

Sutton Bonington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Sutton Bonington Parish Council that was held on Monday 1st November 2021 at 6.30 PM in the village hall

Present:

Cllr McMullen-Kerr, Cllr S Collings, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Bembridge, Cllr D Collings, Cllr Hood, Cllr Barney, Colleen Hempson (EMA), 1 member of the public and the clerk.

The Chair acknowledged the accident on Saturday evening and passed on the thoughts of the parish council to family and friends.

415/2021 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received from Kevin Jackson, Miles Raven, Sheila Harrod, Dave Betts and Janet Burgess. These were accepted by councillors.

416/2021 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Cllr McMullen-Kerr declared an interest in item 429 as a member of the Playscheme committee.

417/2021 – County Council/Borough Council/Police reports

- Cllr Barney reported that his deepest sympathies are with the family and friends of the resident who passed away on Saturday evening. He commented that he was the first person on the scene and was sad that he had not been able to help and asked for thanks to be noted for the neighbours who came out to help. Cllr Barney commented that the police and emergency services were incredible.
- Cllr Barney reported that he had met with highways officer at the crossroads and that it was helpful to have colleagues from the university Estate Office involved. It was noted that highways have gone away and will undertake a number of traffic surveys. It was noted that Cllr D Collings had compiled a lot of data on accidents that have happened and highways have also taken that away. It was reported that NCC will come back with a number of proposals and look at what can realistically be done.
- Cllr Barney reported that West Leake Road between East Leake and West Leake is to have its speed limited reduced from 60 to 50 and it might even go down to 40 mph.
- Cllr Barney reported that there had been a good response about the step into the post office and permission is going to be given to remove it.
- Cllr Barney reported that a speed survey is being undertaken on Park Lane and that this might provide the data that is needed to meet the criteria for a speed sign.
- Cllr Barney commented that NCC have accepted Park Lane as the location for the entrance to the new development but a planning condition might be that there is a raised section across the road.

418/2021 – EMA update – Colleen Hempson

- Colleen Hempson reported that there the airport had a good half term with 50% of flights for the holiday period which was only 10% last year because of COVID. It was noted that the airport is functioning on less staff than it has ever had and that there will be a new JET2 ski programme and a RyanAir sale.
- It was reported that there has been strong growth for freight due to COVID following the suppressed activity at Heathrow. It was noted that the increase in night times freight flights has triggered the night time surcharge and that these fines are being put aside for community project.
- It was noted that the CAA are looking at plans for all airports and that these are expected to go out for consultation in the spring/summer of 2023.
- Cllr Bembridge asked about the night flights and what is the time for reducing these. CH commented that that depends on what happens in the wider market and when Heathrow opens back up for freight.
- On behalf of the football club, Cllr Hood, thanked EMA for their donation.

419/2021 – Public Forum

- A member of the public commented that the proposed plans for electric planes is years away and that the amount of cargo out of EMA is ridiculous and that the airport is being very selfish. He asked what gives the airport the right to start doing night freight flights and that they are making people's lives a misery. He said that he cannot see how the law can allow this to happen and that the airport should consider turning the runway round or close the airport. He commented that the noise and the low level of the aircraft has to be detrimental to properties. The resident said that he has spoken with various people at the airport and they

have said that residents can claim compensation.

- Cllr Hood commented that when the freight planes are off course it does stop you doing what you are doing and residents are being woken up by the noise and vibrations.
- CH commented that the use of the 747 is new and the Managing Director of EMA is talking with airlines about implementing noise action plans which are normally reviewed every 5 years. Cllr Barney commented that he sits on the committee as an NCC representative and that they are looking at a noise abatement plan with increased fines and to remove the 747 from the air.
- It was noted that the current flight path had been implemented over 20 years ago, so when the airport was smaller, and the last airspace change was in 2006. It was noted that freight has grown and this is mainly because consumers have changed the way they shop, hence the need for increased freight to be brought into the country, passenger flights are fairly similar.
- Cllr Barney suggested that we arrange a collective meeting with the EMA, the parish council and residents in the New Year.
- The member of the public commented that he was disgusted by what the airport are doing and asked what other ways members of the public can report their concerns. Cllr Barney suggested that residents write to their MP and the Minister for Transport.

