

Sutton Bonington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Sutton Bonington Parish Council that was held on Monday 4th October 2021 at 6.30 PM in the village hall

Present:

Cllr McMullen-Kerr, Cllr Collings, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Harrod, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Betts, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Hood, Cllr Barney, representatives from Inspire and the clerk.

398/2021 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received from Patrick Hood, Kevin Jackson and Cllr Matt Barney. These were accepted by councillors.

399/2021 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- N/A

400/2021 – County Council/Borough Council/Police reports

- The clerk confirmed that the police report would be circulated as soon as it had been received.

401/2021 – Public Forum

- N/A

402/2021 – Chair's update

- The Chair commented that at an earlier meeting she had asked councillors for their thoughts on what they felt the parish council wins had been along with what we can improve on. It was noted that comments for our 'wins' had been: setting up the working parties, the progress made by the flood team, influence on the Park Lane development, making the parish council more visible. Comments on what can be improved included: traffic calming, communication with residents, biodiversity, continue with flood progress. The Chair thanked councillors taking the time to make comments. Cllr S Collings said that it was good to hear what councillors thoughts are and to be reminded of our achievements.
- The Chair commented that Lyn Shawcroft has stepped away from the Playscheme following her involvement for over 32 years. It was noted that her enthusiasm has been extraordinary and she has helped many children and parents over the years. Councillors agreed that they wanted to send a thank you to Lyn for all she has done.

403/2021 – Resolution to approve minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 2021

- A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 2021 were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr S Collings proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr McMullen-Kerr and all councillors were in agreement.

404/2021 – Resolution to approve payments

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

Water Plus, pavilion water supply	£158.00
British Gas, pavilion electricity supply	£68.50
Kents Services, mowing	£516.00
NEST, clerks pension contribution	£54.52
Duncan Bembridge, materials for bench refurbishment	£32.00
Helen Chadwick, clerks salary	£926.76
TOTAL	£1,755.78

405/2021 – 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.

Playing fields working party update

- Cllr Bembridge commented that an updated quote has been received for the pavilion extension and it has increased from £68k to £85k and that this was based on the updated plans and the increase in material costs. It was agreed that two more quotes needed to be sourced so that the parish council have a comparison.
- Cllr Bembridge reported that the updated handyman duties have been circulated to the working party and the handyman. It was agreed that Cllr Bembridge would speak with the handyman about the changes.

Biodiversity working party update

- Cllr McMullen-Kerr commented that the group had reviewed the access that the anglers had been using and agreed that the biodiversity of the area will not be impacted by the vehicular access. It was noted that the vehicular access was for less abled bodied anglers and that if they request access again next year then we should agree a schedule of usage and for the area to be checked after each use to ensure that no damage has been caused. Cllr Raven suggested that we have a combination padlock for the gate for the anglers to use so that the gate is not left open.
- Cllr McMullen-Kerr reported that the PCC have given the go ahead for God's Acre so the working party will look at what the next steps are.

Post Office

- Cllr Harrod reported that the post office will close at lunchtime on the 11th October and will reopen under the new management on the 15th October.

406/2021 – 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.

407/2021 – To discuss lamp post poppies and poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday, including attendance at the Sunday Service and agree actions

- The clerk reported that we have 50 new lamp post poppies and they will need to go up the week before Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Bembridge commented that we will need volunteers to help with the poppies. Cllr D Collings, Cllr Betts and Cllr Burgess offered to help.
- The clerk reported that we have a poppy wreath that we lay at the Jubilee tree but that we have also been asked if we wish to attend the Sunday Service at St. Michael's Church and if whoever is attending wishes to lay wreath. Councillors agreed that we should lay the wreath as part of the Sunday Service at the Church. Cllr Betts agreed to attend and would like with the Church.

408/2021 – To discuss the cost and installation of lights on Park Lane and agree actions

- The clerk commented that the licence for the lights has been submitted and that Cllr Jackson will liaise with the volunteer group.
- The clerk asked whether we have enough lights or do we need to consider purchasing additional lights. Cllr S Collings proposed that we agree to a maximum spend of £200 if the volunteer group require additional lights, this was seconded by Cllr Betts.

409/2021 – To discuss the refurbishment of the phone box on Marle Pitt Hill and agree actions

- Cllr Burgess reported that some of the Perspex needs replacing in the phone box. Councillors agreed that they quotes should be sourced and brought back to the parish council for a decision on whether to proceed. It was suggested that the handyman should be asked if he could replace the Perspex.

410/2021 – To discuss the Jubilee tree lights/progress on works and agree actions

- The clerk confirmed that the invoice has been paid for the installation of the electricity supply but that no update has been provided on when the works will take place.
- Cllr Harrod commented that she is in the process of sourcing a quote for the lights and for their installation. It was noted that we have a £500 grant from Cllr Barney towards any costs.
- Cllr Simpson requested that we have warm white lights on the tree.

411/2021 – To discuss the accident level and continued concern about the safety at the Station Road/College Road junction and agree actions

- Cllr D Collings reported that the NCC website maps accidents that have taken place and between September 2014 and July 2021 only 5 incidents have been logged. It was reported that on crashmap.co.uk 14 accidents have been logged since 1999.
- Cllr Bembridge reported that the university are in dialogue with VIAM and are asking what their action plan is for the junction as it is currently endangering the lives of students and staff.
- The clerk reported that Cllr Barney has informed her that in light of the spate of accidents at the College

Road/Melton Lane crossroads he has arrange a meeting the senior officers from NCC and VIAM on the 19th October. It was noted that he is pushing for safety improvements to be made at the junction and he will feedback at a future meeting.

412/2021 – To discuss EMA/aircraft noise and agree actions

- Cllr McMullen-Kerr reported that as Cllr Jackson had requested this agenda item and in light of his absence the item should be deferred to the next meeting. Councillors were in agreement.

413/2021 – To discuss the situation with regards to the tractor and agree actions

- The Chair reported that following the recent flood training at the tractor shed there is a very strong smell of diesel and that we need to ensure the area is safe.
- Cllr Bembridge commented that at the recent playing field working party meeting an unofficial offer had been made on the tractor. The clerk commented that in order to discuss it we need a formal offer and then it can be added to an agenda for discussion.
- Cllr D Collings commented that there is a need for more space in the shed to store all the flood equipment.
- The clerk reported that she has asked Cllr Hood to carry out an inventory of what equipment is stored in the shed and what is needed, etc. It was agreed that this information would be shared with the flood working party so that they can access the space.

414/2021 – Date of next meeting

- Monday 1st November at 7.00 PM in the village hall

Closed at 20:05