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### **DRAFT Minutes of the Sarratt Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Attendees: Councillor Sarah Dobson  
Councillor John Rugg  
Councillor John Gell  
Councillor Lee Farman  
Councillor Flo Garvey  
Councillor Michael Lowry  
Acting Parish Clerk: Lena Mortimer

9 members of the public

#### **280/21 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Apologies from Councillor Simon Diggins, and District Councillor Ciaran Reed.

#### **281/21 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

The candidate standing for co-option was unfortunately unwell and unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed to defer this agenda item to the next meeting.

#### **282/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

#### **283/21 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Matters arising, not already included on the Agenda:

**265/21 Remembrance Garden** – the wording under this agenda item implies Dawn Pitts and Brenda Harold were the only ones objecting to the garden. It was agreed the Minutes of the 9 November 2021 meeting would be amended to add the wording ‘and some residents’ who also objected to the garden.

##### **261/21 – 4 items:**

The Biggerstaff’s centenary plaque has been delivered and is with the family. The plan is for an official presentation in late spring. David Turner and Mike Edmund are leading the arrangements.

The new Fingerposts have arrived and are in Andrew Whitewood’s garage and will be erected at the start of the New Year. If they are satisfactory then SPC will order the next three fingerposts.

Ordering new dog poo bags – should have read bin bags for the SPC litter bins

Parking on the Green – specifically the strip of Green from Alexandra Road towards the Village Shop. Flyers have not yet been put on cars parking there. Clerk to arrange ‘polite notice’ flyers.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Proposer: Cllr Gell; Seconder: Cllr John Rugg

#### **284/21 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL.**

Councillor Rugg attended four meeting on behalf of Council:

- HCC Right of Way meeting with Councillor Lowry - SPC need to collect evidence of the cost incurred by SPC and invoice HCC for the SPC grant from HCC. Councillor Lowry will lead the work on this. SPC was congratulated on looking after our paths as well as Councils like Dacorum that operate in an agency capacity with funding from HCC.
- HCC meeting on gates & stiles – need to identify those that qualify for HCC funding. Councillor Rugg leading with help from former Councillor Mortimer and Andrew Whitewood. Councillor Rugg to arrange a date for an inspection. There is an HCC allowance for capital works around rights of ways, bridges, tarmac for a path, but not gates and stiles. Need to apply by March 2022. Councillor Dobson raised the correspondence from Colin Plummer regarding removing the footpath that traverses diagonally through the land marked for the new Churchyard. Councillor Rugg advised they will need to apply for a Diversion Order from HCC.
- KGV Trustees Meeting - Question raised regarding servicing of the Defibrillator. Clerk to look in to getting it serviced and finding out how often it should be serviced.
- Dawes Common – meeting with Richard Young from HCC to follow up input from the Chiltern Conservation Management. Their recent LIDAR survey showed an archaeological mound. This needs to be marked on maps to avoid vehicles driving over it. The information has also been passed onto the Sarratt Historical Society.

#### **285/21 CLERK/RFO REPORT**

The Clerk presented her report and the Action Log. The updated Action Log will be circulated with these Minutes, including;

- Copying in TRDC on the letter to the CAA regarding the helicopter flights at Model Farm
- Getting the details of a supplier from Andrew Whitewood to replace the broken glass in the phone box at Buck’s Hill
- As it is not possible to purchase grills to fit over the SPC bins on the Green to prevent members of the public using these for household rubbish, it was agreed to consider purchasing new bins similar to the one outside the village shop that have a restricted opening which prevents large items being placed in the bin. The existing bins on Sarratt Green will be moved to other locations. The Clerk to provide Council with details of the number of new-style bins required and the cost of purchasing them at the next meeting
- There is an overturned rubbish bin in Commonwood. The Clerk will ask the Parish Warden to address this.