420/2021 – Resolution to approve minutes of the meeting held on the 4th October 2021

- A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th October 2021 were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr D Collings proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Simpson and all councillors were in agreement.

421/2021 – Resolution to approve payments

- The clerk submitted a schedule of payments totaling to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr S Collings proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr D Collings and all councillors were in agreement.

Neil Toothill, cleaning & maintenance	£216.00
Kents Services, mowing	£516.00
HMRC, July – September PAYE	£853.93
NEST, pension contribution	£54.52
St Michaels' Church, mowing	£1,540.00
Miles Raven, reimbursement for replacement noticeboard keys	£20.00
O'Heap Derby, fire extinguisher service at pavilion	£68.46
Helen Chadwick, clerks salary	£926.76
TOTAL	£4,195.67

422/2021 – Working party updates

It was noted that a copy of the working party updates had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting for information.

- Cllr Bembridge reported that he had circulated an email regarding grants for the pavilion extension and that he was also meeting with someone from Wymeswold who had managed their project to build a pavilion. It was also noted that additional quotes were now required because of the increased costs. It was also noted that the Handyman duties had been agreed.

423/2021 – Planning & land

- A copy of the recommendations from the planning and land committee were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. The Chair reminded councillors that the parish council do need to agree on the decisions that the planning committee have submitted. Councillors were in agreement with the comments presented. It was agreed that the clerk would submit any objections/comments of support to RBC.

424/2021 – To discuss the offer to purchase the tractor and agree actions

- The clerk reported that an offer of £3,000 had been received for the tractor. Councillors discussed the sale of the tractor and Cllr McMullen-Kerr proposed that we accept the offer, this was seconded by Cllr Hood.

425/2021 – To discuss the Queens Platinum Jubilee and agree actions

- Cllr Harrod reported, via email, that she had hoped that we could arrange a joint event with Normanton on Soar Parish Council but that they have already made their arrangements. It was noted that the Halley's have offered their house and that the Luncheon Club are happy to help with a party at the village hall with music and dancing.
- It was agreed that the events working party would bring a proposal to a future meeting.

426/20121– To discuss the renewal of the land lease for the Scout HQ and agree actions

- The clerk reported that the lease between the Parish Council and the Scout Association Trust Corporation relating to the land occupied by the Scout and Guide building is due to expire on the 25th March 2022.
- It was noted that the Scout and Guide group would like to renew the lease in order that they can continue to provide scout and guide activities in the village.
- The Scout and Guide group have instructed the Guide Association Trust Corporation to act as the leaseholders on behalf of Sutton Bonington Scout & Guider Group.
- It was agreed that the finance committee would review the lease and instruct the parish council solicitor to support the process. It was agreed that a recommendation would be presented to the parish council at a future meeting.
- The clerk reported that the current lease fee is £320 per year and that the group make a donation towards the water bill.
- Cllr Bembridge commented that it is a good organisation for the village but that we should perhaps review what they are paying. Councillors suggested that we perhaps look at increasing the lease fee by the same percentage that we have for the football and cricket clubs with the additional water charge. The clerk commented that the land will be valued and this will determine the lease fee but that we can review this once we have a figure.
- Cllr D Collings proposed that we start the process of renewing the lease and asked whether there is a need for a solicitor to be engaged. The clerk confirmed that a local firm of solicitors had been used but that there is a company who deal purely with parish councils and that she has used on many occasions. This was seconded by Cllr McMullen-Kerr and all councillors were in agreement. It was also agreed that the finance committee would review the updated lease and charges and submit a proposal to the parish council for agreement.

