

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 7th JULY 2022
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present

Richard Fonge (Chairman), Jen Castle, Neil Higginson, Mike Powell, Will Priestman and Sara Staples

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk), Cllr A Eastwood and six villagers

22/87. To receive apologies for absence

Colin Wootton

22/88. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

There were no interests to declare.

22/89a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2022

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

22/89b. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Allotments – Work will happen soon.

Village Shop – An outside meeting was held two to three weeks ago. Although it was thought to be a meeting to recruit new volunteers it was a thank you meeting for existing helpers.

Work is in hand to cut the bamboo on the boundary wall of Eagle Court.

22/90. To receive an update on HS2

Cllr Staples gave the following report.

Work on the Greatworth T Junction will start in Q1/Q2 2023. They are behind schedule in terms of build. The Sulgrave Road is closed as the road is being strengthened. Banbury Road will be closed in September/October time for 4 weeks. They are relocating the BT line and water main pipe is being diverted. The current mains issue has been talked about but HS2 think it will not happen. The mobile visitor centre will visit the village on 26th July from 5-7pm. Electrical work is being done to improve the lighting at the compound. The impact is unknown at the moment. Earthworks are continuing and there will be more heavy vehicles and more people about.

Action: Cllr Powell to discuss the mains water issue with Anglian Water.

22/91. To receive an update from Sulgrave Manor

The official link for communication is Clive Preston. Feedback from visitors about the garden has been well received. Toddler time has been successfully re-started. Independence Day celebrations took place on 3rd July for families. All information is on the website.

The walk around the Manor gardens was discussed again. A note will be put on Next Door and in the welcome pack reminding people to visit if they wish and to collect their free passes.

Action: Cllr Staples to talk to the Gardening Club.

22/92. To receive an update on the Best Village Competition

There is no update of the final result yet. The Chair will attend the presentation evening.

22/93. To discuss the siting of the new dog bin on Castle Green

It was agreed to site the new dog bin on the 1st wooden post on Castle Green. Two villagers have approached the Chair about contributing to the emptying costs which is a nice gesture. It was agreed to put a note in the newsletter asking if anyone else wants to contribute £5 per year towards the costs.

22/94. To discuss the Pocket Park play inspection report

The full report was received. The swings have been tightened. The zip wire was not inspected. Playsafety will charge £240.00 & VAT to come back and inspect this year. Ideas and quotes are being considered to replace the bigger frame. The pond area may need more future maintenance.

22/95. To discuss the moving of the 30mph poles and how to fund a new VAS

The 30mph pole at the Magpie Road end was finally moved. The new village sign was put up and posts are to be replaced. This will be done when the bollards are put in front of the shop.

Action: The Parish Clerk to ask Highways if the village sign can be moved slightly to the left when the poles are replaced. Cllr Priestman is to get prices for a second smaller VAS.

22/96. To discuss the future of the village newsletter

Janet Smith has compiled the village newsletter for eleven years and a vote of thanks was given to her. A new editor is needed.

Action: Cllr Powell to draft a note for the newsletter.

22/97. To discuss fundraising event ideas to raise money for the Ukraine Appeal

It has been agreed to hold a fund raising event on 27th August – August BH weekend. There will be a raffle, morris dancers and other events around this one. Collection buckets will be put out. The Jubilee Committee to help with teas. It is hoped to get sponsorship to pay for a minibus.

Action: Cllr Higginson to get costs to hire a 10m x 10m dance floor and Cllr Staples/Chair to organize publicity. Graham Roberts to post flyers.

22/98. Finance

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£126.00 to Playsafety Ltd (play inspection)

£288.00 to Northants CALC (membership)

£25.00 to SNAST (Neighbourhood Watch)

£301.56 To Parish Clerk (hours)

£75.40 to HMRC

£19.35 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

22/99. To receive an update on Planning

One application had been received since the last meeting:

WNS/2022/0951/LBC, Listed Building Consent to demolish existing garage structure at The Wool House, Little Street. Supported by PC.

22/100. To receive Councillors Reports

Street light no 4 is faulty.

Action: The Parish Clerk to report to EON.

There will be a coffee morning on 9th July to promote the library in the church.

22/101. Public participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of fifteen minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes)

Martin Sirot-Smith advised the new sign will cost £2.5K including installation. A proof copy will be sent. Permission is still needed from Highways.

Action: The Parish Clerk to contact Helen Howard.

Graham Roberts reported on footpaths. The bridleway on Green Lane is to be repaired. The hedge on the footpath at the bottom of Manor Road is overgrown.

There is a bulge in the wall of Castle Green. It has been reported and Mick Scott will repair.

22/102. To consider matters for the next meeting

Price for new VAS for Magpie Road

22/103. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 1st September 2022 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.