#### **286/21 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT**

#### **287/21 WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

A full report was circulated to Council by Councillor Rugg prior to the meeting. In addition:

An inspection was carried out with Councillor Rugg and Richard Young Tree Officer and Woodland 10 year plan Project manager from HCC on the Ash trees at the bottom of Red Lion Lane claimed to have Ash Die Back / be dangerous by a resident. Some of the trees marked on the Risk Assessment for attention could not be found. The resident advised he had chopped some of the trees down as he felt they were dangerous. The HCC Principal Tree Officer will inspect the remaining trees to assess if they are dangerous. The HCC Tree Officer recommended SPC approach the TRDC Tree Officers for advice on assessing both the health of existing mature trees and if they may require protection. A quote for £1,600 for the fence damaged by a fallen branch from a tree on SPC land has been received from the same resident. The Clerk has written to the resident advising SPC needs 3 quotes for expenditure over £500. The Clerk will therefore arrange for 2 other quotes to repair the damage to the fence.

The Parish Warden has inspected the trees outside Sarratt Lodge on the Green. The branches are entangled in BT cables. So, BT will need to be contacted to do the work.

A tree at Springfields on the Green needs attention but has a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on it, so permission will be required from TRDC. However, if it is deemed dangerous to the public and a prompt response is not received from TRDC, SPC can undertake the work and notify TRDC afterwards. The Clerk has sent an email to TRDC, and we await their response.

A quote for the work needed to the 8 trees on Commonwood where it borders Bottom Lane is awaited from JBR Treework. The Clerk will follow this up.

## **288/21 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**

A full report was circulated to Council by Councillor Garvey prior to the meeting.

- Queens Green Canopy – A number of people have signed up with promises of hedges and trees and the possibility of a ‘remembrance wood’. The Clerk is making good progress on a £350 grant for trees. Whips can also be obtained free from the Woodland Trust. Councillor Garvey has a map of the woodlands in Sarratt that she would like to print on AO size to plot all the new trees and hedgerows planted. Orbit Press should be able to do this. Mike Edmund has their contact details.
- TRDC has given permission for SPC to plant trees on their patch of grass on the corner of Dawes Lane and Downer Drive. It may be necessary to put up ‘no parking signs to advise residents they can’t park there, and temporary fencing or tree shields to protect the trees as they develop or plant larger saplings. Need to cost out the project.
- Community garden – Year 3 from Sarratt School have recently visited the garden for an outdoor biology project. Thanks were given by Councillor Garvey to SPC for the Community Garden grant.
- On Dunny Lane 4 oak trees are overgrown with ivy. It was agreed to ask the Parish Warden to sever the ivy in order to protect the trees.
- Sustainable Sarratt Meeting - Lots of idea put forward for the Village. See also agenda item below on EV charging points.

## **289/21 THE INSTALLATION OF 2 – 6 ELECTRIC CHARGE POINTS IN THE VILLAGE**

Where could they be installed – the Village Hall or KGV car parks? A decision for the Village Hall Committee and the KGV Trustees with SPC. Need to consider that the EV charging spaces could be blocked by other cars needing a parking space. Sustainable Sarratt could also approach the Cricketers and the Boot. Councillor Lee advised there are lots of different ways to obtain and finance EV charging points. Possible funding from EV charging companies, government subsidies, County/District Councils, etc. However, the

charging points would require a 3-phase electrical supply for fast charging – not sure where this is available in the village. Also need to look at HCC / TRDC policies particularly wrt to what's allowed on highways.

ACTION: Village Hall / KGV Committees – Do they think this is worthy of researching further? Councillor Farman will take the lead on this.

The idea of a 'borrow an electric bike' scheme was also raised, but this was felt to be more complex in terms of how to charge the bikes and set up a payment scheme so would be revisited at a future date.

### **290/21 BT PHONE BOXES**

An advert was placed in the last edition of Spotlight regarding a new home / use for the decommissioned BT boxes in Buck's Hill and Chandlers Cross which SPC now own, but no agreement has been reached with the local residents on what they could be used for.

Mel Boda, one of the Governors at Sarratt School spoke. She advised the school would love to have one of the boxes in the playground. The school have lots of ideas for how it could be used including a book swap station.

Councillor Dobson had also received a suggestion of help to transfer the boxes to the Green outside the Village Shop.

The Clerk had received 2 objections to the removal of the boxes from their current locations – one from a resident in Buck's Hill and the other from a group of residents in Chandlers Cross.

It was agreed SPC would look to move the BT box from Buck's Hill to Sarratt School and the Clerk would write to the resident to explain the new use for the telephone box.

