fun day. Details will be on the website.

Full support will be given to Danny Webster when he re-opens the tea rooms on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**21/73. To receive an update on Pocket Park**

Felt has been purchased for the shelter repair. The work will be done in due course. The play inspection has been booked.

**21/74. To receive an update on improvement work to the Church Hall**

Building work will start on 15<sup>th</sup> June and will take a few months. Thanks was given to the committee for all their work.

**21/75. To receive an update on the flagpole**

The Parish Clerk has sent an email to Helmdon Parish Council but not received a reply. Feedback from villagers has given the following locations to be considered, Castle Green, Stocks and the area of grass by the shop.

**21/76. To receive an update on the village library**

This is progressing well. Three units from Homebase were purchased which cost £40.00 each. The units have been put together. Castors will be put on by Nick Grant. Once this is done, the units will be filled with books.

**21/77. To receive an update on the July picnic arrangements**

Caryl Billingham of Brackley Community Hospital will attend. A piece will be put in the July newsletter. A collection will take place for the local NHS.

**21/78. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Priestman reported that the VAS cannot be progressed at the Magpie Road end of the village as the poles have not been moved yet. He has chased NCC.

The village sign at the Magpie Road end is corroded and hidden from sight by overgrown vegetation.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to report to Highways. Cllr Powell to trim the vegetation.*

**21/79. Finance**

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £203.80 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- £50.80 to HMRC
- £22.65 to Parish Clerk (mileage)
- £396.00 to the Ground Care Company (grass cutting)
- £74.00 to Texprep (newsletter copying)

**21/80. To receive an update on Planning**

The following applications were received:

- *WNS/2021/0358/FUL, Fell 1 sycamore at Swallow Cottage, Manor Road. For info only.*
- *WNS/2021/0196/FUL, Ground floor extension to rear of property at 2 Spinners Cottages, Magpie Road. No objection.*
- *WNS/2021/0495/FUL, Proposed single storey rear extension, detached garage with associated internal and external works at Wootton House, Little Street. No objection.*
- *WNS/2021/0442/FUL, Removal of single storey outbuilding and conservatory. Erection of a single storey lean to extension, two storey extension, relocation of oil tank, kitchen window reduction and associated works at 12 Towrise. No objection.*

Two new applications were received after the agenda had been issued:

- *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. The PC to reply by 1<sup>st</sup> July.*
- *WNS/2021/0606/MAF, Formation of a temporary new road to connect Sulgrave Road and B4525 Welsh Road, a midway 3-arm roundabout with southern arm connecting to the B4525 Welsh Road to the west of the hs2 railway trace and to a new temporary access road to Greatworth Park industrial estate, a second 3-arm roundabout connecting to the part of Sulgrave Road to west of the junction with the new road, This temporary road arrangement will provide a diversion route for the B4525 Welsh Road and Sulgrave Rd during the construction phase of the HS2 railway. The new road arrangement will be removed and the existing highways and land re-instated following the construction of the railway on land north of B4525, Welsh Road, Greatworth. The PC to reply by 1<sup>st</sup> July.*

**21/81. To receive the following correspondence:-**

The following correspondence had been circulated:

- *Queens Green Canopy, Plant a tree for the Jubilee. This will be discussed at the September meeting.*

**21/82. Public participation session**

Graham Roberts spoke about the solar farm proposal near Greatworth which has now been submitted as a planning application. The previous question on footpaths has been answered satisfactorily. Bridleways and footpaths will be maintained where they cross their land. There are viewpoints from Stuchbury Farm and Stuchbury Lodge but no viewpoints along Helmdon Road. The old railway line which is not a footpath has lots of wildlife. It is important this cutting is not dug up. The Community Consultation document indicates that there might be financial contributions to community projects. An email will be sent asking for money for the church hall refurbishment.

*Action: The Parish Clerk and Graham Roberts to put together a response.*

Graham Roberts spoke about the footpath from Park Lane, over the Caves field to the Ridge. It is overgrown and he suggested a working party get together with the right equipment to cut it back.

**21/83. Matters for consideration at the next meeting**

Wildflowers

Flagpole

**21/84. Date and Time of next meeting**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 7.45pm in Marston St Lawrence Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.35pm