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**Minutes of the Sarratt Parish Council meeting held in
Sarratt Village Hall on Wednesday 9 June 2021**

Present: Councillor Sarah Dobson
Councillor Peter Thorp
Councillor John Gell
Councillor Nick Mortimer
Councillor Simon Diggins (left the meeting at 8.25pm)
Councillor Lee Farman
Councillor Flo Garvey
Councillor Michael Lowry

In attendance: District Councillors Ciaran Reed and Alex Hayward
2 members of the public

Start time 7.31pm

131.APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Apologies from Councillor Rugg and the Clerk.
Welcome to three new Councillors, Flo Garvey, Lee Farman and Michael Lowry.
Welcome also to Ciaran Reed, our new District Councillor.

132.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

133. MINUTES

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 19th
May 2021.

Proposed: Cllr Mortimer

Seconded: Cllr Gell

**134. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE ATTENDED
MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL**

None.

135. APPOINTMENT OF LEAD AND DEPUTY MEMBERS TO WORKING GROUPS

Proposal for working group leads and deputies:

Policy & Resources – Cllr Thorp, deputy Cllr Lowry

Highways – Cllr Diggins, deputy Cllr Gell

Environment – Cllr Rugg, Cllr Mortimer

Sustainability – Cllr Garvey

Planning – Cllr Farman, Cllr Rugg (temporary basis)

All appointments were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Garvey

Seconded: Cllr Diggins

136. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

Proposal for representatives to other bodies:

King George V Trustees – 2 reps: Cllr Rugg and Cllr Mortimer

TRDC Environmental Forum – 1 rep: Cllr Garvey

Sarratt Village Hall – 1 rep: Cllr Gell

Days Charity – 1 rep: former Cllr David Rees, has agreed to keep Council updated on matters arising

London Green Belt Council - 1 rep: Cllr Gell

Joint Committee of Parish Councils – 3 reps: Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk

HAPTC – 2 reps: Chair and Clerk

Chandlers Cross Residents Association – 1 rep: Cllr Gell

All appointments were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Farman

Seconded: Cllr Mortimer

137. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Approved.

Proposed: Cllr Garvey

Seconded: Cllr Gell

The updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations effective 9 June 2021 will be uploaded onto the SPC website.

ENVIRONMENT

138. LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT

Several fallen branches/trees in Dawes Common and across the nearby footpaths have been dealt with – trees cut up and footpaths made good.

TRDC have advised they will no longer be emptying 19 litter bins on SPC land (for free) and we need to find a service provider. The Clerk has written to TRDC requesting an extension of the current service to the end of July to allow SPC time to make alternative arrangements, which has been agreed. SPC will need to secure quotes from three potential suppliers, which could include TRDC as a paid for service. Cllr Garvey suggested we ask each supplier to quote for the following levels of service:

1. Standard bin pick up to go to land fill
2. Bin pick up to be separated for recycling by the supplier
3. Additional bins - 1 x standard and 1 x mixed recycling at each location

Action – Clerk to progress

139.WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

A meeting was due to take place early this month with Robert Young from the HCC Countryside Management Team to look at the next iteration of the 10-year Woodland Plan following comments from Councillors, Sustainable Sarratt and the Wildlife Volunteers during site visits to Commonwood Common that took place in April on his original ideas. Unfortunately, Richard has had to take early paternity leave. The next meeting is therefore anticipated in early July.

POLICY & RESOURCES

140.LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT

No written report.

141. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

To approve internet banking transactions to the sum of £6,156.82.

Approved: Cllr Mortimer

Seconded: Cllr Garvey

142.AGAR – Chair to sign off

Not all information was available in time for the meeting so there will be an extraordinary meeting before 30 June to sign off the 20/21 AGAR.

PLANNING

143. LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Chair advised that effective next month Cllr Farman, as the new Lead for Planning, would be presenting future agenda items on planning, but for this meeting this would be led by her. However, both Cllr Farman and Cllr Rugg had been involved in prepping for the review of this month's planning applications (see below).

The Chair expressed thanks to Cllr Gell who attended the TRDC Planning Committee on 27 May to raise SPC's objections to the planning application for Petherick Pastures in Buck's Hill which was subsequently refused by the Planning Committee.

The Chair advised TRDC's new Local Plan (Reg 18 site consultation) was due to be published on Friday 11 June, with a six-week consultation period. It was agreed to schedule an extraordinary SPC meeting on Wednesday 23 June to review the implications for Sarratt, and formulate our response to TRDC, as well as agree what communication/engagement should be made to Sarratt parishioners. It was noted that the Chandlers Cross Residents' Association (CCRA) is keen to 'leaflet drop' residents to speak up about the plan. A request has been made to the

CCRA to desist from leaflet dropping Sarratt residents until SPC has had chance to review the sites being considered under the new TRDC Local Plan at the meeting, now proposed for 23 June.

144.TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Great Wheelers, The Green, Sarratt, WD3 6BJ: 21/0541/FUL

Discharge of Condition 3 (Method Statement) and Condition 4 (Materials) pursuant to application.

Decision: No objection

Morar, Dimmocks Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6AP: 21/1090/FUL

Single storey rear extension and garage conversion including alterations to fenestration.

