

MINUTES OF SPARKWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 11th July 2023 at Sparkwell Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Hartley, May, Nicholson, Webb, Lee, Hutton-Fellowes, Sophie Jones (Clerk)
In attendance: Cllr Thomas (SHDC), Andrew Nisbet (TW), Hayley Holt (TW)

Part 1 (Open to the Public)

063/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Serpell Denman

064/23 Agreement of the Agenda between Parts I and II

All agreed. Councillors noted that one item of business would be considered in Part II of the meeting.

065/23 Declarations of Interest

None

066/23 Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Nicholson signed Declaration of Acceptance in the presence of the Clerk.

067/23 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Hart provided an update via email. He said there is very little to report, he has had a meeting with Carlton Power about the Hydrogen plant they are going to build at Langage. The talks about devolved powers from Government are still ongoing, and a meeting with the Minister is scheduled shortly.

068/23 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Thomas presented the monthly brief to the Cllrs. He is currently in the process of reviewing the Enforcement Policy with the hopes of strengthening it. He will update the council when he has a working document in place. Cllr Thomas also invites the SPC to share experiences of where the Enforcement Policy has or hasn't worked.

Cllr Hartley wanted to thank Cllr Thomas for his assistance in declaring untaxed cars within Lee Mill as SORN. They are now off the road but do need to be relocated. Cllr Thomas will chase this up with Localities.

Cllr Lee asked for a timescale for when the bags for recycling will be changed. Cllr Thomas says that there aren't enough vehicles at present to change every household. More vehicles have been ordered for October. Letters will be sent out prior.

Cllr Webb notes that the garden waste service is working well. Cllr Thomas is pleased to hear this but does emphasise to contact him should any collections be missed. It will then be collected within 48 hours.

Cllr Nicholson asks if the SPC will see a review of the Joint Local Plan. Cllr Thomas says that he will share the timetable when he gets it. He is happy to receive input regarding this too.

069/23 Public Forum

No public present

070/23 Hemerdon Mine

Andrew Nisbet and Hayley Holt from Tungsten West (TW) attended the SPC meeting to provide an update on this month's developments at Hemerdon Mine. Andrew informed the SPC that the trials finished a few weeks ago. There may be a requirement to do additional tests. He notes that it is a niche area of science so the Environment Agency may request further testing. There is around 2 to 3 weeks' worth of data to interpret. They are hoping to submit documentation in response to the Schedule 5 around the first or second week of August. TW have had a meeting with Sue Penaluna regarding the pre-app for Section 73. They will pool the documentation together and plan to submit the formal planning application by early August.

Cllr Webb asked if there will be a public consultation for the Section 73? Andrew said there won't be as TW don't feel the proposal differs a lot from the previous application. Cllr Nicholson asked if a consultation would be arranged if the public felt they wanted more engagement. Hayley said they plan to gauge the feedback from the public and will arrange meetings, etc as required.

Andrew is aware that there is no SPC meeting in August so will confirm when the documentation has been submitted. Any feedback from the public is welcome. He also notes that there will soon be readings/feedback from the two dust monitors installed at the halls. This will be sent to the Cllrs via email in a monthly report.

Hayley adds that the resurfacing works at Sparkwell Hall/School car park is currently under review as the quotes have come back over budget. There is potential to just refill the holes until TW can fund the entire car park to be resurfaced.

Cllr Nicholson asked if any future planning applications from TW can be added to the agenda to enable members of the public to hear it formally presented to the parish council. Hayley agrees.

ACTION – Cllrs consider if a standalone meeting is needed in August to discuss TW planning application.

TW left the meeting 19.24

071/23 Planning

- a. 1493/23/VAR – no comment
- b. 1645/23/FUL – SPC have concerns regarding the size of the septic tank.
- c. 1647/23/HHO – Support
- d. 1662/23/HHO – Support
- e. 1906/23/HHO – Support with conditions
- f. 2112/23/HHO – Late addition to the agenda. Will be discussed at a further time.

Cllr Thomas left the meeting at 19.44

072/23 Minutes

Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13th June 2023

RESOLVED – unanimously that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th June 2023 be approved and signed.

073/23 Climate Change and Biodiversity

Cllr Hutton-Fellowes said there hasn't been any change to the woodland since the work was done on 10th June. They have opened up a boggy area and created a living wildlife wall with gaps for wildlife to pass through.

074/23 Road & Snow Warden

Regarding the roads, Cllrs have noticed that a few roads within the parish have large potholes which get repaired but soon disintegrate again.

ACTION – Clerk to email Cllr Hart with details of the worst affected roads (outside Serpells, Birchland Road and Furzeland Road).

075/23 Tree Warden

Nothing to update.

076/23 Parish Assets (Bus Shelters, Benches, etc)

ACTION – Clerk to send Cllr Nicholson the Parish Assets list

077/23 Chairman's Business

Cllr Nicholson asked for SPC to create a 4 year plan on what they hope to achieve. Cllrs felt this would be a positive thing to do.

ACTION – SPC to work on a 4 year plan to publish

078/23 Correspondence

All correspondence has been previously discussed or emailed.

079/23 Finance

ACTION – Clerk to add reserves to budget analysis

ACTION – Clerk to speak Lloyds for progress regarding banking signatories

080/23 Payments and Receipts

- a. Cllrs reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the list of payments for July 2023.

081/23 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **7pm** on **Tuesday 12th September 2023** at **Hemerdon Village Hall**.

Meeting closed at 20.48

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed

Name Date