

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held at Sulgrave Village Hall on Thursday 5th March 2026 at 7.30

The Chairman **Cllr Richard Fonge** welcomed all to the meeting. He expressed the Council's condolences to **Cllr Alison Eastwood** on the recent death of her husband **Timothy Eastwood**.

Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Will Priestman. Villagers **Colin Wootton** and **Graham Roberts**.

High Speed Rail (HS2).

Cllr Powell reported. Radstone Road opening delayed till late April. Anglian Water still working on fault on B4525. New section. Moving of earth now increasing causing longer delays at traffic lights.

West Northants Council.

Cllr Alison Eastwood confirmed no parking charges proposed for Brackley, Daventry or Towcester.

Government seeking further devolution. Proposing to put Northamptonshire, North and West Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes into one area with an elected Mayor. Councils' views to be submitted by March 20th.

Pocket Park.

Cllr Sarah Parke reported that our funding request to HS2 had been successful. Work to start April 13th.

Council agreed to have an official opening on Saturday May 23rd with a picnic. Victoria Barker's idea of a scarecrow competition warmly agreed. More details in newsletter. The Chairman thanked **Cllr Parke** for her work and dedication in getting the funding and organising the contractor.

Village Newsletter.

Council agreed to charge outside advertisers £20 for a full page and £10 for a half page. Historic Door - agreed to place on Castle Green near to information notice.

Annual Parish Meeting.

Thursday April 2nd at 7.30 at the Village Hall. Invites to be sent to relevant organisations.

Parish Council Website.

This now now live. Karen Baldry complimented on her excellent work. Need to link with existing website. Photos required.

Councillors' Reports.

Cllr Powell reported on lamp in Little street which is bent over. Clerk to report. Chairman mentioned that **Father Nick Leggatt** had left the Benefice. Replacement unlikely for sometime. Proposed a joint meeting with P.C.C . The Chairman with **Cllr Jo Peppiatt** and **Cllr Powell** to attend.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Richard Fonge, Chairman.