Decision: No objection

Inglewood, Poles Hill, Sarratt, WD3 4NR: 21/1242/FUL

Conversion of existing garage to self-contained annexe including excavation of surrounding land and construction of retaining walls.

Decision: No objection providing that a condition is applied to any approval such that the annex must remain ancillary to the main property and cannot be sold as a separate dwelling.

4 New Cottages, Solesbridge Lane, Chorleywood, WD3 6AD: 21/1326/FUL

Part single, part two storey, front, side and rear extensions, extension of the existing driveway.

Decision: Objection on the grounds of over-development, and request the application is called into Committee if the Planning Officer is minded to approve.

145.TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

Old House Farm, Old House Lane. Application No: 21/0595/FUL

Extension to existing garage and conversion into habitable accommodation – amended to a garage extension only

SPC: No objection

TRDC: Refused on the basis of size, scale and siting, and therefore over development of the Green Belt and a reduction in the openness of the Green Belt.

Petherick Pastures, Bucks Hill, WD4 9AE. Application No: 21/0542/FUL

Demolition of existing buildings and menage and construction of detached bungalow with associated parking, hardstanding and soft landscaping.

SPC: Objection

TRDC: Refused by TRDC Planning Committee

Little Paddock, Little Windmill Hill, Chipperfield, WD4 9DG. Application No: 21/0797/FUL

Single storey side garage extension to main house, raised patio to rear and single storey pool outbuilding with associated patio.

SPC: No objection.

Withdrawn by applicant

Brackenhurst, The Common, Chipperfield, WD4 9BZ. Application No: 21/0656/CLPD

Construction of outdoor swimming pool.

SPC: No objection.

TRDC: Approved

Christmas Tree Farm Deadmans Ash Lane Sarratt Hertfordshire: 21/0850/PIP

Permission in Principle: Change of use to residential and construction of two single storey houses with associated residential curtilages.

SPC: Objection.

Withdrawn by applicant

It was noted that an appeal has been lodged for Application No: 20/2802/FUL (The Old Cattle Shed, Red Lion Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6BN) for the erection of a multi-purpose agricultural barn at the bottom of Red Lion Lane. SPC objected to the application which was refused by TRDC.

HIGHWAYS

146.LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT

No significant changes since the last report. Roadworks continue throughout the Parish as HCC Highways and other contractors clear the Covid-19 backlog.

Focus over the last month has concentrated on:

- Police liaison over safety concerns for Sarratt Road, to ascertain their views.
- Progressing safety and road improvements, especially Church Lane, Red Lion Lane and outside York House School.
- No response as yet on the grant submitted by SPC to HCC for monies to improve cycle safety.

Looking ahead:

- Seek to improve liaison over road closures between HCC and contractors.
- Requirement for definitive improvements on Bucks Hill - the road surface is a complete disgrace, there are more pot-holes and patch repairs than actual road surface.

147.FINGERPOSTS

Unfortunately, the supplier of our ordered, new fingerposts has ceased trading so we need to look for a new supplier.

Chair to pursue

148.KGV ALIVE UPDATE

Responses to the feedback questionnaire closed on 31 May after a month, a public consultation meeting has been arranged for Friday 9th July at KGV. Tickets for this meeting can be requested by emailing: amc.sarratt@gmail.com

149.REMEMBRANCE GARDEN UPDATE

Cllr Diggins is in contact with Sarratt School but left the meeting prior to this agenda item and was therefore not available to provide any further information.

Chair to speak with Cllr Diggins regarding the project

150.OAK TREE 666

A new plaque is currently being produced and should be delivered before the end of June.

Cllr Garvey has offered to provide two saplings, which can be nurtured before being planted out to replace Oak Tree 666 as requested by TRDC. This offer was gratefully accepted. It was also noted planting the new oak trees on the War Memorial side of the Green would inhibit the use of that section of the Green for events such as the May Fair. It was agreed to discuss with the Wildlife Volunteers alternative locations on the section of the Green where oak tree 666 was located.

151.BIGGERSTAFFS PLAQUE

A 1.5 ft x 1 ft plaque has been agreed for the wall of the garage to commemorate the centenary anniversary of Biggerstaffs.

Chair and David Turner meeting with Andy Biggerstaff on 10 June to confirm final details.

152.CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Edgar Anderson, our local representative for the Chiltern Society Rights of Way Group, proposing a bench in recognition and memory of the late John Goodman. It was agreed that subject to the family being supportive this was a good idea but it should be located somewhere other than Dawes Common which already has a large number of benches. Somewhere close to the Wildlife Sanctuary near Valley Farm might be a good alternative.

Clerk to contact the family and Edgar Anderson

153.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

154.COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Council universally welcomed Cllrs Farman, Garvey and Lowry and thanked them for such a positive contribution at their first meeting, they are all a great addition to SPC. Thanks were also given to District Cllrs Hayward and Reed for attending.

155.DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS REQUESTED TO BE PUT ON NEXT AGENDA

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 13th July 2021.

Meeting closed at 9.23 pm

Caroline Owen

Proper Officer/RFO, Sarratt Parish Council