

Minutes of the proceedings of the Siston Parish Council Meeting held at Warmley Community Centre, on Thursday 15th July 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

Present – Parish Councillors Andrew Stacey (Chair), Alan Bryant, Jon Gadsden, James Hackett, Ros Mahoney and Nathan Reed

21. Apologies for Absence

Gloria Smith – ill health – Councillor Smith has tendered her resignation with immediate effect.

Phillipa Gibbs and Johnathan Maytham did not attend and sent no apologies.

22. Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct adopted 19th July, 2019

James Hackett – Chair of the Friends of Siston Common Group.

Ros Mahoney – Member of Friends of Siston Common Group.

Alan Bryant – Member of the Men in sheds Group.

23. Minutes Approved

Annual Parish Assembly of the Meeting of April 2019

Full Council Meeting - Tuesday 5th May 2021

Resolved: the minutes were passed and signed as a correct record. Approved Andrew Stacey, seconded Jon Gadsden.

24. Public Participation

No public attendance

25. Queen's 70th Anniversary Celebrations/June 2022 Community Event

Local resident is managing this project supported by Cllr Bryant. Resident updated SPC on all the plans so far – Power Point/PDF to be circulated to all Council members. Funding so far was outlined and a possible shortfall was identified this should be covered by

additional income generated on the weekend. SPC to decide on what Charity will be supported in the event of a profit being made. Councillor Stacey suggested “Help for Heros” and then local charities. Suggestions to be decided and agreed in the future. Resident is to proceed with the plans as they stand. Detail still to be agreed regarding the type of entertainment etc.

26. Finance

a) Members received accounts year to date for 2021/22. All approved.

b) Members received and approved the account Vs budget Year to Date 2021/22

c) Overscourt Wood – Dog bin was discussed it was agreed to fund a Multi-use bin. The clerk will source it and contact SGC to arrange regular collections. Proposed – Andrew Stacey, Seconded – James Hackett.

27. Councillor vacancy

Due to the resignation of Councillor Smith we now have a vacancy in the Common ward. This will be advertised in due course. The Clerk will inform Democratic Services and they will prepare the notice for display.

Finance Committee Chair position taken by Councillor Stacey. Ros Mahoney to stand as a member of the Finance committee along with Councillor Reed. **Resolved**

28. Council appointments to external committees

a) Friends of Siston Common – James Hackett

b) Bristol East Fringe Cycling and Walking Group – James Hackett

c) South Glos Climate Emergency Steering Group -James Hackett

d) Warmley Community Centre – James Hackett

- e) Friends of William Champion Gardens – Alan Bryant
- f) Kingswood Museum – Alan Bryant
- g) Freres Alms houses – Ros Mahoney

29. Friends of Siston Common

Chair of FofSC group spoke about the new Education officer that they have appointed. She is post now for 6 months. Meetings today with Commons Connect Project went very well and all are keen to progress the linking of the Commons. AGM to be held at WCC on Monday 9th August at 7.30pm. Funding support is being sorted from SPC and other sources. David Tibbits to attend a future SPC meeting to present the commons plans. Clerk to contact him to present.

30. The Week In

Copy approved to be submitted by the Clerk with the addition of a line about contacting the Clerk if anyone is interested in becoming a local Parish councillor.

31. The Humber Sign/2021.22 Projects update

Clerk provided an update on 2021.22 projects

Owl Boxes – The boxes have been made, invoice to follow. JHA has purchased the straps for fixing. JHA will contact the Arborist to arrange a mutually convenient time to fit the boxes. The quote to fit has been received - £450.00.

Humber sign to be done as soon as the dry weather permits, it was supposed to be completed by the end of June but wasn't. They have not been in touch to confirm when they expect to start.

Allotment fencing – having met a few fence contractors no one came back with a price. Handyvan were contacted and have now completed the job. It was acknowledged that the repair was poor but would suffice for now. Their charge is expected to be about £173.00. The invoice will be paid as soon as it arrives.

War Memorial Plaques – Councillor Bryant continues to deal with this.