It was also agreed the Clerk would ask the group of residents in Chandlers Cross who wish to keep their box if they would therefore be happy to take over the maintenance of the box in order to retain it in the hamlet.

SPC will need to investigate the cost of moving the Buck's Hill box to Sarratt School. The quote from BT is ca. £2,000, but this is for them removing it to their storage depot. As a village we might be able to move it more cheaply ourselves, given we now own the box.

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES**

### **291/21 BUDGET 22/23 DRAFT**

Councillor Lowry reminded Council the SPC budget for 2022/23 proposed at the last SPC meeting would hold the precept flat – the amount paid by Sarratt residents through their Council Tax to SPC. To do this the additional £7,200 expenditure for 22/23 would now need to increase to £10,000 due some additional expenditure that has arisen in the last month. This would require a transfer of £5,800 from Earmarked Reserves and £5,000 from General Reserves. However, this would still leave the General Reserves at the guideline level of 50% of the total Precept. (£96,557). Council supported the revisions proposed by Councillor Lowry.

Proposed by Councillor Rugg; Seconded by Councillor Gell.

The Precept for 2022/23 would now be submitted to TRDC in January for sign off. Parishioners would also be advised via Spotlight that the contribution to SPC via their Council Tax payment would be the same as the last 3 years.

### **292/21 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

Councillor Lowry advised the last month's payments were a little higher than usual, due to the purchase of the fingerposts and the annual SPC insurance premium, plus payment of some invoices that were not processed over the Summer.

Proposed: Councillor Rugg; Seconded: Councillor Garvey.

## PLANNING

### 293/21 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT

Former Councillor Soothill will join the SPC meeting in January to provide an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

### 294/21 TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **21/2635/PDNT - Bucks Hill Farm, Bucks Hill, Sarratt, WD4 9AP –**  
Permitted Development Notice Telecommunications: Installation of a 18 metre high monopole, 4 no. equipment cabinets and development works ancillary there  
*No objection*
- **21/2612/FUL - Potten Farm Stables, Chandlers Lane, Chandlers Cross, WD3 4NQ -**  
Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 18/0454/FUL (Change of use of part of site from equestrian including demolition of existing stables and barn, construction of replacement buildings and conversion of stables to be used as craft/artisan workshop units with associated parking) to amend layout including hard and soft landscaping  
*No objection – However we note this change removes some green land compared to the previous application. If officers are minded to approve this application we ask that a condition is added to ensure any loss of green space is offset by new additions elsewhere on the site, so that overall biodiversity is maintained on this site.*
- **21/2581/LBC - The Barn, Goldingtons, Church Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6HE -** Listed Building Consent: Construction of a garden room pavilion located in rear garden  
*Noted*
- **21/2580/FUL - The Barn,, Goldingtons, Church Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6HE -** Erection of detached outbuilding/garden room  
*SPC strongly objects to this application on the grounds of over development in Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is worth noting that the land in this application is a possible site of interest as it adjoins a plot currently under archaeological investigation.*
- **21/2600/FUL - Penacres Stables adjacent to Callipers Cottage, Callipers Cottage, Penmans Green, Sarratt, WD4 9AY -** Construction of 25m x 45m manege and fencing  
Open for comment icon  
*We object to this application in its current form on the basis that the new development is very close to a neighbouring property and the impact that may cause. We encourage all parties to find an alternative compromise solution.*
- **21/2705/FUL - Great Wheelers, The Green, Sarratt, WD3 6BJ -** Replacement outbuilding  
*No objection*
- **21/2722/FUL – Homeland, The Green, Sarratt, WD3 6BH -** Erection of a detached garden room -  
*No objection – If officers are minded to approve we ask that by permitting an extra development on this site that all remaining permitted development rights for this site are removed*
- **21/2307/FUL - The Grove, Grove, Mill Lane, Grove Mill, WD3 4TG -** Erection of a maintenance shed  
*No Objection*
- **21/2301/FUL - The Grove, Grove Mill Lane, Grove Mill, WD3 4TG -** Erection of a polytunnel  
*No Objection*

