

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th March at 7.30 In the Church Hall.

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Castle and Councillor Powell. Seven villagers present.

Sulgrave Manor.

The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Staples had been to a reception at the Manor and had met the new Chair of the Trustees, Carole Souter CBE and other trustees as well as the two new members of staff.

HS2 (High Speed Rail)

Following the open meeting with HS2 where, quite rightly, much anger was expressed over extended road closures, the Chair had had a meeting with the Contractors' two senior engagement officers, accompanied by Cllr Staples and Cllr Powell. Better communication was asked of them, and after a frank and open discussion, clearer lines of communication were agreed, with the offer from them of sponsorship towards the June Village Fete together with a further offer to match public spending on equipment costs in the Pocket Park. Council agreed to apply.

Village Newsletter.

The Newsletter editor asked for guidance on the subject matter and extent of contributions. Council decided that there should be a two pages maximum per contributor whether business or individual. Clerk to put this in writing for future reference.

Summer Fete on Castle Green and Castle Hill.

A meeting of all interested parties was held on the 14th March. The date for the event was set for Saturday, June 8th. Brackley Brass Band and Morris Dancers to be present with evening entertainment. There will also be children's games and stalls.

Castle Green.

Quote accepted from Simon Watts to replace posts and rails.

Highways.

Councillor Priestman reported that the new speed sign on Magpie Rd had been fitted the day before. Selected potholes filled.

Pocket Park.

Sulgrave Charities had agreed to contribute towards equipment.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Richard Fonge (Chair)