32. Warmley Community Centre - CIO

The clerk updated the council on progress. It was explained that WCC CIO want the land at this site to be transferred into the name of Warmley Community Centre CIO. This is a registered charity and the transfer will protect the centre for the future. This was discussed at great length and Councillors decided that they want the Clerk to retrieve the Deed Bundle from the WCC solicitors so they can understand how to proceed. It was mentioned that maybe SPC should register the land and lease it to WCC. They do not wish to proceed until they have sought further advice. The clerk will have another conversation with their solicitors to see if they can help further before any transfer happens. SPC has received a quote from the solicitor to deal with the transfer of the Trusteeship and the registration of the land in WCC's CIO name and the charge will be in the region of £2500. This is to be discussed again at the next meeting.

33. Local Nature Action Plan

The plan is to be shared on our Social Media to promote the idea and encourage community involvement. It was discussed that we could do a mailshot. The clerk mentioned that mailshots are hard to arrange as no one wants to deliver them or they are expensive to get delivered. Councillor Mahoney is to put something together to post on Social Media pages and see what kind of interest can be generated.

34. Feedback from Councillors

Warmley Forest Park Pond – The pond is not going to be fenced off and no additional signage is going to be put up. SGC believe that it is the responsibility of parents and Guardians to look after children. Even a clear pond is not safe. District Councillor Reade has spoken to the Environment Agency (EA) and there is going to be an attempt to repair the weir properly, proper engineering is required. EA are

looking at repair and replace costs. EA own the gate so they should pick up the cost. All of this has come about as a consequence of the recent events at Nunney Castle. SGC has plans to deal with tree issues as well once the weir is repaired.

35. Siston Village Signage

Plan submitted in advance by a resident – Councillor Hackett to explore this and bring costings to the next meeting.

36. Planning

- a) Planning Applications – Outstanding applications were discussed no objections raised.
- b) Planning Decisions – all noted nothing to add.

37. Correspondence

- Email from a resident to complain about Cattle grids on the B2B path.
- Emails from resident about graffiti and missing post on Siston Common. Reported to AGC. Graffiti removed – New post has now been installed.
- Resident email about overgrown path near Kingsway Caravan park – reported to streetcare as urgent.
- Emails from residents about the state of Ponds in Warmley Forest Park and Felicity Park following the incident at Nunney Castle - passed to District Councilors to try and get something done as SPC emails are not dealt with. Ongoing.
- Emails from residents about the Grass overgrowth on many junctions and roads around the Parish. Email to Streetcare – they are very busy – grass has grown more than expected!! All verges have now been mowed – 28/6/21.
- Email from resident about damaged street signs on Webbs Heath – forwarded on to SGC to deal.
- Email from Resident about graffiti on bus shelters in Anchor

Road – D&M Electrical (who clean the shelters) have already removed the graffiti.

(Where appropriate details forwarded prior for consideration)

38. Accounts for Payment

a. Members received the monthly payment approval spreadsheet and authorised the on-line payment of the following items for July and viewed the payment already made under delegation for June 2021:

JUNE -

1. A. Adams June Salary - £697.05 – already paid
2. HMRC June Monthly payment - £688.82 – already paid
3. A Adams June Exps - £86.47 – already paid
4. SGC – localism payment - £300.60 – already paid

JULY -

5. D&M electrical – shelter repairs - £90.00 – already paid
6. Oldland Parish Council Skate park signage - £26.00
7. A. Adams July salary - £715.38
8. A. Adams July Exps – £27.00
9. HMRC July monthly pmt - £ 219.97
10. D&M Electrical – Bus shelter cleaning - £180.00
11. JHA Councillor exps - £38.64
12. ABR Councillor Exps –

Resolved - Members approved all payments.

39. Any Other Business – for information purposes only.

Councillor Bryant – “Men in Sheds” have been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary service. So now the Museum and them have one.

Friends of Warmley Gardens – new wildflower garden has been planted.

Siston Hill roundabout is within SPC. Councillor Gadsden would like SPC to make a statement in respect of the proposals to develop the

Ring Road. This will need to go on the next month's agenda. The clerk will ask SGC for an extension to the deadline to get comments submitted by SPC.

Museum is to install the new computer this week – many thanks to SPC for their contribution.

Councillor Hackett informed SPC of the plans in September for community engagement.

Date of next meeting: 19th August 2021 at Warmley Community Centre (subject to change if covid restrictions which may be introduced by the Government.)

Meeting closed at 21.30

Confirmed and signed

Chairman.....

Date.....