427/2021 – To discuss the request from the Angling Group to have vehicular access to the river in 2022 and agree actions

- The clerk reported that request has been received from the Angling Group to have vehicular access for their less able bodied anglers on the river in 2022 on 7 set dates between the 16th June and October, weather permitting with dates to be confirmed in the New Year.
- It was noted that the biodiversity group have carried out a review following the recent usage and were happy with how it had been managed.
- Councillors discussed the request and agreed that permission would be given based on the same conditions as the current year. It was also agreed that a combination padlock would be purchased by the parish council and the code provided to the group.

428/2021 – To discuss the request from the Village Show Committee to use the playing field/pavilion for the 2022 show on the 3rd and 4th September and agree actions

- The clerk reported that a request has been received from the Village Hall Show Committee for a donation towards their 2022 event. Cllr Simpson proposed a donation of £250, this was seconded by Cllr S Collings and all councillors were in agreement.

429/2021 – To discuss the request from the Playscheme to use the pavilion and top of the playing field on the 1st to the 5th and 8th to the 12th August 2022 and agree actions

- The clerk reported that a request from the playscheme has been received to use the pavilion and top of the playing field on set dates in August 2022. Councillors discussed request and all were in agreement with granting permission.
- Cllr S Collings proposed that we also make a donation of £250, this was seconded by Cllr D Collings and all and all councillors were in agreement.

430/2021 – To discuss the request from Sutton Bonington Tennis Club for financial support for the club under section 137 and agree actions

- The clerk reported that she had received a request from Sutton Bonington Tennis Club for financial support of £17,600 for the club under section 137. Section 137 is an amount of money that a parish council can add to its precept if it feels it wishes to make additional donations to local groups. It is set at £8.41 per elector at the moment but may increase in 2022.
- It was noted that there are approximately 2,000 residents' so the request would add £16,820 onto the parish council precept.
- The clerk reminded councillors that section 137 monies are part of the precept and therefore paid by all residents as part of their council tax and as such any money should be put towards something that will benefit the entire village.
- Cllr Hood proposed that we reject the proposed under section 137 but recommended that it is included within the CIL, this was seconded by Cllr D Colling and all councillors were in agreement.

431/2021 – To discuss the request from the PTA for a donation towards the bonfire and agree actions

- The clerk reported that she had received a request from the PTA regarding a donation towards the bonfire. It

was noted that in the past the parish council have charged the PTA £75 for the use of the area, they have not made a donation to them.

- Councillors discussed the request and agreed that they would not make a donation.

432/2021 – To discuss and agree the process and actions required for compiling CIL and S106 requests

- Cllr Jackson, reported via email, that we need to arrange working party to discuss and agree the allocation of the likely funds we are to receive from WH. A list of potential projects has already been identified but this will need reviewing and a draft allocation list presented to the parish council at the December meeting.
- It was agreed that the working party will include Cllr S Collings, Cllr Hood, Cllr D Collings and Cllr Jackson.

433/2021 – Update on the Post Office

- It was agreed that an update could be emailed to councillors when available.

434/2021 – Update on the installation of the electricity supply for the Jubilee Tree and agree further actions

- Cllr Harrod, reported via email, that the electricity connection to the Jubilee Tree is now in place and there is a cable underground to the base of the tree. It was noted that an electrician has been to inspect the connection and there will be a need for an armoured cable to go up the tree, the cost of this will be approximately £100. It was also noted that a cherry picker will be required at a cost of £116.
- It was reported that the lights required are of a professional standard and will cost in the region of £150.
- Councillors discussed the financial implications and Cllr Bembridge proposed that we proceed with the additional expenditure, this was seconded by Cllr Simpson and all councillors were in agreement.
- Cllr D Collings offered to go and look at the Normanton connection to make sure that we did not need any additional work in the connection box.

435/2021 – Update on the Park Lane tree lights

- The clerk reported that she had made contact with the volunteer group and they are going to look at the lights that they have and if they need any additional lights they have been made aware that there are some funds available.

436/2021 – Date of next meeting

- Monday 6th December at 7.00 PM in the village hall

Closed at 20:50