

Minutes of the proceedings of the Siston Parish Council Meeting held at Warmley Community Centre, on Thursday 21st October commencing at 7.30pm

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

Ward Councillors – Steve Reade and Ben Stokes

74. Apologies for Absence None

75. Welcome to new Councillor

The Chair extended a warm welcome to Councillor Dixon.

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

James Hackett – Chair of The Friends of Siston Common Group
Ros Mahoney – Secretary of The Friends of Siston Common Group

77. Minutes Approved

Full Council Meeting – Thursday 16th September 2021

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

78. Public Participation

No public attended.

79. June 2022 Community Event

Mr Adams attended to present an update to the Council on arrangements for the Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. Cllr Dixon agreed to assist on any specifics that are identified. Mr Adams will inform Council when he needs more help on certain aspects as and when they arise.

80. 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) Finance Committee Chair updated Council on recent Finance Committee meeting decisions regarding the 2022/23 projects budget.
- e) Council decided to accept the new price for bench cleaning twice a year, Spring and Autumn.
Proposed by Andrew Stacey – Seconded by Ros Mahoney
Resolved – agreed.
- f) Council decided not to pay SGC for a new bin to be located outside the play area in Chapel Lane. Ward Councillors to be included in comms. SGC should pay for this as they already fund the two bins.
Resolved – all agreed

81. Accounts for Payment

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

- 1. D&M Property – Bus Shelter cleaning - £188.00
- 2. A Adams Oct Exps - £192.88
- 3. SGC – New Bin charge (Overscourt Wood) - £567.90
- 4. Warmley Community Centre – Room Hire Oct - £30.00
- 5. Warmley Community Centre – Room Hire Finance - £24.00
- 6. Woodstock Tree Service (Owl box installation) - £450.00
- 7. Friends of Siston Common Grant - £2000
- 8. Warmley Community Centre grant - £315
- 9. The Friends of William Champion’s Garden - £300
- 10. A Adams – Salary - £715.18

11. HMRC - £220.17
Resolved – all agreed

82. Ward Councillor update

Councillor Reade – Bath Bridge traffic still being diverted and weight restrictions seem to be making a difference to traffic on the A420.
Commons encroachment – suggestions made that letters go to all who encroach on the common to advise that the council are aware and will be dealing.
No update on the progress with the speed reduction Siston Lane.
Councillor Stokes – Covid support grants still available. SGC working to keep on top of current Covid increase.

83. Clerks update

The clerk updated on matters in the Parish.
Remembrance Day plans are all confirmed and everyone is aware.
The New bin has been installed at Overscourt wood.
Japanese Knotweed in the Clocktower car park – Landowner has been informed. Cllr Reade informed this is a notifiable weed.
Surface damage at the Skate Park – all repairs done.
Mounds Court Farm – Commons damage due to new driveway. SGC attended and stopped work. Meeting to be arranged with all parties to include landowner and Ward Councillors.
Internal Audit booked for the 25th November.
SGC have consented that SPC can plant their two Queen’s Canopy trees in Warmley Forest Park.
Councillor vacancies now available to be co-opted.

84. Siston Village Signage

Members decided to proceed with signs in Siston Village. One near Siston Court and one near Overscourt Wood car park. Design agreed and will be passed to SGC provide a quote.
Resolved – all agreed.

85. Friends of Siston Common

Update provided.

86. Planning

a) Planning Applications – Outstanding applications were discussed
b) Planning Decisions – all noted nothing to add.

87. Correspondence

Graffiti reported on signs, reported to SGC Streetcare. All graffiti has now been removed.
Barriers in Felicity Park Pond – reported to SGC – now removed.
Other debris is still in the pond.

88. Any Other Business

– for information purposes only.
Concerns raised about WCC CIO and trusteeship transfer.
Possibility of more waste bins in Siston Parish Council.

Date of next meeting: 18th November 2021 at Warmley Community Centre (subject to change if covid restrictions which may be introduced by the Government.)

Meeting closed at 21.10

Confirmed and signed

Chairman.....

Date.....