

# Sutton Bonington Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Sutton Bonington Parish Council that was held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00 PM in the pavilion

### Present:

Cllr McMullen-Kerr, Cllr S Collings, Cllr D Collings, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Raven, Cllr Betts, Cllr Harrod, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Hood, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Matthew Barney and the clerk.

The Chair thanked members of the parish council for their support and kindness over the past few weeks. The Chair also commented that there was a lot of debate at the February meeting and that at times the discussions were quite heated. It was noted that we all need to be responsible for ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to speak and to consider that some individuals are more confident than others. The Chair reminded councillors that we should engage with each other respectfully.

### 472/2022 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bembridge

### 473/2022 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- N/A

### 474/2022 – County Council/Borough Council/Police reports

- Cllr Barney thanked Duncan Collings for work as Flood warden and neighbourly goodwill on Landcroft Lane with recent floods; and reported on the following:
- Emerge Ratcliffe, back to planning committee at NCC on 8th March as material changes made since last at committee in June 2021 in respect of 2021 Environment Act and Policy changes in NPPF. Matt submitted comments to maintain the Railhead and HGV restrictions as agreed previously. Also to mandate carbon capture on stack ASAP.
- Bridge at Zouch – have been informed by LCC that costs prohibitive and so bridge reconstruction works aborted. LCC now seeking to undertake substantive repairs instead. The bridge is being repaired on an ongoing basis (currently single lane to achieve this) and being inspected monthly.
- Waste Consultation underway to set Counties Waste Strategy until 2038.
- New Cycleway consultation proposed from Clifton to Sutton Bonington Campus and EMA.
- Levelling up whitepaper released, offering combined Authorities' chance to bid for funds in three different categories, dependent upon adopted final Authority structure.
- Meeting held at East Leake Medical Centre on the 3rd of March organised by Ruth Edwards MP. With Maria Caulfield MP (Minister for Patient Safety and Primary Care).
- Tomorrow's NUH – Attended a meeting on 4th of March with CCG leaders about pre-consultation for initial plans to reorganise all health services in Nottinghamshire
- J9 domestic abuse Training will be held in East Leake on 25th March 6pm. – The training in Ruddington was excellent and so warmly encourage all to attend if they are able.
- Speed Gun – Notification that Police would like to work with Parish to implement a new scheme.
- Cllr Jackson asked about the West Leake solar farm application which is now live. Cllr Barney reported that there are a lot of solar farm applications coming through and that we need to ensure we protect some of our green spaces.
- The clerk confirmed that the Police report will be circulated once it has been received.

### 475/2022 – Public Forum

- N/A

### 476/2022 – Resolution to approve minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

- A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Betts proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr D Collings and all councillors were in agreement.

### 477/2022 – Resolution to approve payments

- The clerk submitted a schedule of payments totaling £3,132.22 to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr S Collings proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Simpson and all councillors were in

agreement.

Neil Toothill, cleaning & maintenance	£202.80
D Hopkins, speed gun repair	£46.96
NEST, pension contribution	£54.52
Came & Company, annual insurance premium	£1,901.18
Helen Chadwick, clerks salary	£926.76
TOTAL	£3,132.22

#### **478/2022 – Working Party Updates – circulated for information**

- It was noted that a copy of the working party updates had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting for information.
- Cllr McMullen-Kerr reported that members of the Biodiversity Group had met with the playgroup and that they are very keen to be involved with 'God's Acre' and are willing to get flowers and to keep a record of what they are doing.
- Cllr Raven commented on the flood on Landcroft Lane and that NCC had issued landowners with enforcement notices 18 months ago and that nothing had been done. Cllr D Collings commented that the main flood was because of the pipe under Glebe Farm and the locality of the pipe under the road. It was noted that the drives are blocked on Landcroft Lane and that the landowners need to clear their ditches. Cllr S Collings reported that she has emailed Callum Smith, the Principal Officer – Flood Risk Management at NCC regarding the enforcement notices and what action is being taken. Cllr McMullen-Kerr thanked Cllr D Collings and Cllr Barney for their work.

#### **479/2022 – Planning & Land – circulate for agreement**

- It was noted that the comments from the planning & land committee had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- Cllr Jackson reported that there has been digging on the WD site for a couple of weeks and that items have been found, it is anticipated that they will be on site for another two weeks. It was noted that WD are still expecting that the planning application will come through in March and they will start on site in April.

#### **480/2022 – To review CIL payments and agree actions**

- It was noted that a copy of the recommendations had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- Cllr McMullen-Kerr thanked Cllr Hood, Cllr S Collings, Cllr Jackson and Cllr Bembridge for a very comprehensive document and for the work they have done to date.
- Cllr Hood commented that the Cllr Raven has raised a question about improving the tractor shed door, improvements to the playground and the fencing as you access the car park. It was noted that the fencing is not the responsibility of the parish council and that the landowner should be contacted.
- Cllr S Collings commented that we do need to look at more secure doors for the tractor shed.
- Cllr Raven commented that we need to include funding for additional playground equipment. Councillors agreed to transfer £10k for the playground. Cllr Jackson commented that there will be a new playground on the WD site.

