

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th September at 7.30 in the Village Hall

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Sarah Staples

Co-option of New Councillor

Sarah Parker was co-opted onto the Council and welcomed by all.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Gigaclear have started work on the installation of Full Fibre Broadband in the village.

The Castle Green wall is to be repaired later this month.

High Speed Rail (HS2)

In the absence of **Cllr Staples**, the Chair reported on HS2 works, to the effect that the Banbury Road is to be closed for a month from October 31st.

Sulgrave Manor.

Cllr Priestman reported that the Manor will be closed for the season from October 31st.

Pocket Park.

The Safety Report was discussed. The Chair, **Cllr Richard Fonge**, reported that he and **Tony Keatley** had renewed some worn shackles on the swings. The Zip Wire is to be serviced soon. A quote for a new double swing was discussed. **Cllr Staples** to talk to HS2 on funding for this. The Chair had been unable to mow the Park, so his grandson had done the last three and will finish the season. The Council agreed to pay him £30 a cut. The quote from C.M.G., the village grass contractors, had been £65 a cut.

Library.

The pews have now been removed. **Cllr Peppiatt** reported that the quote for a new carpet of £1200 plus, was equal to one from P.C.C. Council agreed was too expensive. **Cllr Peppiatt** to investigate further cheaper options.

Sulgrave Chronicles.

Martin Sirrot-Smith reported that the new edition was ready for printing by Amazon. The Council backed the promotion of forward buying at a discount price. Details to be published in the October Village Newsletter.

Additional Parish Councillor.

All agreed that Clerk should set in motion the procedure to increase Council from six to seven members.

The Star Inn.

The Chair had been in regular contact with the Hook Norton Brewery. Two possible licencees had viewed the premises this week.

Sulgrave Village History.

It was agreed to place in village library some archive material from village resident.

Councillors' Reports.

Cllr Powell had updated the Council on grass mowing

Cllr Fonge reported all that the diseased ash trees being felled along Helmdon road would be replaced by two for every one felled, with a mix of types.

Open Forum.

A villager asked that the verge be cut back at bottom of the hill on the way out to Helmdon to obviate the danger when exiting the public footpath.

There was also a complaint about the intrusive noise of micro lights flying near village.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.

Richard Fonge. Chair.