

SISTON

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Siston Parish Council Meeting held at Warmley Community Centre, on Thursday 17th February 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

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

148. Apologies for Absence None

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

Ros Mahoney – Secretary of The Friends of Siston Common Group
James Hackett – Member of the Friends of Siston Common Group.

150. Minutes Approved

Full Council Meeting – Thursday 20th January 2022.

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

151. Public Participation

MOP attended who is interested in the councillor vacancy. Newly appointed Clerk attended to observe.

152. Friends of Siston Common application for further project funding

A further project funding request was made for £750 towards the community officer. Council agreed to pay this in full to support the work of the Friends group. **Resolved** – all agreed.

153. New Internal Audit Contract

A new contract has been received from SGC – SPC decided to continue with this service.

Resolved – all agreed

154. Finance

- a) Members received accounts year to date for 2021/22 and the Bank rec for January 2022.
- b) Members received and approved the account Vs budget Year to Date 2021/22
- c) Members reviewed the bank statements and all were approved.

Resolved – All agreed.

155. Accounts for Payment

Members received the monthly payment approval spreadsheet and authorised the on-line payment of the following items for January 2022 -

- 1. A Adams – Salary - £715.38
- 2. HMRC - £219.97
- 3. A Adams Feb Exps - £487.89
- 4. WCC Room Hire x 2 - £52.80
- 5. SGC Localism Inv - £375.73
- 6. Friends of Siston Common Group - £750.00

Resolved – all agreed

156. June 2022 Community Event

Update received via email – Organiser to attend and up date in person in March.

157. Ward Councillor update

Ward Councillor Stokes - Update on Storm precautions – lots of cancelled events. Local plan sessions happening and lots attending – see poster on notice board. South Glos Council Tax increase by 2.99% over all to include the adult care provision.
Cllrs Scudamore and Davies unable to attend. Apologies sent.

158. Clerks update

The clerk updated on matters in the Parish.
Allotment rents –all rents now collected. Bank charges incurred for one returned cheque. Future invoices to inform tenants that charges will be payable by them. One new tenant has been appointed. No signed contract received as yet.
Station Master Pub sign – Cllr confirmed that the old sign is nowhere to be found but that there are local businesses who are interested in restoring the post and sign. All dependant on landowner.
The clerk advised of the appointment of the new Clerk and RFO. She will start on the 1st March 2022.

159. Committee Member review

As there are a few new Cllrs the committees were looked at and it was agreed that –
Finance – Nathan Reed (Chair) Andrew Stacey, Mandy Dixon, Ros Mahoney
Staff – Nathan Reed, Alan Bryant and James Hackett
Planning – Jon Gadsden, Nathan Reed and Bob Bowe.
Allotment – Alan Bryant, Bob Bowe and Jon Gadsden
Outside committees – remained unchanged for now.

160. Planning

- a) Planning Applications – no objections.
- b) Planning Decisions – all noted nothing to add.

161. Correspondence

Email received from MOP to complain about a bench maintained by SPC.
Email received from MOP to complain about road markings – request sent to SGC who advised no further action to be taken.

162. Any Other Business

Councilor ID cards to be added to the agenda in March
Parish response to the Local Plan consultation to be added to March agenda.
Cllrs still frustrated with the lack of progress at the ponds in Warmley Forest Park and Felicity Park.
Cllr advised that the trees bought with a Parish grant by the Friends of William Champion Gardens are to be planted this weekend.
Cllrs asked the Clerk to follow up on the air quality monitoring that Ward Cllr Reade advised would be being done.

Date of next meeting: 17th March 2022 at Warmley Community Centre (subject to change if covid restrictions which may be introduced by the Government.)

Meeting closed at - 21.01

Confirmed and signed

Chairman..... Date

Ali Adams

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