

# Sutton Bonington Parish Council

## Minutes of Sutton Bonington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 PM at the Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr Raven, Cllr Scrivin, Cllr Collings, Cllr Harrod, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Bembridge, Cllr Betts, Cllr McMullen-Kerr and Cllr Hood. Cllr Hetherington, 3 members of the public and the clerk.

### 68/2019 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received from Cllr Brown & Cllr Hetherington
- Cllr Wright was absent without apologies

### 69/2019 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- N/A

### 70/2019 – Public Forum – 10 minutes

- A member of the public commented that she had approached the parish council about the bin at the entrance to the canal. It was noted that the bin is too small and needs painting. It was suggested that there is a need for a larger bin and asked the parish council whether they would consider purchasing a bin and installing it at a convenient location at the entrance to the canal.
- A member of the bowls club reported that they are desperate for additional members and a new club house. They have been awarded £15,000 from Sport England but are looking for other grant opportunities. It was agreed that the clerk would look to see what is available.
- A member of the public commented that she had approached the parish council about the condition of the noticeboard at Zouch. The clerk has spoken with our maintenance contractor to see whether it is feasible to repair it or whether we need to look at purchasing a new one.

### 71/2019 - Resolution to approve minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed that they were a true record of the meeting. A copy of the minutes will be uploaded onto the parish council website and put on the noticeboards.

### 72/2019 - Any matters arising from the minutes (not included on the agenda) – information only

- The clerk confirmed that she had not heard from Cllr Wright so was not able to update on whether the dog fouling notices had been erected.
- The clerk confirmed that she had not heard Cllr Wright so was not able to update on whether he had made contact with parish councils about their neighbourhood plans.
- The clerk reported that she was waiting for costings of a skate park from Cllr Hetherington.
- The clerk reported that work on the trees has started. The broken gate at the playfields is being repaired. The pavilion is undergoing a thorough deep clean including the showers and guttering. A plumber has been approached to look at the cistern and the outside tap. A contractor has been approached to replace the broken window at the pavilion.

### 73/2019 – Resolution to approve payments

- The clerk submitted the submitted a schedule of payments for July to councillors prior to the meeting along with a copy of staff salaries for August for authorisation (there was no August meeting). Councillors agreed to the payment schedules.

| <b>SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS</b> |   |                  |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|
| CHQ - 3392                | Rushcliffe Borough Council, bin collections         | £1,281.61        |
| CHQ - 3393                | HMRC, PAYE  | £528.15          |
| CHQ - 3394                | British Gas   | £78.50           |
| CHQ - 3395                | Waterplus   | £46.52           |
| CHQ - 3396                | Kent Services, playing fields                       | £306.00          |
| CHQ - 3397                | Kent Services, grounds maintenance                  | £352.80          |
| CHQ - 3398                | Miles Raven, additional keys for the playing fields | £28.00           |
| CHQ - 3399                | Neil Toothill, maintenance services                 | £261.00          |
| CHQ - 3400                | Helen Chadwick, clerks salary                       | £668.46          |
| CHQ - 3401                | Helen Chadwick, expenses                            | £177.23          |
| CHQ - 3402                | Neil Toothill, maintenance services                 | £180.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |   | <b>£3,908.27</b> |

#### **74/2019 – Correspondence & reports**

- The clerk reported that she had been approached by a Zouch resident asking if we can look at replacing the noticeboard in the village due to its poor condition. It was noted that wooden noticeboards are approximately £1,000. It was agreed that the clerk would look at costings and funding sources.
- The clerk reported that she had been approached by a Zouch resident complaining about the condition of the bin at the entrance to the canal and have asked if the parish council would consider purchasing a replacement bin. It was noted that Cllr Hetherington has become involved with this issue because RBC originally installed the bin.
- The clerk reported that she had received a communication from the business owners at a small industrial are off Trowell Lane and whether there was any plan for an improvement to the surface. The clerk confirmed that she had approached the Better Broadband Team at Nottinghamshire County Council and they had confirmed that there is no current plan to extend the service to this area.
- The clerk reported that she had received notification that someone had witnessed a car reserving into the recycling wooden surround and then just drove off. The clerk asked councillors whether they wanted to try to locate the owner of the vehicle so that they could cover the costs of any repairs needed. Concerns that people need to be made aware that they are causing damage.

#### **75/2019 – Borough Councillor & Police reports**

- Cllr Hetherington reported that he spoken with the Borough Council about the bin at the entrance to the canal. He has suggested that a sign could be installed saying 'no fly tipping' and that they might provide a wheelie bin.
- Cllr Hetherington reported that he had been attending the meeting of the police and that now they talk about West Bridgford and other city centre area. He commented that we need updates on the soar valley
- Cllr Hetherington reported that he has attended Stage 2 of the Plan and has outlined concerns about the proposed developments south of Landcroft Lane and the difficulty with access bus services and schools, etc. They are going to request that the area is reviewed to ensure that safe

crossing for children is looked at.

