

Minutes of the proceedings of the Siston Parish Council Meeting held at Warmley Community Centre, on Thursday 19th August 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

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

District Councillors Elizabeth Bromiley, Sam Bromiley and Steve Reade.

40. Apologies for Absence

James Hackett – apologies due to illness.

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

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

None received

42. Minutes Approved

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Resolved: the minutes were passed and signed as a correct record.

43. Public Participation

No public attendance

44. Webbs Heath Mine Shaft

Presentation by the chair of Avon Industrial Buildings Trust and the South Glos Mines Group. Council informed that both organisations are there to support any residents groups that form to take on any improvement work at the site in conjunction with the Landowner – which is not SGC.

45. Finance

a) Chair of the Finance Committee went through the report from recent meeting. Councillors advised of procedure for Project suggestions in the future. New form to be circulated by the Clerk. Members were advised that a Grant application had been received from Warmley Wheelers and that this had been approved.

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

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

d) Members reviewed the bank statements and all were approved.

e) Clerk updated Council on the Overscourt Wood bin – The bin and its installation was given as £473.25 + VAT this spend was approved by all council members. The Clerk will move this forward once Forestry England approve everything regarding the site etc.

Propose - Alan Bryant

Seconded - Andrew Stacey

Resolved – all in favour.

f) June 2022 Community Event funding agreed £2000 from SGC, £2000 from SPC – additional funding to be sought from other Councils and Business.

Proposed – Andrew Stacey

Seconded – Alan Bryant.

Resolved – all in favour.

46. Humber Sign

Clerk updated Council – this project is now complete. Invoice has been received and there has been a lot of very positive feedback.

Residents are really pleased with the finished product.

Council discussed adding a plaque, this is to be further reviewed in September. The Council will need to seek permission from the property owner which may not be forthcoming.

47. Ring Road Improvements - SGC Consultation

Council discussed wording submitted in advance and agreed that this should be sent to SGC immediately following the meeting.

Proposed – Jon Gadsden

Seconded – Ros Mahoney

Resolved - all in favour

48. Friends of Siston Common

Report sent ahead of meeting to advise of AGM. The Group is to submit a Project for the funding of an Education Officer, at the September meeting.

49. Projects Update

The Clerk informed members of the status on all 2021/22 Projects.

Owl Boxes – fitting arranged for late Sept 2021.

Allotment Fence – complete

Humber sign – Complete

Memorial plaques – being dealt with by Councillor Bryant

50. WCC CIO Update

Clerk provided an update. Councillors ID checks are being carried out. Once this is complete then Stone King in Bath will be officially appointed as our solicitors to act in this instance. All documentation has been passed to the solicitors. They have quoted about £1500 + VAT to act for us. Council resolved to instruct Stone King and agreed the fee.

Proposed - Andrew Stacey

Seconded – Alan Bryant

Resolved to proceed with Stone King

51. Siston Village Signage

The clerk is seeking permission to instal the signs. Councillors to think about wording and if they want to proceed so this can be discussed again in September due to the absence for Cllr Hackett.

52. Waste Bin Collections

SPC discussed if there was a need for an additional collection of the multi purpose waste bin on Siston Common. SPC decided not to add another collection to the bin.

Proposed – Andrew Stacey

Seconded – Alan Bryant

Resolved – all in favour.

53. Planning

a) Planning Applications – Outstanding applications were discussed

b) Planning Decisions – all noted nothing to add.

54. Correspondence

Email to Street care from a resident to object to Abram Motors' new sign on the common at Bridgegate. Street care have forwarded to email to Matthew Lipton as Commons officer to deal. If the company sign was on the Highway they would remove it but as it is technically on common land it has to be Matthew that decides what to do!

Email from a MOP to voice concerns about the verge cutting around the commons and the reduced visibility for pedestrians and cars etc. All has been passed to SGC.

Email from MOP to complain about the new Abrams Motors sign on the common by the White Harte pub. SGC (Matthew Lipton) have confirmed not permissible – enforcement should be getting it removed. Businesses have always been there so no ability to stop the drive being used as it always has been.

Email from a MOP to complain about the increased number of encroachments onto the common at Bridgegate. SPC has passed comments on anonymously to the Commons Manager at SGC.

Email from MOP to say they were not happy about the regularity of waste bin collections from one bin on Siston Common (bake.hits.forced.) I have emailed SGC to check the regularity of collections at the moment and see if they can be increased.

A MOP has emailed to say that they are still waiting to hear from SGC streetcare about the state of the Oval on the Siston Hill estate. Paving slabs have broken away from a raised bed and left it quite treacherous. SGC have been chased many times but nothing is happening. I have forwarded the email to Kim Scudamore and Sandie Davies as well.

55. Accounts for Payment

a. Members received the monthly payment approval spreadsheet and authorised the on-line payment of the following items for August 2021 -

1. A. Adams June Salary - £715.38
2. HMRC Aug Monthly payment - £219.97
3. A Adams June Exps - £72.03
4. SGC – Election Admin Fee - £175.00
5. Warmley Community Centre – Room Hire July - £30.00
6. Men is Sheds Owl box invoice - £300.00
7. Frenzy design – Humber sign Invoice - £1680.00
8. Warmley Wheelers grant - £ 500.00
9. Warmley Community Centre – Room Hire Aug - £30.00 (new invoice received.)
10. PFK – External Audit inv - £360.00

Resolved - Members approved all payments.

56. Any Other Business – for information purposes only.

Cllr Stacey raised concerns about the non attendance of Councillors . The Clerk advised that Democratic Services were contacted for

advice and they informed SPC that there is nothing they can do to help. Discussion between Councillors about the vacancy and possible interest.

Social Media going well – lots of interest on the LNAP website.

Cllr Gadsden raised concerns about the sale of land at Goldney Avenue and the related issues over a Right of Way. As well as the footpath/right of way by the Cow Mills.

Cllr Gadsden raised concerns that the pond weed at Warmley Forest Park is a real hazard and should be taken seriously. He would like it discussed at a future meeting.

District Councillor Reade wanted to talk to Council but there was no time so he will report on the pond issues in Warmley Forest Park at the September meeting.

Cllr Gadsden raised concerns about the Military element of the June 2022 community event and he wants the organisers to contact the Warmley Congregational Church to seek their support and involvement as well.

District Cllr Sam Bromiley informed Council that there is to be a meeting of residents regarding concerns about ring road traffic using Stanley Road as a short cut – this will be held on Friday 10th September at Warmley Community Centre.

Date of next meeting: 16th September 2021 at Warmley Community Centre (subject to change if covid restrictions which may be introduced by the Government.)

Meeting closed at 21.33

Confirmed and signed

Chairman.....

Date.....