

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Church Hall on Thursday September 7th 2023

Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Neil Higginson. Graham Roberts. Susie Blaney.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Chairman, **Cllr Richard Fonge** reported that he had spoken with the owner and had been given permission to cut back length of hedge by the Vehicle Activated Sign in Helmdon Rd.

Cllr Priestman reported that he is still without any luck trying to get a date for pole to be placed for speed sign on Magpie Rd. The Clerk agreed with Council that the service from West Northants Council was to say the least poor.

Sulgrave Chronicles.

Martin Sirot-Smith updated. Questionnaire to go out with October news letter . A5 size. To be returned at end of October. Council members agreed to collect completed forms. The Chronicles are now 30 years old and this will bring them up to date. Important to complete the form.

Grass Cutting.

Contractor to mow the long grass in Pocket Park. In **Cllr Higginson's** absence the Chair reported that the Mower and Strimmer operators have rated Sulgrave out of the nine villages they do, first for friendliness but ninth for dog poo not picked up.

Cllr Powell raised the point of dog bin emptying. Sometimes over full. Clerk stressed that they were emptied regularly. Cost to Council £720 a year. All agreed that if they are full, owners should take the bag home to dispose of it.

Document Container.

Agreed to drop the idea after an offer from village resident to provide storage for the P.C filing cabinet. Also planning permission would not be easy.

Sulgrave Manor.

Cllr Priestman reported that materials for the new Greenhouse had arrived.

High Speed Rail (HS2)

Cllr Staples reported that the new connection between Sulgrave Rd and B4525 due to be opened on September 4th was now three to six weeks late. The new road had not passed inspection!! She would inform the village and attempt to get a more definite opening date.

Pocket Park.

Cllr Castle reported on annual safety report. Only minor details. The Clerk had met Komplan, park equipment suppliers who were forwarding suggestions of improvements. Extra swings for example.

The Chair reported that he was clearing fox and badger mess up regularly in the park and hoping they would stop visiting.

Remembrance Day.

The Chair reminded everyone that the Church Service would be held on Sunday 12th November and the usual short ceremony on the 11th November on Castle Green. **Graham Roberts** had agreed to organise.

Reports.

Wall in Park Lane discussed. **Cllr Staples** to see **Geoff Ratley**. Two quotes needed.

The Chair wished it to be noted that our thanks were due to **Maureen Jeffrey** for her planting and caring of the wooden planter near the entrance to Stockwell Lane, and Sue Sanderson for her time given to the library in the Church. Both success stories.

He also asked Council members whether they felt the Churchyard was the best place for the flagpole? An agenda item for next month.

Meeting closed at. 8.30 pm

Richard Fonge (Chair)