

SAPPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 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); Daniel Janocka (DJ); Graham Marchand (GM); Barbara Maloney (BM) Clerk.

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

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3 CDC AND GCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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

3.1 CDC CLLR JULIA JUDD REPORT

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

- **Newsletter to Parish Councils** – new format. To be send out after each CDC Council meeting – not held every month. To be sent when info is sufficient.
- **Fly Tipping:** Improved app for reporting unauthorised dumping of rubbish. Photos can now be uploaded. Warning to householders to beware anyone offering to remove rubble – often fly tipped instead of taken to tip.
- **Help Hub Running**– Young People's Group for MH.
- **Social Housing:** one-bedroom units scarce in rural Parishes. PC discussed donated land, community-led housing, exception sites and lack of availability.
- **CDC Budget - PC requested to comment.** No details regarding how much borrowing is entailed in order to pay for proposed initiatives.
- **Car parking:** from March 2021 – payment by 'app' or phone call only. CDC Councillors continuing to lobby for cash payments to remain. Discriminatory where demographic is 'elderly'. Ageing population may not be smart phone users. Cllr Judd is campaigning on Conservative website. Petition starting –
ACTION: PC to write Comment and send to Julia for her to pass on.
- **Govt White Paper 'Planning for the Future'** – cross party cooperation to amend as flawed. South East and South West Councils do not support it. No details re borrowing required for stated objectives. Building quotas unrealistic. Need has declined in some areas or Developers cannot supply due to lack of resources. PC discussed new housing in Tetbury empty. Cllr Hirst disputed this. Discussed further later in meeting.
- **A417 Missing Link** – National Trust didn't like 40-metre-wide Green Bridge. Julia suggested amendments: bridges should be faced in Cotswold stone and viewing platform not required. Common land to be bio secure area – no

walkers or horse riders etc. Might increase dubious usage! Need to get on with this work as ‘Rat running’ through adjacent villages high due to increasingly long tailbacks.

3.2 GCC CLLR STEPHEN HIRST REPORT

Main points:

- **Increase in Covid-19 cases across county.** Cotswolds calculated per 100,000 population.
Cotswolds-146, Stroud – 160, Cheltenham 110, Gloucester - 151.
NHS under pressure re beds and staff. Rate of growth concerning:
Gloucestershire: 29 October – 4 November = 810 per 100,000 - up from 603 previous week.
- **New Builds in Tetbury:** Further discussion. Development includes all types of tenure. Whitelands development named after Paddy Whiteland, Prince Charles’ gardener - received letter from Duchy praising design.
Social Housing: PC Councillor Dan Janocka expressed interest in community-led housing. **Julia Judd** offered to forward details.
- **GCC Highways** continuing repairing roads.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

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

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

No decision has been made yet on this application. Cllr Judd and Cllr Hirst were unable to schedule a meeting on site with GCC Highways representative as agreed last month.

PC expressed support for the JN business in principle but withdrew support for the exit-only configuration of the ‘proposed’ new access point onto Rodmarton/Long Lane due to its impact on the junction with the A419. PC takes issue with traffic approaching JN from directions other than A419 having to turn right out of Rodmarton Lane/Long Lane onto A419 and then right again into JN. PC expressed frustration with long history of raising concern re junction to no avail. Junction usage has dramatically increased in recent years. PC proactively campaigning to prevent accidents.

ACTION: Cllr Judd and Cllr Hirst committed to seeking a resolution with Highways Development Managers. PC expressed gratitude to both Cllrs for their support.

Cllr Dan Janocka to meet with GCC Councillor Stephen Hirst to progress resolution re issues with junction, taking into account all aspects: speed of traffic on A419; Aston Down Business Park HGVs issue, JN expansion and access; bus stop for school children in slip road in front of the White Horse Inn.

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

No further progress on the issue of HGVs and the dangerous practice of reversing the length of Downs road out onto the junction at White Horse Inn and onto the A419 when refused access via Gate B on Downs road. Downs Mill resident negotiating with Manager of Leda Properties

- Main Issue: Sat Navs directing HGVs down Downs road as entry point to Aston Down Business Park. Downs Mill resident negotiating to have the ‘google tag’ removed from ‘maps’.
- Signage at the junction is ambiguous and appears to indicate the Downs road as access – request for this to be moved.

6 FM LEVEL CROSSING

No further progress with Network Rail re re-opening the Level Crossing.

Action from October Meeting: Map to be created showing extent of route PC considers appropriate to be downgraded and this to be circulated to Network Rail and GCC Highways/PROW Manager Allan Bentley.

No further communication from Network Rail since 7 October 2020. Clerk reiterated PC power to apply for Court Order to reopen Level Crossing. PC agreed not to pursue this option at this time.

7 FINANCE

7.1

- Current Bank balances: Current Account: £380; Savings: £12,283
- Outgoings:
- KP Gardens - £741.74 – Sapperton Groundwork
 - Clerk’s remuneration - £150 p.m.

7.2 RFO advised further small payment due to KP + FM groundwork payment both due before end of the year.

Accounts approved for Audit

8 CLERK’S REPORT

Clerk’s Report was circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting

- CDC Budget – to comment as Parish Council – no resolution to do so. Survey; CDC 12 Million per year to run. Council Tax probably increasing due to Covid-19. Not time to be borrowing excessively. Survey Deadline 24/11/2020

9 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

SOS

- Sapperton Village Hall: School Head Teacher will discuss with Chair of Trustees re School children using the Hall over winter. Flooring not finished yet. Cost of Covid-safe cleaning is an issue for Trustees. Head Teacher to seek funding.
- Bathurst Estate has provided new lease proposing increase in rental for FM Playground to £600 per year. Current payment £100 per year.

ACTION: SOS to write to Bathurst Estate (cc Earl Bathurst) to ‘negotiate’.

- Footpath sign from green lost years ago. Needs replacing.

ACTION: CH has small sign- will install

ST

- Contacted resident re overgrown hedge at corner below Sapperton Village Hall. Resident agreed to cut back. PC suggested this could be done while road is closed for installation of water service 16 November – 24 November.
- Buses are organised for period of road closure

CH

- Sent msg to Jill Portlock re flooding of drains on road below Crown Inn – has reference number for followup.

MP

- Grit Bins – not installed yet – Digger required. Clerk has requested bin number from GCC Highways. GCC notified there will be delay in responding to request. **ACTION:** MP to arrange for creation of level site for bin this month.

GM

- FM to Sapperton Road – 2nd section of stone wall has come down on side of Main road above Crown. Needs attention. Clerk to contact Bathurst Estate. Field may have been sold.

DJ

- Request for info re Ramblers ‘Don’t lose your Way’ project. To be provided by Clerk.

10 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 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: 8.40PM

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

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

(Chair of Sapperton Parish Council)

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