

SUMMARY OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024

The Chair, **Cllr Richard Fonge**, opened the meeting by asking for a moment's silence in memory of the late **Viv Higginson**.

Matters Arising

The proposal for an additional Parish Councillor needed to be put on hold in order to meet the procedures of the West Northants District Council.

The defective street lamp in Little street has been mended.

Hook Norton Brewery has appointed a New Landlord for the Star.Inn.

High Speed Rail (HS2)

Cllr Sara Staples reported that the road to Brackley from Helmdon Cross Roads will be closed at the end of month and the Banbury Road will hopefully be open on the 16th October.

The Council agreed to apply for £20,000 from HS2 for improvements to the Pocket Park – a lengthy process to be initiated by **Cllr Staples** and the Clerk, **Christine Coles**.

Church Library.

It was reported that the improvements are now complete. The Chair expressed his thanks to all involved. Opening date Saturday October 19th at 10.30. Council agreed to give library box monies of £10 to the Children's Society.

Sulgrave Chronicles – Reprinting and Updating.

Martin Sirot-Smith apologised for incorrect PC Account Number and Phone Number in the advertisement in the Newsletter and Village Website. These have now been corrected.

Sulgrave Manor.

The Chair and **Cllr Priestman** had met with the Chair of the Manor Trustees. **Cllr Priestman** reported on a frank exchange of views, looking very much forward to communications between the Manor and village improving.

Remembrance Day.

Graham Roberts reported that the traditional ceremony of remembrance on Castle Green would take place on Monday 11th November at 11am. All in hand. The Soldier Silhouettes to be put out in the last week of October.

Christmas.

A Christmas Tree is to be ordered for erection in the Village Hall Car Park. **Cllr Powell** to organise the lights.

After a discussion the Council agreed to ask **Danny Webster** for a date to provide refreshments as of last year. At the November meeting the Council will decide exact details of Carol Singing and any other activities around the tree. Ideas always welcome.

Gigaclear Broadband Installation.

Cllr Powell gave a report on the Gigaclear meeting. Work is nearing completion. There were queries as to why houses at the bottom of Little Street were unable to receive the signal.

Pocket Park

The Chair thanked **Graham Trower** for mowing the long grass in the park with his tractor and topper. The zip wire had been serviced. Council agreed Saturday 2nd November at 10.00 am for a working party in the park.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Richard Fonge, Chair