

**Minutes of the proceedings of the Siston Parish Council Meeting held at Warmley Community Centre, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 commencing at 7.30pm**

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

District Councillor Steve Reade.

**57. Apologies for Absence**

Andrew Stacey – Apologies received. Council voted for Councillor Bryant to stand as Chair for this meeting. All agreed.

**58. Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct adopted 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**

None received

**59. Minutes Approved**

Full Council Meeting – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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

**60. Public Participation**

Members of the Public attended to present to Council regarding Siston Village history.

Member of the Public came to complain about the state of the roadside on Siston Lane rendering it impassable. Recent hedge cutting activity has meant that cut branches etc have been left on the roadside. This should have been removed.

Councillor Reade advised that he has been pushing for action from the Environment Agency regarding the pond at Warmley Forest Park. He advised that the meeting with the MP Chris Skidmore will push from the top. The Attenuation pond is not currently fit for purpose.

**61. Siston Parish Council - Vacancy**

Councillors Phillipa Gibbs and Johnathan Maytham did not attend and have written to resign with immediate effect.

Notice of Election received today for the Common Ward vacancy. Election requested by residents. Notice is to be posted on Notice Boards and website by the Clerk on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021. Closing date – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Clerk to contact interested party to apply for election.

**62. Remembrance Day Service**

The Clerk advised Council that the road closure notice has been received. The band is booked and confirmed. The Scouts have confirmed. Email has gone to Councillors Bromiley for advice re ordering Wreaths etc.

**63. 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) Members reviewed the bank statements and all were approved.

d) Members were presented with the Notice of Conclusion of Audit received from PFK the External Auditors. Members voted to accept the report. Notice will be posted on the website and notice boards. Proposed – Ros Mahoney. Seconded – Jon Gadsden

**Resolved** – all agreed

e) Finance Committee forth Member - Alan Bryant agreed to join until new Councillors are in place.

**Resolved** - all agreed.

f) Asset Inspection – clerk circulated list of Assets for all Councillors to check. Cllr Gadsden advised that two benches in Warmley Memorial Park are in poor repair. These are to be inspected again to decide what repairs are required or if replacement would be better.

g) Warmley Community Centre are applying for a grant for Radios and HiViz jackets for the Remembrance Day service. The application was originally made in Mar 2020 but postponed due to Covid. Once received again Council agreed in principle to approve immediately so items can be purchased for this year's event.

h) Project Proposals have been received and will be considered as part of the next Finance Committee meeting to review the 2022/23 budget. Date to be confirmed.

#### **64. Allotments**

Allotment committee reported back that the rent will remain as it is for the 2022 year. The Tenancy agreement will be amended to say that no bonfires are allowed on plots but that incinerators are permissible for the destruction of diseased roots etc. Also - No livestock allowed and dogs are permitted under control and on leads only.

**Resolved** – all agreed.

#### **65. June 2022 Community Event**

Council received recent meeting minutes – nothing further to add at this time.

#### **66. Friends of Siston Common**

Final Commons sign was installed this week. No more signs to come. Nothing else to report.

#### **67. Humber Sign Plaque**

Council decided not to proceed with a plaque.

Proposed – James Hackett, Seconded – Jon Gadsden.

**Resolved** – all agreed.

#### **68. Siston Village Signage**

Councillors decided to work with SGC to provide new signage to mark the village boundary. The proposed sign would be for a

picture of the Church if possible. Designs to be approved.

Proposed - James Hackett. Seconded – Alan Bryant

**Resolved** – all agreed

#### **69. Local Nature Action Plan**

SGC to provide three trees for Siston Parish. Council to support the principle of funding smaller projects that are proposed as options become available.

Proposed – James Hackett, Seconded – Nathan Reed.

**Resolved** – all agreed.

#### **70. Planning**

a) Planning Applications – Outstanding applications were discussed

b) Planning Decisions – all noted nothing to add.

#### **71. Correspondence**

Abram Motors – Following a complaint from a resident - the Clerk has been in touch with SGC enforcement and streetcare to try and get the unauthorised sign removed. SGC advised that SPC write to the company and request they remove the sign and to advise that if the sign is not removed then SGC will remove it at the next opportunity. The letter was sent and the sign has been removed.

Noise complaints from residents have been received following the introduction of events at The White Harte Pub. It has been confirmed that as they hold a music license then they are able to project the music outside as well as inside. Provided there are no more than 500 people present. Locals would need to collect noise pollution information to progress a complaint any further.

#### **72. 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 - £35.89
4. South Glos Localism Inv - £300.60
5. Warmley Community Centre – Room Hire Sept - £30.00
6. Cllr Stacey Exps - £6.00
7. HandyVan Inv - £173.00
8. Cllr Bryant Exps – £52.99
9. Cllr Hackett Exps - £31.80

**Resolved** - Members approved all payments.

**73. Any Other Business** – for information purposes only.

-There is a Dog waste bin inside the Chapel Lane children’s play area which needs to be repositioned.

-Residents are concerned about the number of Benches and the Tented area, on the common by the White Harte pub. These were a temporary arrangement and should now be removed.

-Resident commented on the Council website saying they found it difficult to navigate and not very interesting.

-Recent residents meeting about the Rat Run issues in Stanley Rd has resulted in the local MP agreeing to try and get the project withdrawn.

-The Kingswood Museum hosted a visit from the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire who came to present the “Men in Sheds” with their “Queens Award for Voluntary Services.”

-SPC has been given two oaks to plant as part of the Queens Canopy event. Cllrs are to identify possible locations and apply to SGC for

permission for planting.

**Date of next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at Warmley Community Centre (subject to change if covid restrictions which may be introduced by the Government.)**

**Meeting closed at 21.34**

**Confirmed and signed**

**Chairman**.....

**Date**.....