

## **Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held at Sulgrave Village Church Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The Chairman, Cllr Richard Fonge opened the meeting by congratulating Caroline Grant on her M.B.E. for her work with children with disabilities.

### **Apologies.**

Cllr Sara Staples, who is on holiday.

### **Matters Arising.**

Light in centre of village still not fixed, despite the repeated requests from Clerk. New drive needed at a cost of £124.

### **High Speed Rail (HS2)**

Chairman had questioned the number of earth moving vehicles parked up idle . Reply. When not in use we park them tidily.

### **Christmas Celebrations.**

Ian Cherry was thanked for his work in preparing a site for the tree in the Church Hall car park. After a discussion, it was agreed to wait till September before deciding whether to have one next year. Feedback from villagers welcomed.

### **Highways.**

Cllr Powell reported that the line of pot holes on Magpie road had been reported by him and others. Work to be done in the next three weeks.

Clerk reported along with Chairman at their frustration with West Northants Council. Bollards to protect shop were approved and paid for last May, but still no date for erection despite constant emails.

### **Sulgrave Manor.**

Closed till spring.

### **Best Village.**

An extensive report from the judges was discussed in depth. Whilst some comments were helpful, many missed the point and appeared not applicable to the community we are in Sulgrave. Therefore the Council agreed not to enter next year.

### **Vehicle Activated Sign for Magpie Road.**

Cllr Priestman reported. It was agreed that Covale would supply the sign for Magpie rd, and the pole by West Northants Council.

### **Church Hall.**

Cllr Powell and Cllr Castle to report at February meeting.

### **King Charles' Coronation.**

It was agreed to put on an event on Castle Green on Saturday 6th of May from 4p.m. Council to liaise with Castle Green committee. Clerk to get quotes for a marquee.

### **Church Library.**

The village library in the Church was proving a success. The Chairman proposed that if it was moved to the N.W corner where the P.C.C were proposing to remove some pews, the P.C would pay for the work, once the P.C.C had acquired the faculty. There was full agreement for the proposal with the added thought to make it a community corner, where you could sit in comfort and read.

Proposal to be put to P.C.C

### **Precept.**

Set at a rise of 3%. Same as last year despite an 11% increase in mowing costs. Approved pay rise for Clerk.

### **Reports.**

Chairman congratulated Steve and Nikki from the Star on raising enough money to buy two vehicles to drive to Ukraine full of goods. He wished Steve and his three co drivers the very best of luck on their journey to Lviv later this month.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