#### **481/2022 – To discuss and agree quote/s for the street light repairs at the playing field**

- The circulated a copy of the two quotes to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Jackson asked whether we need double headed lights or whether we could have single ones. Cllr Raven commented that it would be even more expensive to revert back to single heads.
- Cllr S Collings proposed that we accept quote A for 5 new lights, this was seconded by Cllr Jackson and all councillors were in agreement.

#### **482/2022– To discuss the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and agree further actions**

- Cllr S Collings circulated details of the Royal British Legion plaque, councillors agreed to review this at the next meeting.
- Cllr Harrod reported that the dinner dance is taking place on the Friday night in the village hall and that people are bringing their own food and drink. Councillors were asked if they would donate a raffle prize and it was agreed that these would be brought to the April meeting.
- Councillors discussed the possibility of giving every primary school aged child in the village a jubilee mug. Cllr D Collings agreed to get some costings and a design and that this would be presented at the April meeting. It was also agreed that councillors would decide who is going to receive a mug.

#### **483/2022 – To discuss the COVID memorial and agree actions**

- Cllr Harrod reported that the stone that had been donated was still available although it had been offered to the school. Councillors agreed to accept the kind donation of the stone and that it would be located at the

entrance to the playing fields and that a plaque will be needed.

**484/2022 – To discuss and agree training needs and attendance**

- Cllr McMullen-Kerr reported that details of training events had been circulated to councillors and reminded councillors that they have a responsibility to look at what is being sent out and that it is good practice to attend relevant training sessions. It was agreed that this would be discussed at a future meeting.

**485/2022 – To discuss the Sutton Bonington Combined Charity and agree parish council membership**

- Cllr McMullen-Kerr reported that details of the Sutton Bonington Combined Charity had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and that there is a requirement for a member of the parish council to be a representative on the charity.
- Cllr Harrod offered to be the parish council representative and all councillors were in agreement.

**486/2022 – To discuss the Scout Hut Lease agreement and agree extension to the existing lease**

- The clerk reported that she had not received the updated lease agreement and that we are still waiting for the land to be valued.
- It was noted that the current lease agreement will expire at the end of March and the clerk requested that the current lease and its conditions be extended until the new lease is in place.
- Cllr S Collings proposed that the current lease agreement be extended until June, this was seconded by Cllr D Collings and all councillors were in agreement.

**487/2022 – To discuss the extension of the current allotment site and implications on current users**

- It was reported that WD have looked at the possibility of having allotments on the new site but that it would only be 2 or 3. Councillors agreed that these would be impractical and that it would be better to see if the current allotment site could be extended.
- It was noted that NCC have offered a contribution to the parish council to extend their current provision with another 10 allotments. The clerk confirmed that in order to extend the current provision there would be an impact on the individual that rents the pony paddock.
- Cllr Hood proposed that we look to proceed with the allotment extension and give the individual that rents the pony paddock twelve months notice, this was seconded by Cllr D Collings and all councillors were in agreement.
- It was also agreed that we would continue the investigation into the Hungary Lane site and who owns that.

**488/2022 – To discuss the request to install a bench in the spinney as a memorial to Steve Day and agree actions**

- Cllr Harrod reported that a letter had been received from the Day family asking if they could install a bench in the spinney, the family will pay for the bench and its installation.
- The clerk asked if they were also going to maintain the bench and it was noted that this needed confirming.
- Cllr S Collings proposed that we give permission for the bench to be installed, this was seconded by Cllr D Collings and all councillors were in agreement.
- The clerk confirmed that there are specific criteria for installing benches on parish land and that these would be provided.

**489/2022 – To discuss the request to install a bench on the playing field as a memorial to Mark Sturges who played for the cricket club for over 45 years and agree actions**

- Councillors discussed the request and Cllr D Collings proposed that permission be granted, this was seconded by Cllr Raven and all councillors were in agreement.

**490/2022 – To discuss the request from Sutton Bonington Football Club to erect a sign at the pavilion/playing field gate that has been donated to the club and agree actions**

- It was reported that councillors had previously discussed the request and had asked for the wording to be updated, a copy of the updated sign had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors were in agreement with the installation of the sign.

**491/2022 – To discuss the request to purchase a key lock safe for the pavilion and tractor shed and agree actions**

- Cllr Hood reported that whenever anyone needs access to the pavilion or tractor shed that they ask him for the key and with more and more people using the facilities it would be useful to have a set of keys available to give to the users.
- The clerk reported that she has looked at the cost of installing a key lock safe and that users would be provided with the code prior to their event, it was noted that the code would be changed on a regular basis.
- Cllr D Collings proposed that two key lock safes are purchased at a cost of approximately £30 each and that they could be installed by the handyman, this was seconded by Cllr Raven and all councillors were in agreement.

**492/2022 – Date of next meeting**

- The clerk confirmed that the village hall is not available for the next meeting which is due to take place at 7.00 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Councillors agreed that the meeting it will be held in the pavilion.

Closed at 20:50