

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 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) and six villagers

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A minutes silence was held for the crisis in Ukraine. A Spring Fayre will be held in the church on 19th March and all funds will go to the Ukraine Relief Fund.

22/39. To receive apologies for absence

None

22/40. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

22/41a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 3RD and 17th February 2022

The minutes were both approved as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

22/41b. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Asset Mapping Project – Cllr Higginson, Cllr Priestman and the Parish Clerk carried out a tour of the village to look at the assets. Work is ongoing. The Parish Clerk has applied for the grant.

Green Bins - New charges will apply and the deadline to apply is 4th April 2022.

Tip at Farthinghoe – It will re-open after refurbishment on 19th March 2022.

22/42. To receive an update on HS2

Briefings on the Greatworth T Junction will be held at Greatworth village hall. The schedule is running behind. Work will start in the summer. HS2 have a new vehicle to roll out and show presentations. The road in Lower Thorpe will be shut for four weeks. Two representatives have agreed to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

22/43. To receive an update from Sulgrave Manor

There has been recent contact with the Manor. The Woolhouse has been sold and the recent planning application at Kiln Farm has been withdrawn. The Manor are in discussions with a villager re a private bid for the land.

22/44. To receive an update on Pocket Park

A piece of play equipment is awaiting repair. The Clerk and Cllr Castle have both tried to obtain quotes. Thanks was given to Sulgrave Charities and Nick Jackson for helping with the basketball hoop work. An oak tree has been planted in Pocket Park and a second one up the Gated Road. Guards will be placed around each one to protect them. Plaques will be made for them.

Action: The Chair to supply wording and size. The Parish Clerk to order.

22/45. To receive an update on the litter pick

A litter pick has been arranged for 26th March and a piece was put in the newsletter. Villagers are to meet at 10am outside the Church Hall. Vests and litter pickers will be supplied.

22/46. To discuss the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Castle Green Committee are meeting on Friday 11th March. More people have agreed to get involved. The Parish Council are to arrange publicity for the event.

22/47. Finance

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£19.96 to R Fonge (mower service parts)

£32.28 to R Fonge (wood for fence in Pocket Park)

£120.00 to Greatfield Plants (Christmas Tree)

£35.50 to Texprep (newsletter printing)

£72.50 to Sulgrave Church Hall |(hire for meetings)

£37.50 to A Osmond (work in Pocket Park)

Thanks was given to Graham Trower for servicing the mower.

To review the budget sheet

The Parish Council are currently working to budget.

To discuss the costs for WNC to empty the dog bins

There are no costs to consider yet. The dog population has increased and the bins on Manor Road are used a lot. Mel Kirkpatrick is happy to continue emptying the bin near her and Maureen Jeffery has taken over the bin by the shop. Two further complaints of dog mess have been received in Stockwell Lane and dog mess has been seen on the long field. A note will be put in the next newsletter.

To discuss the cost to replace the village sign at the Magpie Road end

The cost to replace the village sign is £767.38. The rotten poles will be replaced by Highways. Cllr Powell offered to try and repair the sign. If he is unable to do it, it was agreed that Highways should replace the sign.

To approve the cost of the flagpole (details circulated)

The PCC have given permission to buy and erect the flagpole. Three quotes had been sought. It was agreed to accept the quote from One Stop Promotions. All Councillors voted in favour.

Action: The Parish Clerk to place the order.

22/31. To receive an update on Planning

Two applications had been received since the last meeting:

WNS/2022/0356/OUT, Erection of single storey dwelling (outline with all matters reserved) at Stonehurst, Little Street. Under consideration.

WNS/2022/0341/FUL, Greenhouse to the back of garage at Bentleys Farm House, Helmdon Road. Under consideration.

22/32. To receive Councillors Reports

The shop lease has been renewed for seven years and not ten. Thanks was given to Cllr Staples for all her work.

22/33. 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)

There were no matters to discuss.

22/34. To consider matters for the next meeting

Dog bin emptying charges

Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

22/35. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30pm (Annual Parish Meeting). Guest speakers have been invited. Confirmed attendees are the police, Sulgrave Charities, Castle Green Committee, Sulgrave Allotment Society and Sulgrave Village Shop.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.