



Minutes of the Sarratt Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2019 in The Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt

Present: Councillor Dobson
Councillor Turner
Councillor Thorp
Councillor C Bloom
Councillor J Gell
Councillor D Rees
Councillor J Rugg
Councillor S Diggins

In attendance: 4 members of the public
Minutes taken by Councillor Bloom in Clerks absence

195/19 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor Soothill, Councillor Butler and the Parish Clerk.

196/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made

197/19 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Turner and Councillor Rugg and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2019 be signed as a true record.

198/19 MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION PLAN

A meeting will be scheduled with the Headteacher of Sarratt School in the New Year to discuss parking at the school. Clerk has been in contact regarding this.

199/19 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Rugg and Councillor Rees attended the KGV meeting on December 9th and reported that the trustees were happy with the new Grant arrangements, with SPC now paying the grass cutting costs directly. There was however a parking problem on Sunday 1st December when a Sarratt Rebels tournament was held which resulted in a large number of cars, mainly from visiting teams, parking on the grass

verges and blocking the driveways of residents in and around The Briars, Carroon Drive and George V Way. In particular a letter was sent from one of the residents following a particularly nasty exchange she had with one of the organisers (not someone from Sarratt Rebels or KGV) to both KGV and SPC. A parking plan leaflet has now been developed by Sarratt Rebels and will be sent to the coaches of both home and visiting teams for onward distribution to parents. This includes agreement with The Cricketers to use their car park for overflow parking up to 11am. SPC hope this will address future parking issues, and Councillor Dobson has replied to all correspondence received.

In response to the suggestion of using marshals to manage the parking, Councillor Rugg noted that it is the responsibility of the Herts Football Association to organise this and not KGV.

Councillor Dobson attended the Sarratt Care Community lunch and presented Carol Chorley MBE with the 'Freedom of the Parish'. In due course SPC will need to get Carol's name added to the Freedom of the Parish plaque that hangs on the wall of the rear room of the Village Hall. The Parish Clerk will arrange to have this completed in the New Year.

The spare 90th Birthday coins SPC had were given out to attendees of the Community Lunch.

200/19 CLERK REPORT

In Clerks absence Councillor Turner reported the following:

- 1) Archiving now complete
- 2) Previous Clerk had access to our system therefore an IT consultant has been employed to ensure SPC is now compliant to GDPR standards
- 3) He has also recommended a new laptop and software, which was supported by SPC and the purchase should now be made
- 4) The website also needs attention next year

201/19 ENVIRONMENT

Cones: Gordon Harold advised he had been offered a 'free of charge' loan of 40 cones to protect the sensitive wildlife area at the north end of the Green during the Boxing Day car event. The only charge will be £30 for their delivery, which SPC agreed to fund. Gordon Harold agreed to advise the cone company to invoice SPC direct for the cone delivery charge. On the basis it cannot be guaranteed the normal cost of hiring this number of cones (ca. £125) will be waived, it was agreed SPC should review in the New Year purchasing a similar

number of cones for this and other events going forward. Quotes received by Councillor Rugg indicate the cost of purchasing 50 sturdy cones would be in the region of £300. To be discussed further at the January SPC meeting.

202/19 TREES

The Tree Survey has started, and it has been recommended the willow next to the school should be removed soon as it is completely rotten inside. This will be replaced with 2 new willow trees. Councillor Bloom strongly recommend putting protective fencing round the young saplings, which was agreed by SPC. The ash tree by the Cricketers was reported as healthy and can remain in place.

Councillor Rugg advised he will be seeking to apply for a Forestry Commission Woodland Management Grant to help fund some of the tree work within the broader Land Management Plan for the Parish.

203/19 GREENS/FOOTPATHS

As SPC do not have a Footpath Warden, Councillor Diggins volunteered to reach out to regular walkers within the Parish to keep an eye on the footpaths and report to the Clerk any problems found. Councillor Diggins agreed to put together a simple reporting template and will reach out to a number of groups. This suggestion will also be included in the next edition of Spotlight.

204/19 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT

There was no report

205/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Comments are attached to these minutes

206/19 PLANNING DECISIONS

Decisions were noted and attached to these minutes

207/19 MULBERRY BUSH

It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11th December should take place if Clerk is still unwell. It was agreed that the gate should still be installed, but not locked at this stage. An update from the meeting will be circulated to relevant Councillors.

208/19 POLICY AND RESOURCES LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT

No report

209/19 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was proposed by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Rees and **RESOLVED** that the cheques to the value of £4586.95 be approved.

210/19 BUDGET

The revised budget put forward by Councillor Thorp and the Clerk for review by SPC was in line with inflation at a 1.5% increase. This budget was approved by Council. Funds available for the remainder of the current financial year were discussed. It was agreed £450 should be used to purchase a new laptop for the Clerk. It was proposed by Councillor Diggins that a new website would cost £2000. SPC agreed to review any additional items that could be funded from the current budget versus placed into reserves at the January SPC meeting. It was also agreed the Clerk should provide an update of the budget each quarter for review.

211/19 HIGHWAYS

Councillor Gell reported that New Road has been resurfaced, but unfortunately this did not extend to the poor surface of Church Lane between The Cock and the Old Rectory. Councillor Gell agreed to take this up with HCC Highways. Councillor Gell reported Alexandra Road is due for resurfacing, but no date has been given yet and Redhall Lane between Sarratt Lane and Chandler Cross is due to be surfaced in the New Year. Councillor Gell also advised funding had been sought from the County Councillor's locality budget to re-locate the VA sign in Buck's Hill and to install a chevron sign by Holy Cross Church alerting drivers to the sharp bend ahead. It was suggested by Councillor Diggins that Councillor Gell should make contact and request our County Councillor attends the January meeting to discuss the road safety situation in Croxley where a young man recently lost his life.

212/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Parishioner regarding KGV parking issues - discussed earlier in meeting.

213/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was none

214/19 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Councillor Rees asked whether Affinity Water had finished

their works on The Green. Councillor Turner informed Council that works had finished. The approach road has been made good and a new monitoring meter has been installed, but Affinity have agreed no agreement is in place and that a new Wayleave Agreement needs to be put in place.

215/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 14th January 2020, to be held in the back room, the Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt.

Meeting ended at 21.20
