

SUMMARY OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2024

Apologies. Colin Wootton, Graham Roberts.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Chairman. **Cllr Richard Fonge**. reported that the water leak in Manor rd had been repaired. Broken land drains had been the problem.

Sulgrave Manor.

Open day for villagers to be held on Thursday 22nd February.

High Speed Rail (HS2).

Cllr Staples reported on the poor lack of communication and information coming from the HS2 contractors. The last update she had received on the new road opening was that it would be by February 15th. She had written a letter on behalf of the Council expressing our concerns and asking for £15,000 in compensation to go towards new equipment for Pocket park.

A villager also spoke of the closure of both the Radstone rd from mid February and the A43 night closure.

Highways.

Cllr Priestman reported that he had received news that the pole for the speed monitor on Magpie rd had been signed off finally.

To be reported to W.N.C. Potholes in Manor rd, poor verge in Helmdon rd and signpost with fading lettering in village centre.

Castle Green.

The Chair advised that money should be budgeted for the Green. Wall repairs, fencing and steps in need of care. £2,000 agreed by Council.

Pocket Park.

Final quote received from Wickstead. March meeting to decide.

Grass Mowing.

Cllr Higginson reported that the cost of mowing is to increase by 12%. Council agreed to accept this. The contractor was commended on the standard of his work and Council also noted, as had many villagers, the good quality of recent work to village footpaths.

Church Library.

The Chair reported on a meeting with Andrew Dixon. The Church authorities had agreed to the removing of pews in North transept to accommodate the village library. After discussion it was agreed that the council would pay for the furnishings. Bean bags, table, chairs and book case.

Councillors' Reports.

The Chair read a note from the Newsletter editor asking for a clear directive on editorial matters. It was agreed to make it an agenda item at the March meeting.

Summer Event

Chair had invited all interested parties to a meeting on the 8th of February to discuss proposed summer event.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.