

# Sutton Bonington Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Sutton Bonington Parish Council that was held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 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.

### 382/2021 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received from Cllr Bembridge, Cllr Raven and Cllr D Collings, these were accepted by councillors.

### 383/2021 – Welcome and introduction of new councillor, signing of acceptance of office and declaration of interest forms

- In his absence, Cllr Duncan Collings, was welcomed onto the parish council. The clerk confirmed that the acceptance of office and the declaration of interest forms had been signed.

### 384/2021 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Cllr Harrod declared an interest on item 393/2021 as a member of the Post Office Group.

### 385/2021 – Presentation by Inspire – review of library services

- The Chair welcomed members of Inspire to the meeting and explained that they were going to provide an update on the review of the library provision at Sutton Bonington.
- Peter Gaw, the Chief Executive Officer of Inspire : Culture, Learning and Libraries thanked the parish council for allowing them time at their meeting. He explained that Inspire is a charity working for NCC and that they are committed to keeping libraries open.
- It was noted that library use is declining as people's habits are changing, particularly following COVID.
- It was noted that the opening hours at Sutton Bonington are historically low and need to be reviewed, particular in view of the potential increase in the population if the housing development goes ahead.
- PG commented that they are in talks with the Village Hall Committee about a refurbishment of the library as well as talking to the school about increased usage.
- It was noted that there will be a consultation with the residents and this will be done through the Village News in March 2022.
- Cllr Bembridge asked about the current usage and it was reported that there are 20 active regular borrowers with about 60 visits per week. PG commented that for a village the size of Sutton Bonington he would expect that to be around 200/250.
- Councillors agreed that they would support any refurbishment plans and encourage residents to comment on the consultation when it becomes available.

### 386/2021 – County Council/Borough Council/Police reports

- The clerk confirmed that the police report would be circulated as soon as it had been received.
- Cllr Barney reported that it was great news that Duncan Collings had been co-opted onto the parish council. He commented that the incinerator has now been approved. It was noted that Rob North has been appointed as the new Chief Police Officer and if there is anything we need support with he will happily contact him. Cllr Jackson asked about the solar parks in the area and it was noted that there are five planning applications within the East Leake area but that these are over a 20 year period. It was noted that RBC need to ensure that these are installed in suitable locations.

### 387/2021 – Public Forum

- N/A

### 388/2021 – Resolution to approve minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

- A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 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 Cllr Simpson and all councillors were in agreement.

### 389/2021 – Resolution to approve payments

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

RoSPA playground inspection	£130.80
Chris Littledyke, pavilion cleaning materials	£30.98
Water Plus, pavilion water supply	£98.58 + £98.58
British Gas, pavilion electricity supply	£68.50 + £68.73
Kents Services, mowing (July & August)	£516.00 + £516.00
VIA East Midlands, installation of supply at Jubilee tree	£2,571.67
Duncan Bembridge, materials for bench refurbishment	£244.39
Helen Chadwick, clerks salary (August & September)	£926.76 + £926.76
TOTAL	£6,197.75

### 390/2021 – Working party updates

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

- Flood working party update - No update, meeting due to take place in due course
- Allotment working party update – It was noted that the allotment AGM took place in August and it was agreed that once the hedge has been cut back that additional work will take place to tidy underneath the hedge to allow for clear vehicular access. It was noted that there is need to resurface the entrance and main path into the allotments and this will be costed and presented to the parish council at a future meeting. Allotment holders were happy with the replacement plot signs, these have been ordered. It was noted that the well at the far end of the allotments may be blocked so the clerk is looking at getting a quote for this to be cleared.
- Defibrillator working party update – it was noted that a new battery has been ordered for the defibrillator at the pavilion. It was noted that the condensation in the defibrillator at the Kings Head may be resolved by putting in some insulation. Cllr Burgess is going to buy some insulation and try that before we look at an alternative option for this machine. These cabinets are single-walled and the new cabinets are all double-walled, so, because of the age of the defibrillators, eventually they will need replacing.

### 391/2021 – Planning & land

Cllr Jackson reported that a copy of the decisions from the planning and land committee had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting for information and comments submitted to RBC as required.

