



Minutes of the Sarratt Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 in The Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt

Present:

Councillor S Dobson
Councillor D Turner
Councillor P Thorpe
Councillor C Bloom
Councillor J Gell
Councillor J Rugg
Councillor A Soothill
Councillor S Diggins (arrival time 7.45pm)

In attendance:

Mrs C Owen, Clerk to the Council

County Councillor Phil Williams
4 members of the public

Start time 7.30pm

17/20 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Apologies were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor Rees and District Councillor Butler.

18/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made.

19/20 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Gell and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 be signed as a true record.

20/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHIL WILLIAMS

Introductions were made and an overview of how the Highways locality budget is spent was given by County Councillor Phil Williams.

It was reported that that this year's budget (20/21) had already been allocated but projects for year 21/22 are now being looked in to.

Any person can apply for funding for a community project from the £10,000 locality budget held by Phil Williams and applications should be directed to County Councillor Williams.

21/20 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

It was agreed Councillor Bloom will email County Councillor Williams regarding the possibility of grants for commons regeneration and management of woodlands.

Questions were raised regarding the speed and volume of traffic using Sarratt Road especially near to York House School. A fatality has already occurred and a multi car collision.

It was agreed that Councillor Diggins will email County Councillor Williams detailing SPC's ongoing concern. County Councillor Williams reported he will instruct the safety team to visit the location to assess.

Councillor Dobson reported that the Local Area Forum will be chaired by County Councillor Williams and Sarratt will be hosting. There was a request for the new draft local plan to be put on to the Agenda for this meeting.

County Councillor Williams agreed to meeting with SPC every 3- 4 months to ensure communication lines remain open and to discuss any future projects SPC may require his assistance with.

22/20 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Rugg reported the cost for cones to be purchased would be £244 for 40 cones excluding VAT and without carriage fee. It was decided this information would be passed to Policy and Resources for consideration.

Councillor Soothill attended the Village Hall meeting and reported that thanks were given to SPC for the grant they have applied for. The sound insulation requested for the SPC office door will be monitored. A light is to be installed outside the hall to light up the Defibrillator (AED) next to the door to the parish council office.

Councillor Soothill also attended a meeting on 'Sustainable Sarratt'. Councillor Bloom was also in attendance. This is a new community focus group and 30 parishioners attended. The next meeting is scheduled for 27th February.

It was agreed that County Councillor Williams will email a copy of the new Environment and Sustainability Plan to SPC in the next few weeks.

Discussions arose regarding poor infrastructure and ways to improve. It was agreed that due to time constraints an item will be included in the next Agenda to discuss these issues. County Councillor Williams will provide contact details for the road safety management team lead.

Councillor Gell attended a Residents Association meeting. It has been agreed that fibre broadband is going to be installed in Bucks Hill. This should be completed within the next 12 months. Chandlers Cross will not be included in the installation.

Councillor Bloom will be meeting with Joe Brownsell to discuss the quotation and works required for the trees that require attention within the next 3 months.

23/20 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE CLERKS REPORT

See attached report.

24/20 WEBSITE

It was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead with a new website.

25/20 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT – ENVIRONMENT

See report attached.

It was decided that the Clerk should investigate what other parishes spend CIL funding on and report back.

It was decided that SPC will review amend and update the environment policy once in receipt of TRDC new policy/plan. This can then be incorporated within SPCs and can also include support for 'Sustainable Sarratt' focus group.

Councillor Diggins will liaise with Councillor Rugg regarding broadband in Sarratt.

26/20 TREES

As reported above.

27/20 GREENS/FOOTPATH

As reported above.

28/20 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT – POLICY AND RESOURCES

29/20 Councillor Thorpe reported that he will be standing down as Youth Group leader from the end of March. An advertisement will be displayed in Spotlight, the local school, and the free papers in Bovingdon and Flaunden. The pay for the position will be £50 per session. Sessions run term time only and are on a Sunday evening for 2 hours.

30/20 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was proposed by Councillor Soothill, seconded by Councillor Turner and **RESOLVED** that the cheques to the value of £10420.61 be approved.

31/20 WARDEN

It was decided that an advert will be placed in Spotlight, the free Bovingdon and Flaunden papers and the local shop for a Warden for the Parish and Footpaths.

The position will be paid at £9.50 per hour for 10 hours per week which is £4800 per annum leaving £1000 left in the budget for materials and training.

Job description is attached to the minutes.

32/20 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT – HIGHWAYS

Councillor Gell reported that Redhall lane is going to re surfaced soon. A request has been made to County Councillor Williams to put a warning sign up on the bend near The Cock Inn Public House.

A letter was received regarding the condition of the potholes on Deadmans Ash lane. This was reported and investigated, and no action was taken by HCC.

The VA sign in Bucks Hill is being moved. HCC aren't committing to the servicing of new VA signs so SPC need to consider this if any more are requested or required in the village.

33/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Housing Needs Assessment has been completed by the independent consultants which identifies the demand and supply for housing needs in the Parish, all of which should be affordable rentals and shared ownership with a split of 70% affordable rental and 30% shared ownership.

Public consultations will be held at the end of April and beginning of May.

34/20 TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

See attached planning documents and associated comments.

35/20 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

See attached planning decisions. Decisions noted.

36/20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Norris owner of The Mulberry Bush asked Council to consider what constitutes Agricultural use when Council deliberate the access over Sarratt Parish Council land on Dawes Lane. Mr Norris also requested that a meeting be arranged between himself and SPC to discuss the Councils decisions.

37/20 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Councillor Soothill reported an email has been received regarding a memorial for a 75th anniversary of a fatal plane crash. Councillor Soothill read the email to Council.

It was agreed that no permissions were required from SPC regarding this event and that SPC fully support the initiative and to invite the organiser to come to the next meeting to discuss if they should wish to do so. Councillor Soothill to liaise with Clerk.

It was decided that Councillor Diggins will investigate and lead VE celebrations this year and will report back at the next meeting. An agenda item for this will be included.

Councillor Turner suggested an Agenda item for next meeting should be to discuss the 100th anniversary of Biggerstaff's Garage.

Any further items requests to be included on the next meetings Agenda should be emailed to Clerk.

Councillor Soothill proposed and Councillor Turner seconded that a Section 1 sub section (2) to be added to this meeting. This was agreed.

38/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 10.05 pm.

To pass resolution that the Press and Public may be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business under Section 1 Sub Section (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 from any items on the Agenda which are deemed to relate to exempt information

It was decided that legal advice should now be taken regarding access on SPC land to The Mulberry Bush.

Meeting ended at 10.25pm.