

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The Chair, **Cllr Richard Fonge**, welcomed all to the meeting. There were six villagers.

Apologies for Absence.

Cllr **Joanna Peppiatt**. Cllr **Alison Eastwood**.

High Speed Rail (HS2)

Cllr Sara Staples advised that there was nothing to report on HS2 activities. She had met up with the Clerk, **Christine Coles**, to discuss the application form to progress the monies for the Pocket Park, which is well advanced. **Cllr Sarah Parker** to collate the many responses from villagers to the questionnaire about upgrading the park.

Christmas

The Christmas tree is to be erected on the grass verge opposite the village shop. Thanks are due to **Mr and Mrs George Jenkins** for allowing us to use their electricity for lighting purposes.

Carol singing round the village on Saturday 14th December thanks to **Graham Trower** and his tractor and trailer.

Pocket Park

The Chair reported that there had been no response to the request for volunteers on the working party day. It was agreed that further requests should be suspended and so any remedial work will therefore need to be paid for.

Sulgrave Manor

Cllr Will Priestman reported that despite the best endeavours of himself and the Chair to improve relationships with the Manor, the lack of any meaningful response could only lead them to recommend the deletion of this matter as a regular Parish Council agenda item. Council agreed and a formal letter will be sent to Manor.

Sulgrave Chronicles.

Martin Sirot-Smith reported that 32 copies of the reprinted and updated Chronicles had been pre ordered.

The King's Portrait.

The Chair was aware that a portrait of King Charles was available to hang in the hall. He felt strongly that as our head of state his portrait should be in the hall. Agreed that the hall committee be asked to consider.

Church Library

The Chair advised that there had been a very successful opening ceremony. An archive section is to be included. £25 has been donated by readers to the Childrens' Society and a letter of thanks for this had been received from **Kate Miles**.

Castle Green

The Council agreed to accept a quote from **Simon Watts** to replace a length of fencing.

Footpaths

Bridleway AY5 remains closed due to the broken bridge over the stream. A repair date from the Highways Department is expected within the next six months.

Other Items

Cllr Mike Powell is investigating if Gigaclear can extend service to the bottom of Little St.

A quote is to be obtained for the clearance of leaves from the Stock's Green.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th January at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Richard Fonge. Chair.