- 4 College Road - house roof height. Goes to committee this Thursday with a recommendation to approve. We are still Objecting.
- 76 Park Lane - garage. We are Objecting as proposal is in front of the established building line.
- 33 Landcroft Lane. We are Objecting as proposal is in front of the established building line
- University new buildings. We will support.
- Caravan Park Lane. More action needed from Rushcliffe Enforcement officer.
- Willow Poole Lane extension. No comment.
- Hungary Lane Barn new garage. No comment.
- William Davis Detailed Application Park Lane
  - Cllr Jackson and Cllr Barney and had a lengthy Teams call with WD and their advisors on Friday afternoon. We both strongly believe that WD have done a very good job on the design. It is well laid out and not as dense as could have been, remember the site had an allocation for 85 houses and we are only getting 70. The number 70 is also restricted by a 'deed of covenant' on the site for the next 80 years. Many topics covered and comments as follows:
    - Access. We continue to oppose the position of the proposed access but all agreed that in the end NCC are the competent highways authority who will determine whether it is safe or not. Regardless of the position of the access it appears inevitable that some trees will be lost to enable the 2.4m x approx. 50m visibility splays to be accommodated. I will keep a close following on this.
    - Drainage. STW have said in principal that both Surface Water and Foul Water solutions are possible subject to detailed design. Again STW are the competent drainage authority and they will determine a suitable solution. I suggest Duncan keeps close to this .. All drainage features and headwalls will be sensitively designed
    - Plot 10. It is acknowledged that plot 10 is the closest proposed property to Charnwood Fields. It is however 21m away well above required design standards. WD will go away and look at the design and layout to see if this can be improved
    - Play Area. Latest plan is for a wood/forest type theme with more of a natural look with logs etc.

This is at JHS bequest. She did not like the previous 'fort'

- Additional public parking for the play area and parkland and orchard. This will not be provided as WD want the development to be as sustainable as possible and hence encourage walking and cycling to the site
- Hedgehogs and other beasts. Runs for the creatures will be considered. Bat boxes and bird boxes will be provided
- S106 and CIL. We need to consider what if anything we want monies included in the S106 for specific projects. I will give you a list of possibilities at the meeting. Already requests have been made by the school and bus companies
- On the CIL we are currently likely to be awarded some £118,200 (we would have got an additional £70,000 if we had an adopted Neighbourhood Plan!). We need to do some work on this to see whether we must have specific allocations for this money or not. Also what if anything can we do to get the additional £70,000? I suggest we set up a meeting with JHS and Martin Ward to discuss this.
- Fencing. JHS has chosen the type of fencing and whilst it is not something we have anywhere else in the village it is very 'countrified'. She has also insisted that some of the garden fences between the properties are lower than normal to encourage neighbours to talk!
- Bricks. Six options were presented to JHS and she has chosen four. Three of them are traditional red brick and are in keeping with the village, one however is a little 'buff' for my liking and not sure I am happy with it
- Gas. The development will be gas fired. However all properties will have photovoltaic roofs and underfloor heating ready for ASHP in the future
- Name of development. Still to be decided but once it has been considered then a number of options will be put forward which we can consider or indeed put to the village for comment. WD do want a name with local connections. Matt has suggested something to do with Hattenware but not the Paradise Club!
- Village pond. This will be 'wet' all year round and will be fed by a designed system to take surface water run off from 12 adjacent houses

#### **392/2021 – Resolution to approve change of energy provider, to renewable energy, at the pavilion**

- The clerk reported that as part of the Biodiversity Group she had been tasked with sourcing a renewable energy supplier for the pavilion. A proposal was circulated prior to the meeting recommending that we swop to Octopus Energy as they offer 100% renewable energy. It was noted that current bills for the pavilion range from £68 to £110 and an estimate has been provided of £55 per month.
- Cllr S Collings proposed that we accept the recommendation, this was seconded by Cllr Harrod and all councillors were in agreement.

#### **393/2021 – Resolution to approve submission of a planning application on behalf of the Post Office Group for the installation of a noticeboard**

- Cllr Harrod reported that the Post Office Group have received permission to install a noticeboard on the wall to the left of the building and asked if the parish council would submit the planning application on behalf of the group.
- Cllr Hood proposed that clerk submits the application on behalf of the group, this was seconded by Cllr Bembridge and all councillors were in agreement.

#### **394/2021 – To discuss installation of Christmas lights on park lane and agree action**

- The clerk reported that if there is a wish to install lights on the trees on park land again this year we will need to ensure that the licence is applied for prior to installation and that we have the appropriate lights available.
- Cllr Bembridge proposed that we proceed with the licence application and that he will liaise with the voluntary group about the availability of lights and installation, this was seconded by Cllr S Collings and all councillors were in agreement.

#### **395/2021 – To discuss NCC winter service for 2021/22 and agree actions**

- The clerk circulated details of the NCC winter service programme and asked whether the parish council wished to access any of the services.
- It was suggested that as the Flood Warden, Cllr D Collings, would be an excellent choice as the Snow Warden.
- Councillors discussed the need for additional salt in the current bins and proposed that an additional bin could be purchased and located in the centre of the village.
- Cllr Betts proposed that we check the current status of the bins and the salt levels and agree a spend of up to £200, this was seconded by Cllr Hood (who agreed to check on the condition of the bins) and all councillors were in agreement.

**396/2021 – To discuss the Rushcliffe COVID-19 memorial grant fund and agree actions**

- The clerk reported that details of the Rushcliffe COVID-19 memorial grant fund had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- Councillors discussed the possibilities and agreed that we should submit an application for an inclusive memorial garden and that this could form part of the work that the Biodiversity Group are doing.

**397/2021 – Date of next meeting**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 PM in the village hall

Closed at 20:35