

MINUTES OF SPARKWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 13th December 2022 at Sparkwell Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Peacham, Serpell Denman, Millford, Lee, McEwing, Sophie Jones (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr Baldry (SHDC)

Part 1 (Open to the Public)

188/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs May, Hartley, Webb, Hutton-Fellowes, Pearson-Bunt, Harvey

189/22 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.

190/22 Declarations of Interest

None

191/22 County Councillor's Report

No update

192/22 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Baldry presents his monthly brief to the council. The Sustainable Community Locality Fund is still available. Not all the money has been used and needs to be spent by the end of January 2023. He encourages applications to be made as soon as possible and can be done online. There is a requirement to speak to at least one district councillor and have an agreement in principle. Cllr Baldry noted there hasn't been an application from Scouts.

Cllr Baldry says there has been an agreement to make a permanent site for motorhomes to park overnight, as long as the motorhome has on-board facilities. They hope to encourage people to go to towns and use hospitality facilities.

Also, please can residents get their applications in by mid-January 2023 if they wish to subscribe for the £49 a year garden waste collection. Routes will be arranged by then so beneficial to SHDC to have applications early.

Regarding an email from a resident at Larch Grove, the issues with YGS are still ongoing. SHDC have issued a certificate of lawfulness, which can't be appealed against unless it goes to judicial review. The issues the residents are having are with the heavy goods traffic, so it is suggested they contact DCC and Highways.

Cllr Baldry informs the council that the planning officer is recommending approval for a planning application in New Park Road. Cllr Lee says they have adapted the application and submitted alternative plans for a different shape. Cllr Baldry asks if the councillors would like the application taken to the planning committee. SPC feel it's necessary and will provide planning conditions for Cllr Baldry and Cllr Thomas to present.

CLlr Baldry left meeting at 19.28

193/22 Public Forum

No public present

194/22 Hemerdon Mine

No update from Mine

195/22 Minutes

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting on 8th November 2022

RESOLVED – unanimously that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th November 2022 be approved and signed

196/22 Climate Change and Biodiversity

- a. Cllr McEwing provides update. Phil Bussell chopping down trees, insurance all sorted.
 - i. Cllr Hutton-Fellowes absent, so Cllr McEwing will discuss with Cllr Hutton-Fellowes
- b. Will revisit at next meeting. YGS have visited the site so hope to have plans.
- c. No update from Cllr Harvey
- d. Will revisit at next meeting

197/22 P3 Scheme Footpaths

The Cllrs met with Ros to hand assessments in and are making progress. She has agreed to replace damaged/dangerous stiles. They now need to find someone to cut down massive hedges so that the signs will be visible. Cllr Serpell Denman informed the council about a footpath which is also surrounded by very overgrown hedges. Cllr McEwing will arrange for someone to cut the brambles back – it may be the responsibility of the landowner to do this so it will be investigated.

198/22 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Hartley has sent in the application and received the paperwork for the next step.

199/22 Road & Snow Warden

Cllr Peacham warned that caution is needed when using salt and grit on paths/driveways/roads. Too much is harmful for environment, just a thin layer is needed. The SPC have a salt spreader which has been provided by SHDC. The Parish Council are not responsible for salting road – the salt spreader is just to be used in extreme weather events by a contractor. Risk Assessments, insurance and permission from Highways will be needed prior to use.

200/22 Tree Warden

No update

201/22 Parish Assets (Bus Shelters, Benches, etc)

No update

202/22 Planning

- a. 3653/22/HHO – Undecided, refer to SHDC
- b. 4041/22/CCN – Already approved

David Rowland and Venton planning applications both withdrawn.

203/22 Chairman’s Business

No update from Cllr Peacham

RESOLVED – Unanimously to pay Cllr Peacham the Chairman’s allowance of £150 as part of duty as per S.15 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

204/22 Correspondence

Clerk discusses the annual donation to Citizens Advice is due.

RESOLVED – Unanimously to donate £400 to Citizens Advice

205/22 Finance

- a. Cllrs reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the budget analysis report and bank reconciliation for November 2022.

206/22 Payments and Receipts

- a. Cllrs reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the list of payments for November 2022.

207/22 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **Sparkwell Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.00pm.**

Meeting closed at 20.22

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed

Name Date