

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday January 9th 2025 at 7.30 pm.

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor **Joanna Peppiatt**.
Tony Keatley. **Colin Wagman**.

Attendance

Six villagers present. The Chair, Councillor **Richard Fonge**, welcomed everyone.

Co-option of New Councillor:

Neil Higginson was co opted onto the Council, replacing **Sara Staples** who had resigned for family reasons.

Christmas Celebrations:

The Chair reported and all agreed that it had been a good Christmas for Sulgrave. The new position of Christmas tree was much appreciated by all. Advent windows: new format a success. All involved thanked. Decorative Christmas Wreaths around the village. All sixteen put up. Thanks to everybody for their contribution. Church Carol Service with about 100 present. Collection to Katherine House.

Chronicles of Sulgrave.

Martin Sirot-Smith reported. 69 copies sold out of 70.
Available online at Amazon for £24.50. Project a success.

May Parish Council Elections.

All Councillors willing to stand for election again.

New Families in Sulgrave:

The Chair proposed that the Council hold a coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday March 1st for new residents. 16 in all last year. Council agreed. Invites to be sent in due course. Maximum of two members of every village organisation to be invited.

Allotment Gardens.

Jill Barratt spoke to Council and asked if they would take the allotment account back to the P.C account. Bank charges too prohibitive. Council agreed after discussion.

Pocket Park.

Councillor **Sarah Parker** reported. She had collated survey results to which there had been a good response. Council to act at next meeting after feedback from HS2 (High Speed Rail) application.

Julian Anthony, Sales Manager of Barretline and Sulgrave resident had offered free preservative paint for pocket park wooden structures. Working party to be organised to paint in late spring. He was thanked for his generous offer.

V.E. Day 8th May 2024

Council decided that V.E. Day should be commemorated on Saturday 10th May. A Church Service to be requested for that day. This to be followed by family picnics in Pocket Park. Further details to follow.

Grass Mowing.

Councillor **Higginson** to get quotes for the season.

Precept for 2025/26

Council agreed to an overall 3% rise.

Councillors' Reports.

Councillor **Mike Powell** raised the problem of overfull dog leavings bins. There has been an increase in the village dog population. Clerk to ask for more frequent collections and cost of same.

Chair requested and Councillor **Powell** supported that it should be minuted that the village hall projector and screen were the property of the Parish Council and free to all for use. P.C. therefore responsible for any damage cost.

Other points.

Bridge on AY7 footpath has not been renewed.
The portrait of King Charles awaits installation.
Castle Green wall waiting to be re built.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.

Councillor Richard Fonge, Chair.