## 295/21 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

- **21/2262/PDE: Holly Cottage, Dimmocks Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6AR**  
Prior Approval: Single-storey rear extension (depth 8.0m, eaves height 3.0m, maximum height 4.0m)  
*SPC comments: No objection*  
*TRDC decision: No objection*
- **21/2209/CLPD: Heather Cottage, Penmans Hill, Chipperfield, WD4 9DJ**  
*Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Construction of detached outbuilding and extension to hardstanding*  
*SPC comments: No objection providing the building remains ancillary to the dwelling and permitted development rights are removed*  
*TRDC decision: Approved*
- **21/2330/FUL: Heather Cottage, Penmans Hill, Chipperfield, WD4 9DJ**  
First floor side extension  
*SPC comments: No objection*  
*TRDC decision: Refused*
- **21/2189/CLPD: Great Sarratt Hall, Cottage, The Green, Sarratt, WD3 4PD**  
*Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Development: Erection of summerhouse outbuilding in rear garden*  
*SPC comments: No objection*  
*TRDC decision: Approved*
- **21/2185/FUL: Redheath Farm Bungalow, Finches Avenue, Redheath, WD3 4LN**  
Variation of Condition 1 (Submission of details of design and external appearance) of planning permission 8/299/81 to change the external appearance of the building previously consented for as a calf building and now proposed to be used as a livestock building  
*SPC comments: No objection*  
*TRDC decision: Approved*
- **21/2049/FUL: Bucks Hill Farm, Bucks Hill, Sarratt, WD4 9AP**  
Installation of 18m High Swann 30H Lattice Telecommunications Tower on new concrete base and associated ancillary works Please refer to drawings  
*SPC comments: No objection*  
*TRDC decision: Refused*
- **21/2290/FUL: 2 Sarratt Bottom Cottage, Moor Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6DB**  
Extension to existing garage and partial internal conversion into music and games room (amendment to approved application 21/0276/FUL)  
*SPC comments: No objection providing the building remains ancillary to the dwelling and permitted development rights are removed*  
*TRDC decision: Approved*
- **21/2271/FUL: Little Bragmans, Bragmans Lane, Sarratt, WD3 4NY**  
Two-storey front extension  
*SPC comments: No objection*  
*TRDC decision: Approved*
- **21/2256/FUL September Cottage, Deadmans Ash Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6AL**  
Enlargement of single storey rear extension, enlargement of one rear roof dormer and alterations to fenestration  
*SPC comments: No objection*  
*TRDC decision: Approved*
- **21/2417/CLPD: Dellfield House, Plough Lane, Sarratt**  
Erection of detached outbuilding

*SPC comments: Objection*

*TRDC decision: Approved*

## **296/21 ENFORCEMENTS**

- **16/0178/COMP: The Old Boot Public House** - Unauthorised Works: Extension of car park into adjacent field (David Heighton)  
Planning permission granted, works currently underway and substantially completed. Site visit required before closing case.
- **18/0097/COMP: Three Ways, Poles Hill** – Material change of use from single dwellinghouse to two dwellings (converted garage) (Scott Volker)  
Planning Contravention Notice issued. 19/2294/CLED then refused. Further PCN to be issued to clarify use as it's not clear if used as two separate dwellings.
- **18/0178/COMP: Coltspring Riding Stables, Sarratt Road** - Material Change of Use: Conversion of stable block into residential dwelling (David Heighton)  
Monitoring, previous 18/2531/CLED considered that dwelling was ancillary to the wider use of the site and therefore was not a material change of use.
- **19/0118/COMP: Blacketts Nursery, Rousebarn Lane** - Unauthorised Material Change Of Use - business in operation (David Heighton)  
Further site visit required.
- **19/0177/COMP: Silverfields, Bucks Hill** - Replacement outbuilding (not for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling) and alterations to garage (Aaron Roberts)  
Works to the garage are immune from enforcement action as they took place 4 years prior to original complaint (evidence has been provided). The outbuilding is used for general household storage so case will be closed.
- **19/0208/COMP: Newton Cottage, Poles Hill** - Construction of front boundary walls and alterations to ground levels to frontage including the extension of the driveway (Aaron Roberts)  
Appeal dismissed relating to extension of driveway including retaining walls. There is a dispute relating to the retaining walls which exist as to whether they are permitted development. LPA of the view is that they are not acting as a means of enclosure and were originally built as an engineering operation to serve an extended driveway which has not yet occurred. A notice may therefore be served if the owner fails to remove.
- **20/0171/COMP: Fir Trees, Dawes Lane, Sarratt** - New access and erection of gates (David Heighton)  
Enforcement notice all checked and has, as of yesterday, been agreed by the Head of Regulatory Services. Due to be sent out in the coming week.
- **20/0005/COMP: Ainsworth Cattery, Bucks Hill** - Installation of gates, fencing and hardstanding (David Heighton)  
Assessment on-going.
- **20/0077/COMP: Grove Lodge, Fir Tree Hill** - Unauthorised works in the Green Belt (David Heighton)  
Fencing requires planning permission as over 1m in height adjacent to road. Owner to be made aware.
- **20/0219/COMP: Poachers Retreat, Penmans Green, Sarratt** - Works not in accordance with 18/1408/PDA - Alleged demolition of building (David Heighton)  
Works considered in accordance with PDA. Case to be closed.
- **20/0224/COMP: Moonpenny Farm, Bucks Hill, Kings Langley** - Change of use from agriculture to equestrian and associated works (Matthew Roberts)  
Site visit undertaken, a few field shelters have been erected which are movable and not significant enough to constitute development and thus do not require planning permission. As it stands, the use still appears to be agricultural as animals grazing on the land however further visits to take place. Site visit took place in June following

