

# SAPPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7PM VIA ZOOM

### 1 IN ATTENDANCE

Members of the Parish Council: Sarah Osborn Smith, Chair (SOS); Charles Houldsworth, Treasurer and Vice Chair; Sara Taylor (ST); Marcel Puyk (MP); Graham Marchand (GM); Barbara Maloney (BM) Clerk.

Also, CDC Councillor Julia Judd, GCC Councillor Stephen Hirst;

### APOLOGIES

Daniel Janocka (DJ)

### 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the September 2020 meeting of the Parish Council via Zoom were approved and will be signed by the Chair as soon as practicable.

### 3 MATTERS ARISING

Order of agenda changed by agreement.

### 4 CDC AND GCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllrs Julia Judd and Stephen Hirst provided their reports by email for Councillors prior to the meeting.

#### 4.1 CDC CLLR JULIA JUDD REPORT

Cllr Judd's full Report is included with these Minutes and published on the Parish Council Website. Main Points:

- **Cotswold AONB renamed** for the 'Caring for the Cotswolds' project – Sara Taylor to contact school as may wish to be involved.
- **Phlebotomy Services** at Cirencester Hospital are available by appointment
- **Car parking:** from March 2021 – payment by 'app' or phone call only. CDC Councillors lobbying for cash payments to remain. Ageing population may not be smart phone users.
- **Commercialisation Strategy:** – Parish Councillors expressed concern about current market – may not be feasible until later next year.
- **Govt White Paper 'Planning for the Future'**. Consultation closes 29 October 2020.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/907647/MHCLG-Planning-Consultation.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907647/MHCLG-Planning-Consultation.pdf)

Julia provided Council with CDC responses and urged Council to submit comment.

#### 4.2 GCC CLLR STEPHEN HIRST REPORT

Main points:

- **Unitary Authorities/Devolution** – White paper due October not likely. Proposal may not go ahead at all. GCC remains ‘as is’ for the time being.
- **GCC Highways Road Works:** Great deal of work being undertaken currently. Roads will be in better condition going into winter than previously. Council expressed concern re diversions with many currently operating in small area.

## 5 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended the meeting on this occasion.

## 6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **20/02657/FUL – JOLLY NICE CAFÉ AND FARM SHOP**

Parish Council has submitted two comments on this application. The first supported the business but expressed disappointment at applicant’s breach of planning permission i.e. undertaking major works to create a road across agricultural field and access point onto Rodmarton Lane/Long Lane without consent.

The second objected to the change to the ‘proposed’ access point to ‘exit only’.

- PC noted change was obscured in documentation – lack of transparency in planning process around major change which has serious implications for 5-way junction at the White Horse Inn.
- Traffic that has been approaching JN from Rodmarton Lane in order to avoid the hazardous junction would be forced to turn right onto fast flowing A419 and right again immediately into proposed entry-only point on A419.

PC expressed support for the JN business in principle but withdraws support for the exit-only configuration. PC requested Stephen and Julia to consult with Highways.

**ACTION:** Julia and Stephen will discuss further, seek clarification from Planners and consult with GCC Highways on site if necessary. Julia left the meeting at this point.

- **20/01059/FUL & 20/01707/NEI - ASTON DOWN BUSINESS PARK**

Update from Jose de Freitas, Downs Mill resident:

- Jose has written to Neil Hardcastle, Manager Leda Properties, re proposal to allow HGVs to enter via Gate B or turn round inside the site in order to avoid the dangerous practice of reversing the length of Downs road out onto the junction with the A419 – no response to date.
- Also negotiating to have the ‘google tag’ removed from ‘maps’ so that Sat Navs no longer highlight the Downs as the entry point to Aston Down Business Park.
- Signage at the junction is ambiguous and appears to indicate the Downs road as access – request for this to be moved.

## 7 FM LEVEL CROSSING

Email from Network Rail to Allan Bentley at GCC Highways/PROW circulated to PC ahead of meeting. Network Rail considering ‘traffic light’ system at crossing in line with recommendations from Coroner at Inquest into Colin’s death 3 years ago. Network

Rail are proving resistant to engaging in consultation with PC and/or BHS. Philip Hackett from BHS is proactively pursuing further information.

**Motion to fully support the proposal to downgrade the route from ORPA to Public Right of Way/Bridleway either side on the crossing was passed at the September Meeting.** However, PC agreed identification of exactly which section is needed

**ACTION:** Map to be created showing extent of route to be downgraded and this to be circulated to Network Rail and GCC Highways/PROW Manager Allan Bentley.

PC has been advised that Section 56 of the Highways Act 1980 empowers the PC to serve a Notice on the Highways Authority requiring the re-opening of an obstructed bridleway. PC agreed to continue seeking consultation at this time.

## 8 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk's Report was circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting – discussion deferred

## 9 FINANCE

9.1 PC agreed to cover cost of Clerk's attendance at SLCC webinar on Govt White Paper 'Planning for the Future' ahead of submitting PC comment in consultation. Invoice for £36 to be forwarded to CH.

9.2 Other Financial Business:

- Current Bank balances: Current Account: £1,036; Savings: £12,282
- Received 24 September, 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment of Precept - £2,875 was paid into savings a/c.
- Outgoings:
  - KP Gardens - £370
  - Clerk's remuneration - £150 p.m.
  - Bathurst Estate Playground Rental - £100

Accounts approved for Audit

## 10 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

### SOS

- Sapperton Village Hall: email received from Chair of Trustees re Hall remaining closed due to difficulty complying with Covid-Safety requirements. PC considered it important to encourage opening of the Hall if only for school children as is usual during winter months for gym/exercise.

**ACTION:** School Head will discuss with Chair of Trustees.

- Bathurst Estate has provided new lease proposing increase in rental for FM Playground to £600 per year. Current payment £100 per year.

**ACTION:** PC agreed proposed rental too high for PC to continue leasing field. SOS to write to Bathurst Estate (cc Earl Bathurst) to 'negotiate'.

### ST

- Minchinhampton resident contacted PC re 'Frampton Mansell Medal' awarded to his Grandfather George Arnold, after WW1 by Parish Council for surviving Gallipoli - 5 were awarded. Also seeking further information on second medal 'For Upkeep of the Railway from Sapperton to Chalford' awarded in 1935. Oakridge History Group Chair, Mr John Loosley, was contacted and enquirer referred to him.

- Contacted Bus companies re road closure between FM and Sapperton for tree felling scheduled by Bathurst Estate.

**CH** – nothing to report this month

**MP**

- Flooding is occurring on road below Crown Inn. Parallel to Railway – wooded area not draining away into field. Water Board recently undertook work in this location.

**ACTION:** CH will check situation and report to Clerk. Water Board to be contacted if necessary.

- Grit Bins – Replacement bin purchased by PC last year - to be fitted.

**ACTION:** MP to make plinth this month. Clerk to source number allocated to original by GCC Highways.

**GM** – nothing to report this month as isolating

## **11 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING**

**TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7PM – VIA ZOOM**

**IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK  
ON 01285 760 276 FOR ACCESS LINK AND PASSWORD**

Zoom Meeting Ended: 8.10PM

**These Minutes are not a valid record until signed by the Chair**

Signed.....Date.....

(Chair of Sapperton Parish Council)

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