

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held at Sulgrave Village Church Hall on Thursday 2nd February 2023

Chairman Richard Fonge welcomed all to the meeting. He then asked that we take a moment to remember Jean Baigent who had died earlier that week.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Mike Powell. Fourteen villagers present.

Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The defective street light had now been fixed.

Sulgrave Manor.

Mr Clive Preston, a trustee of the Manor, attended the meeting and reported that the sale of the Manor Road Cottages had fallen through. The Manor would now be applying for planning permission for the internal works, for the two cottages. The Council agreed to support this application.

The Manor will be open on Coronation weekend

HS2 (High Speed Rail)

Cllr Sara Staples reported that the lights on the works compound on the Magpie to Marston Road which had tended to dazzle drivers of vehicles on the adjoining road had now been dimmed.

Liaison Officer Steve Davis to be invited to the March Parish Council meeting.

Road to B4525 from Magpie junction will be closed February 13th to 26th.

Village Shop.

The Chair had had a meeting with **Robin Prior** and **Charles Smyth Osbourne** from the Shop Committee, resulting with an invitation to this meeting to see if the P.C. could help.

He stressed that it was important that some positive results should come from this meeting.

Council agreed to put out a survey to the village, and write to neighbouring village Parish Councils, asking for their support and advertising the shops Post Office and goods.

Storage of P.C paperwork.

It was agreed that it was not practical to have a cabinet within the hall – a secure unit was needed outside.

Church Hall Survey.

Cllr Sara Staples reported on the results of the survey and that the Village Hall Committee had discussed the results and would now be acting upon them.

Coronation of King Charles III.

The Chair reported that quotes had been received for a marquee, for the “Big Lunch” on Sunday 7th May 2023. Steve, the Star Inn Landlord, had offered his, and Ingram Lloyd said there was one in the hall. Both possibilities to be followed up.

Caroline Grant was organising a painting competition for children and adults.

The Parish Council wished this to be an event for the whole village.

Church Library.

Once permission from the Diocese had been granted, the pews would be removed and Library moved to the other side of the church with a table and a couple of comfortable chairs put in the area.

Litter Pick.

Annual litter picking date fixed for March 24th. Details in March newsletter.

Contingency Fund.

Council agreed a sum of £150.

Councillors' Reports.

West Northants Councillor Alison Eastwood attended the meeting and reported on the Helmdon Food Larder.

The meeting closed with the Chairman congratulating Steve, Paul, Tony and Mark on their successful humanitarian trip to Ukraine, taking vehicles loaded with aid to Lviv and leaving them there. Sulgrave should be very proud of their achievements.

Meeting closed at 8.35.