

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2022
IN SULGRAVE CHURCH HALL AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present

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

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and four villagers

22/104. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Staples (holiday), Colin Wootton and Martin Sirot-Smith

22/105. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

There were no interests to declare.

22/106a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2022

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

22/106b. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

The bamboo has been removed on the Helmdon Road.

New Dog bin – An extra one has been ordered to be placed on Castle Green.

New Editor for Sulgrave News - Lisa Roberts has agreed to take over from Janet Smith.

22/107. To receive an update on HS2

There are road closures coming up.

Welsh Lane on 21st to 22nd September 8am – 6pm for drainage inspections and trial holes.

Welsh Lane on 7th to 11th November, either 8am – 6pm or 8pm – 6am. This is a topographical survey of the existing road and drainage network.

Sulgrave Road on 12th & 15th September. Overnight closure 8pm – 6am. This is a topographical survey of the existing road and drainage network.

Banbury Road 26th to 30th September. This is a topographical survey of the existing road and drainage network.

Banbury Road 3rd to 30th October. To carry out utility diversions in the area. The closure will be 24/7.

The next meeting is on 8th September which Cllr Staples will attend.

22/108. To receive an update from Sulgrave Manor

The Kiln Farm planning application has been withdrawn following acceptance of an offer for the property. Contracts are currently in the hands of solicitors. The Thatched Cottages were put on the market and an offer has been accepted for both of them from a single purchaser subject to contract.

Two trustees, Nick Way and Will Twiddy have retired and been replaced by Sophie Wilson from Kings Sutton and a further two trustees will be appointed in October.

Visitor numbers are up on last year and Americans have started to return. The Manor is open to local residents who have registered free of charge as usual.

The Chair of the PC passed his gratitude to Danny Webster and said it will be sad to see him leaving Sulgrave Manor.

22/109. To receive an update on Pocket Park

The zip wire was inspected on 5th August. The platform is a high risk area and the seat is low to the ground. There is rotting timber to replace. The trolley mechanism was not inspected which is disappointing. A note will be put on Next Door reminding everyone to use with care.

Action: The Parish Clerk to find a company who inspect zip wire mechanisms.

A clear up day has been arranged for 8th October at 10am.

Action: Cllr Castle will send a note out.

Two oak trees were planted for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The one in Pocket Park does not look happy.

22/110. To receive an update on the Best Village Competition

The ceremony was attended by the Chair, Cllr Powell and Cllr Staples. 25 Councils attended and it was well attended. Sulgrave won a bronze award. The Shop and Pocket Park were featured highly. The village can learn from what other villages do with their village halls. Audit paperwork will follow.

22/111. To receive an update on the Castle Green Event and acknowledge donations received

It was a fantastic afternoon on 27th August. The Ukrainian group came, performed and sang. The event cost £1200.00 and £730.00 has been received in local donations. It was a fund raising event but the PCC asked for a donation for use of cups/saucers and tables. The Chair wrote to the PCC to ask for clarification and a clear understanding of charges. A decision has not been made yet. A total of £1104.00 was raised. The Star Public House were congratulated too as they raised £1025.00 by sponsoring beer. They are raising money to send a vehicle to Ukraine.

Action: The Parish Clerk to send a letter of thanks for donations.

22/112. To receive an update on the allotments

Digging work will take place when the ground is a bit wetter.

22/113. To receive an update on the library

A few attended a recent coffee morning. The library is being used and a great asset. £80.00 has been raised so far which has been given to the Church.

22/114. Finance

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£276.82 to NPower (electricity)

£44.20 to Texprep (printing)

£168.62 to Texprep (printing)

£165.00 to Sulgrave Church Hall (hire of hall)

£288.00 to Playsafety Ltd (inspection of zip wire)

£700.00 to SMC Coach Hire (mini bus hire for Ukrainian event)

£600.00 to Wings Events Ltd (furniture hire for Ukrainian event)

22/115. To receive an update on Planning

One application had been received since the last meeting;

WNS/2022/1514/FUL and WNS/2022/1515/LBC, Alterations to utility room and replace window with door at The Thatched House, Manor Road. No comment by PC.

22/116. To receive the following correspondence

Anglian Water – They were contacted following recent bursts and leaks and work they are already doing in the area. They have confirmed they are unable to carry out any other work in the area alongside current utility diversion activity. The village did experience a recent water problem in late August.

Brackley Community Hospital – The new xray machine was delivered onsite at the end of May. Commissioning and training is required before it can be used.

22/117. To receive Councillors Reports

There were no reports to receive.

22/118. 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)

A villager noted that photos taken at the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will be sold and the money donated back to the Parish Council.

22/119. To consider matters for the next meeting

Price for new VAS

Faded street nameplate signs

Christmas and a tree

Rising cost of energy

22/120. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 6th October 2022 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.