

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

Chairman Cll Richard Fonge welcomed all to the meeting. Five villagers present.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from **Cllr Mike Powell** and **Colin Wootton**.

Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Chair reported that as agreed a letter had been sent to Thorpe Mandeville, Helmdon, Weston, Moreton Pinkney and Culworth Parish Councils, promoting Sulgrave Village Shop and Post Office. **Cllrs Higginson, Powell** and the **Chair** were in the process of devising a questionnaire to be put out later this month.

High Speed Railway (HS2)

Cllr Staples introduced **Simon Davies**, our **HS2 Engagement Officer** who with the aid of a projector gave an informative update on the work. Local road closures are the main concern in the immediate future. New road to Welsh lane to open later this summer. There will be longer working hours at times. The present closure of Magpie to Thorpe road is down to work being carried out by Anglia Water.

Shop Bollards and Sulgrave sign.

The Chair reported that he and the Clerk had been in contact with West Northants Council, and had been supported by **Unitary Cllr Alison Eastwood**. It is now ten months since payment was made for the work. A reply had been received from the West Northants Council Leader apologising for the delay. The matter will be further discussed on the 17th March.

Coronation of King Charles III.

A marquee 21 metres x 9 metres has been ordered for the Sunday May 7th picnic on Castle Green, 72 Coronation Mugs have been ordered, to be given free to children under twelve, with the remainder being sold on a first come first served basis.

Many activities have been planned for the day. Cllr Priestman put forward a proposal that the Council should buy a sound system, to be used on the day but also as a facility for future use by the village. Council agreed, and asked that Cllr Priestman investigate further.

Sulgrave Manor.

Cllr Priestman reported that the Manor will be open to the public from April 2nd. Application is being made for planning permission for work to the interior of the two houses in Manor Road.

Village Library.

Parochial Church Council had applied for a faculty for change of use, with removal of four pews.

Grass Cutting.

Contractor to be as in previous years. Agreed that a note be put in the March newsletter to ask residents to avoid parking on grass verges.

Drains.

A request to be made to the West Northants Council for the village drains to be cleaned out.

Signage.

The Chair proposed that a finger post should be placed on the junction to Towrise by the Ash tree to indicate the Pocket Park. Also a plaque by the stocks. All agreed.

Public Participation.

Lisa Roberts asked for guidance concerning the monthly Village Newsletter which she now edits. Council agreed to respond next month.

Martin Sirot-Smith showed the meeting the new map of distinctive houses in the village and asked that Council agree to pay for the update of the Sulgrave Chronicles.

Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm.