

# Sutton Benger Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 08 February 2017 at the Village Hall, Sutton Benger

### Present

Councillors: E Pope (Chair), K Smedley, N Davis, P Jones, L Varnham, M Bines, D Alexander and N Hayward.

Also present: Linda Bragg, Parish Clerk, 2 members of the public and Cllr H Greenman.

014<sup>(17)</sup> Those Present were noted as above and Apologies were received from Cllr K Pound (work).

015<sup>(17)</sup> There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interests for the purposes of the meeting.

016<sup>(17)</sup> **Public Forum Session** - Matters raised included:

- 1) An update from the Speed Watch Team on the rumble strips placed on Chestnut Road.

017<sup>(17)</sup> It was **resolved to approve** the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2017 and they were signed by the Chair as a true record of the proceedings.

018<sup>(17)</sup> **Financial Issues**

It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and invoices totalling £880.60 and the cheques were duly signed.

019<sup>(17)</sup> **Planning and Development Control**

a) It was **resolved to agree** the planning applications as follows:

i	17/00501/TCA	16 High Street, SN15 4RD - Fell 1 Sycamore & 25% Reduction to Pagoda Tree	<b>No Objections</b>
ii	17/00512/TCA	Wellesley Arms, High Street, SN15 4RD - Fell 1 Sycamore and 1 Elder	<b>No Objections</b>
iii	17/00716/TCA	4 Manor Farm Drive SN15 4RW - 2 Metre Crown Reduction to 1 Silver Birch and 1 Cherry Tree	<b>No Objections</b>

b) The status of previous planning applications was noted.

c) Cllr P Jones gave an update on the planning committee meeting on 8 February 2017 regarding the traveller site on Seagry Hill – he advised that it was approved with conditions.

020<sup>(17)</sup> **Great British Spring Clean** – it was **agreed** to hold a village clean-up event on Sat 4 and Sun 5 March from 10am – 12noon. Cllr E Pope agreed to co-ordinate the event.

021<sup>(17)</sup> **Annual Parish Meeting** – The Clerk was asked to try and change the date to later in April due to the unavailability of Cllrs on the 12 April 2017.

022<sup>(17)</sup> **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** – No update received. Cllr Smedley passed on thanks from the NDP group to the Clerk for her help on the GIS mapping for the plan.

- 023<sup>(17)</sup> **Highways and Transport** – Cllr P Jones gave an update on the work of the Parish Steward, the weight limit on the B4069, which will be coming into force in March 2017, and the school crossing. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the School and Highways to see if anything could be done to alleviate the over-parking of cars on the Chestnut Road/Queens Close junction and the lack of road markings.
- 024<sup>(17)</sup> **Rights of Way** – Cllr L Varnham advised that he would be producing a plan for the next Parish Council Meeting.
- 025<sup>(17)</sup> **Village Hall** – Cllr N Hayward gave an update on matters at the Hall and the need for the VHMC to draw up a cohesive plan for the future.
- 026<sup>(17)</sup> **Wiltshire Council Matters** – Cllr H Greenman gave an update on the budgets. The waste management site at Stanton St Quintin was to re-open for 1 extra day a week. He also gave an update on the Rural Parishes Forum with regard to rural community policing. The dates of the next meetings of the RPF (16 March) and the Chippenham Area Board (13 March) were noted.
- 027<sup>(17)</sup> The Clerk gave her report and it forms part of these minutes (available on request from the Clerk).
6. It was **resolved to agree** to nominate Kay Taylor as the Parish Council's nominated trustee for the Church Piece Charity. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mrs Taylor for her commitment to the charity on behalf of the Council.
- 028<sup>(17)</sup> The date of the next meeting of the Sutton Benger Parish Council was noted as **Wednesday 8 March 2017** in the Village Hall, starting at **7.45 pm**.

**Chairman**..... **Date**.....