- Cllr Burgess attended the Normanton on Soar and spoke with the police about Kelly Carlisle about being added to the newsletter. Cllr Bembridge reported that he is aware that East Leake have a regular police surgery. The clerk will contact Kelly to see if she can ensure that we can a copy of the police update.

### **76/2019 - Planning Applications**

- a. 19/00152/CONARE – fell cedar tree at St Michael's Church. *A copy of the planning application was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that there was no objection to the application.*
- b. 19/01572/FUL – installation of timber gate at East Wing, Sutton Fields House. *A copy of the planning application was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that there was no objection to the application.*
- c. 19/01898/FUL – erection of timber frame garage at Pleasant View, 20 Landcroft Lane. *A copy of the planning application was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that there was no objection to the application.*
- d. 19/01818/FUL – erection of two storey side extension at 6 Pasture Lane. *A copy of the planning application was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that there would be an objection submitted based on: over development of the site, elevated driveway and poor access across a public footpath and support the comments of the conservation officer.*

### **77/2019 – Committee & representative update**

#### Allotment committee

- The clerk confirmed that the Allotment AGM had taken place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.00 PM, thanks were noted to Cllr Collings for her attendance at the meeting. It was noted dog foul remains a concern and that the hedges were in need of cutting. Both concerns are being actions.

#### Playing Field committee

- Cllr Bembridge reported that the committee met on the 29<sup>th</sup> July to look at the condition of the playing, the contracts and proposals moving forward.
- The action plan will be reviewed by councillors and if agreed it will be put into place and will incorporate meetings with contracts, Kent Services. It was noted that the current contract for the mowing is quote confusing and may need reviewing.
- It was noted that there is a need for a disabled toilet at the pavilion and also an officials room. Quotes are being sourced but we will need to look at grants for improvements to the pavilion and pitches.
- It is anticipated that the next meeting will be attended by members of the football club, cricket club, contractors, playscheme, show committee and University to look at the future of the area.
- It was suggested that we need to agree whether we are going to look at a skate park or alternative facility for older children.
- It was noted that we need to ensure that the Kent Services contract meets the need of the parish and its users. Review the original tender to ensure it meets the needs of the parish.
- It was agreed that contact would be made with the FA to ensure that any proposed works would meet the necessary specifications.

#### Spinney & Meadows Nature Reserve update

- N/A

#### Community Orchard committee

- N/A

#### Finance committee

- The clerk reported that the Finance committee will need to month during October to discuss the budget for 2020/2021.

**78/2019 – To discuss biodiversity within the village and sustainability**

- Cllr McMullen-Kerr reported that within the Climate Energy Nottinghamshire they have declared that they will be carbon neutral by 2028 which is at least two years ahead of London, Parish and other capital cities.
- It was suggested that we need to look at how we go about what targets the parish council can implement to ensure that we work with Nottinghamshire to meet their target.
- We need to look at what it means and looking at the aspects that we have control over which may include more wild areas to become carbon neutral.
- It was agreed that the Cllr McMullen-Kerr and Cllr Simpson will look at the Nottinghamshire proposal and bring an update to the next meeting and guidance on what we can do to support the scheme

**79/2019 - Any other business on which the clerk and members wish to report on – information only**

- Cllr Burgess commented that she had received a complaint about a resident's garden and the condition of it. It was suggested that the resident should contact Highways if they have concerns about the condition of a private garden.
- Cllr Hood reported that the bins outside the Pasture Lane and around the Jubilee Tree need to be assessed because they are overfilled.
- Cllr Collings reported that we need to see if the defibrillator at The Star pub is working and whether it needs any updates.
- Cllr Collings report that she had been asked about the 30mph speed limit on Melton Lane, it was noted that this was whilst there was road maintenance.
- Cllr Harrod commented that the tarmac outside her house has been laid but they have not put a seal on it so pieces of tarmac are loose.
- Cllr Burgess reported that roads are closed when work is being done because there has to be a safe distance for people working.
- Cllr Burgess reported that we can apply for newer/better speed signs which show the speed – clerk to contact police.
- Cllr Bembridge reported that there has been a crash and why is there not a stop sign provided by Highways at the Bull Farm crossroads.
- Cllr Bembridge asked whether we know what the next stage of the Gladmans Development is, it was reported that Cllr Brown has more information.
- Cllr Betts commented that the battery in the speed sign needs to be charged once a week because if it goes too low it will damage the plate.
- Cllr Betts commented that we need to update the noticeboard at the playground to remove Jenny's name.

**80/2019 – Agree date & time of next meeting**

- Standing items
- VE day celebrations
- Carbon neutral

**81/2019 – Agree date & time of next meeting**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 commencing at 7.30 PM

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:00 PM