complaints regarding access road; however, the deviated works were simply backfilling a service trench. Use of land still as agriculture. Monitoring when in the area.

- **21/0002/COMP: Barn at Dellfield Farm** - Unauthorised works to converted barn including extension of residential curtilage (Aaron Roberts)  
Attempted a site visit earlier in the year but a new visit to be arranged shortly.
- **21/0003/COMP: Cart and Horses Public House, Commonwood, Sarratt** - Material change of use: Public house to a mixed use: public house and shop (Matthew Roberts)  
Letter sent, planning application currently being prepared.
- **21/0015/COMP: Dellfield Farm, Plough Lane** - Creation of new access (Aaron Roberts)  
Site visit required.
- **21/0021/COMP: Hill Top, Penmans Hill, Chipperfield** - Unauthorised windows and doors in existing openings (David Heighton)  
Site visit required.
- **21/0025/COMP: 38 Dawes Lane, Sarratt** - Works not in accordance with 20/2628/PDE or 20/1387/CLPD and alterations to porch (David Heighton)  
Planning application submitted and granted under 21/0973/FUL. Raised terrace to be removed.
- **21/0047/COMP: New Model Farm, Sarratt Road, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth** - Barn conversion to offices (David Heighton)  
Owner advised that works relate to a historic permission which had lawfully commenced (8/423/91) which was allowed at appeal. The owner also confirmed that the use of land for aviation is carried out in accordance with the Air Navigation Order and for no more than 28 days a year (permitted development). A site visit was arranged but got delayed due to the owner self-isolating, a new visit is likely to take place soon.
- **21/0102/COMP – Callipers Cottage, Penmans Green, Sarratt** - Works not in accordance with 18/2116/FUL - Roof Height (Scott Volker)  
Planning permission required for works as they have beyond the scope of the planning permission. Owner informed and given a deadline.
- **21/0143/COMP – Winchwood, Windmill Hill, Chipperfield** - Material change of use: Extension of residential curtilage (David Heighton)  
Site visit required.
- **21/0144/COMP – Woodlea House, Windmill Hill, Chipperfield** - Material change of use: Extension of residential curtilage (David Heighton)  
Site visit required.
- **21/0145/COMP – Land adjoining Blenheim Cottage, Bucks Hill, Sarratt** - Unauthorised works: Removal of hedgerow / widening of access and unauthorised use of land for event/caravan site (Matthew Roberts)  
Following the end of the temporary event an enforcement notice was served in respect of the works to the access. This notice took effect on 6 October; however, an appeal was lodged and is now valid. Letters have been sent to local residents and the Council is preparing its Statement of Case which is to be submitted by 28 December.
- **21/0180/COMP – Potten Farm, Chandlers Lane** - Breach of Planning Conditions 5, 6, 7 & 8 of 18/0454/FUL (Matthew Roberts)  
Letter sent, Approval of Details application to be submitted within requested deadline.
- **21/0193/COMP – Vine Cottage, The Green** – unauthorised fencing (Scott Volker)  
Letter sent to owner advising it requires planning permission. Awaiting comments from Highways Authority concerning highway safety. Deadline provided.

