



Minutes of the Sarratt Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 in The
Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt

Present: Councillor Dobson
Councillor Turner
Councillor Thorpe
Councillor C Bloom
Councillor J Gell
Councillor D Rees
Councillor J Rugg
Councillor A Soothill
Councillor S Diggins

In attendance: Mrs C Owen, Clerk to the Council

District Councillor
4 members of the public

170/19 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor Butler.

171/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made

172/19 Councillor Dobson recommended a Part II for the meeting. This was Proposed by Councillor Soothill and Councillor Turner and **RESOLVED** that a Part 2 be included.

173/19 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Soothill and Councillor Gell and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2019 be signed as a true record.

174/19 MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION PLAN

The Clerk updated members on the Action Plan. It was requested that the Clerk arranges a time to speak to Councillor Gell prior to organising a meeting with the head teacher of the local school to discuss parking issues. Councillor Soothill requested that the website should be included in the action plan. Clerk will amend accordingly.

175/19 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Rugg reported on his recent involvement and meetings with KGV in regards to the playground equipment. The management trustees have started to explore avenues for funding and they will need to raise in excess of £50000 to replace the playground equipment and safety surface. For the time being volunteers have started making repairs and obtaining quotes.

Councillor Rees attended a meeting for Days Charity of which he is a trustee. Councillor Rees delivered a brief overview of what the charity does including the provision of housing for local parishioners in need and food allowances.

Councillor Soothill attended a meeting for Sarratt Village Hall and reported that the accounts submitted with the recent grant application were not up to date and therefore requested and submitted to Sarratt Parish Council correct up to date figures.

176/19 OLLIE GILMORE – ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSAL

Apologies were made for Ollie Gilmore who was unable to attend. Councillor Dobson read out the email that was sent to council.

It was decided that Sarratt Parish Council would support Ollie Gilmore's proposal for funding of the Bird Boxes this year, with the natural benches being considered as part of the new financial year. Councillor Bloom will liaise and lead the projects moving forward.

177/19 QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY COINS

It was decided that the remaining coins should be distributed in the first instance to parishioner's benefiting from the Days Charity. Councillor Rees will liaise with Carol Chorley to discuss distribution.

178/19 CEO TRDC VISIT

Councillor Dobson reminded Council that in September's meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council should make contact with the interim CEO at TRDC. Councillor Dobson has made contact and organised an informal meeting on Thursday 21st November at the Parish Office.

It was discussed and decided that at this meeting the following should be addressed and highlighted:

- An introduction to who we are and what we do to include an educational piece including land mass, footpaths etc.
- to position ourselves as a Council that wants to be part of the solution, not the problem.
- to establish ourselves as unique in that we are not a political council and we are open to conversation
- to help and assist in tackling cross boundary issues and

to identify as a whole

179/19 CLERKS REPORT

Clerk reported that the emergency contact number given for out of hours is Councillor Turners. It was decided that this number does not need to be circulated anymore and there is no need for an out of hours number. It was decided that an out hours action plan should be addressed at some point involving instructions and this should be put in spotlight and on the website. Clerk will look into this and report back to council.

Clerk reported that complaints had been received in regards to the current tree works on The Green. Clerk proposed that an article in spotlight would be beneficial for residents to inform them of works that been carried out and works pending. Council agreed to this. Clerk will report back on this. Clerk requested that all Councillors should consider what they would like to be reported on or produced for these meetings. Councillor Dobson requested that a simple quarterly spending/budget report would be beneficial. Clerk will arrange this.

Clerk reported that there is talk amongst local councils on how we should commemorate VE day next year. Clerk suggested that it would be appropriate for Councillor Diggins to lead on this if Council agree. It was agreed that Councillor Diggins will lead on this and report back to council in due course with proposals.

180/19 PLANNING LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Soothill reported that although previously it was stated that the draft local plan would be published in Autumn 2019 it has now been indicated that this will not happen until May next year. TRDC is due to complete the study to consider new potential locations by the end of this year and at the moment it is not known if Sarratt will be considered in this. Councillor Soothill recommended that Sarratt Parish Council should review and consider options and responses to possible new developments in the draft New Plan and bring to Council in January to discuss further.

It was noted that the TRDC Local Area Forum has been re scheduled for Wednesday 4th March 2020 at Sarratt Village Hall.

Please see report attached.

181/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the following observations be made on the planning applications as shown on the attached sheet.

182/19 PLANNING DECISIONS

The decisions on the attached sheet were noted.

183/19 MULBERRY BUSH

It was agreed that Sarratt Parish Council will still go ahead with the installation of a gate. Clerk will review documentation and organise a date for installation.

184/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

This was addressed in the planning report.

185/19 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT – POLICY AND RESOURCES

There was no report due to Budget proposal

186/19 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was proposed by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Bloom and **RESOLVED** that the cheques to the value of £9775.12 as attached to these minutes be approved.

187/19 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Councillor Thorpe presented the budget proposal for 20/21. This will be finalised and proposed to council at next meeting ready to complete budget and precept demand.

188/19 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT- ENVIRONMENT

Councillor Rugg updated council on the ongoing issues with Affinity Water and their works being carried out on SPC land with no Wayleave agreed and permit being given by HCC. Councillor Dobson suggested a letter to the CEO of HCC and /or Affinity Water. Clerk to arrange this. Please see report attached.

189/19 FOOTPATHS

Councillor Bloom enquired as to whether the kissing gate is soon to be erected and it was reported that the kissing gate is on the list of items to do and Andrew Whitewood will carry this out as soon as he can. Councillor Bloom reported that the Flooding in Quickmoor Lane has now been resolved.

190/19 HIGWAYS LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Gell reported there will be road closures on Dunny Lane from January 6th. Carriage repairs due in Alexandra Road from December 16th and Church Lane from December 4th. There will be water repairs in Sarratt Road from the 11th November to 15th November with traffic lights. Please see report attached.

191/19 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

192/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was requested that SPC look into ideas to arrange for more volunteers for wildlife projects. It was suggested that volunteers liaise with Councillor Rugg and Councillor Bloom to relaunch a new working group with SPC support.

It was also requested that SPC look into the Boxing Day Vintage car show in regards to the conservation area near Moretons Pond. Last year this area was damaged with vehicle access by visitors not exhibitors and therefore requires a cordon of some sort. Clerk will contact the organisers and direct them to the volunteers to discuss and organise cones and traffic cordons to prevent any damage occurring this year.

193/19 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Councillor Soothill gave apologies for non-attendance next meeting.

194/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 10th December 2019, to be held in the back room, the Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt.

Part 1 meeting ended at 22:20