

# Summary of Parish Council Meeting held at Sulgrave Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

The Chairman, **Cllr Richard Fonge**, opened the meeting with a minute's silence in recognition of V.E day.

## Parish Council Elections

**Cllr Fonge** re elected as Chairman . **Cllr Will Priestman** stood down as vice chairman. **Cllr Mike Powell** elected in his place. **Cllr Priestman** thanked for his time in the post.

## Apologies for Absence

**Cllr Sarah Parker.**

## V.E Day Celebrations.

The picnic in the Pocket park had been a success. Hook Norton brass band were much appreciated. The Chair thanked **Cllr Parker** for organising the event, and also **Jill and Anthony Barrett** for their help.

A reminder of the Church Service on Saturday 10th May at 11.00 am.

## High Speed Rail (HS 2)

**Cllr Mike Powell** updated on road closures The Banbury Road through Thorpe Mandeville will be closed from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May for approximately two years. Cllrs to be offered a trip along the service road to view works in July. Bridge to be moved into place in Lower Thorpe next month. **Cllr Parker** in talks with Haidee Williams our liaison officer on possible funding for pocket park.

## Sulgrave Manor.

The Chair had noted that it was good that the Manor were sending regular contributions to the newsletter. He had visited the Manor and talked to the staff. Visitor numbers are up and there are many school visits.

## Allotments.

The council were concerned about lack of use. Only three plots in use. **Rose Sillitoe**, an allotment holder, suggested she put a piece in newsletter. After discussion all agreed and **Cllr Will Priestman** would report back to Council with progress.

## **Pocket Park.**

New double swing installed that day. However, the supporting legs of other play items were beginning to rot.

**Cllrs Parker** and **Powell** had met **Charles Smyth Osbourne**, Village Shop Chairman and discussed the shop's offer of financial support. Agreed to wait and see the outcome of HS2 talks.

## **Councillors' Reports**

The Chair reported that a new foot bridge had been installed on the footpath to Weston; **Councillor Eastwood** re elected to West Northants Council; a new editor needed for the village newsletter. At £30,000 the cost of extending the layby in Magpie Road was prohibitive, since the money would have been a charge on parish funds.

Meeting closed 8.15pm. Next meeting June 5th.