## **297/21 POTENTIAL SITE FOR A DONATED MEMORIAL BENCH**



A request for a new memorial bench was approved and agreed it would be sited outside the Old School House next to the Village Hall in the corner of the Green facing down to the Dell. The donor has agreed to pay for the bench, and Council recommended they also pay for the installation of the bench and an estimate of the maintenance costs for the next 5 years. It was agreed the bench should be made of wood. If the costs are more than the donor was expecting to pay, an alternative of a memorial gate, stile or tree will be suggested.

## **HIGHWAYS**

### **298/21 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**Roadworks and Diversions:** Major roadworks and diversions planned in our area are published on the 'One.Network' website: <https://one.network>. Please note that if Parishioners need to plan ahead, this website allows a user to view any planned works 2 weeks, 3 or 12 months ahead. For those without access to computers, then Parishioners can ask the SPC Office to provide the details required (or simply Google Hertfordshire Roadworks and select One Network).

**Road-Faults and Repairs:** With winter storms upon us, Parishioners are requested to report damaged roads as soon as possible. SPC's mechanism for reporting is via the HCC fault reporting portal, here: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/report-a-problem/report-a-highway-fault/what-type-of-fault-are-you-reporting.aspx> This covers: road damage, potholes, fly-tipping, broken lights, flooding, in short, anything to do with roads. This portal is open for all to use. Alternatively, please contact the SPC Office and we will report it, but it will be slower.

**Redhall Lane/Harrocks Wood:** Councillor Diggins has chased-up The Woodland Trust with regard to flooding on Redhall Lane caused by poor ditch and bank maintenance by the Trust along the road. For those unfamiliar with the road, the problem is that the wood sits higher than the road surface and a ditch and bank that helped to protect the road from flooding has been allowed to deteriorate; worse, in two places, the bank has been deliberately broken to improve drainage from the wood, onto the road. The Trust's response has been poor to date, but Councillor Diggins has been promised a response.

### **299/21 KGV ALIVE PROJECT MANAGER**

Nothing further to report

### **300/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was one item of Correspondence – an email from the owner of Poachers Retreat, Penman's Green requesting an Easement from SPC to cover two access points over SPC land to the Barn within their property – one for pedestrian access (already created) the other for vehicular access (proposed). The Parish Council agreed it was willing to establish an Easement Agreement for the pedestrian access, to enable the rubbish bins for Poachers Barn to put on the roadside, but would require the wooden sleepers edging the path removed. However, with regard to the vehicular access, Councillors felt this was not necessary, due to the fact vehicular access to the barn is already possible via the main entrance to Poachers Retreat and the 'side driveway' that leads down to Poachers Barn from the main drive up to Poachers Retreat. Council therefore did not agree to an Easement for vehicular access to Poachers Barn across SPC land.

### **301/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public, Chloe Henahgan, spoke on behalf of The Mulberry Bush to give Council an update on the developments that have taken place there and future plans.

Council asked about the 'Forest School' that was taking place and were advised this was a self-led activity by a group of home-schooling parents for their children. Awareness of the Mulberry Bush for this activity had come about my word of mouth and included many of the ex Rudolf Steiner school children who moved to home-schooling when the school closed. When asked whether those leading the activities were DBS checked, Chloe advised they had been assured they were. Council also commented that whilst the Mulberry Bush encouraged attendees at these activities to walk or use public transport, the reality was they were still driving to Sarratt and parking in the Dawes Common car park or adjacent to Sarratt Green and walking to the Mulberry Bush from there. Council asked Chloe to encourage visitors to the Mulberry Bush to car share where possible to minimize the number of additional vehicles parking in the village. Council also noted that the developments at the Mulberry Bush, including the 'Forest School, camping and the conversion of the old chicken sheds to accommodation, had raised many concerns from residents given the Mulberry Bush was sited in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

There were no questions raised.

### **302/21 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

None

### **303/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS REQUESTED TO BE PUT ON NEXT AGENDA**

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.