

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPARKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2024 AT 8.00PM**

Present: Mr K Flood - Chair, Mr D Hazell, Mr A Quick, Mr R Squires, Mr T Tuck, Mr D Westwood
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr Henry Hobhouse, 2 members of public

Public session

The meeting started at 8.02pm

2024

SPC80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr L Piper

SPC81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

SPC82 APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 4 November were agreed.

SPC83 CRIME/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A crime report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

SPC84 SOMERSET COUNCILLORS

Henry Hobhouse gave an update on the proposed changes to the footpath/bridleways at Hazelgrove House. Henry reported that he met with Wessex Water regarding the sewerage issues and advised that the works were being costed but it was unlikely that they would be completed until 2030 at the earliest.

SPC85 HIGHWAYS

It was noted that KF had contacted Galliford Try about the size of the new sign.

SPC86 PLANNING DECISIONS

- a) 24/02088/HOU Proposed veranda to the west elevation of dwelling. Hill View, Weston Bampfylde Road, Weston Bampfylde **Application permitted with conditions**
- b) 24/01471/HOU Proposed 2 storey and single storey extension to dwelling with new side porch. Barley Cottage, High Street, Sparkford **Application permitted with conditions**
- c) 24/02341/HOU Retrospective porch on the front elevation. 9 Wolfester Terrace, Sparkford **Application permitted with conditions**
- d) 24/02347/HOU Proposed single storey front extension to form a porch. Linnet Cottage, 11 Ainstey Drive, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**
- e) 24/01978/S73A S73A to vary conditions 3 and 5. Brooklands Barn, Brains Lane, Sparkford. **Application permitted with conditions**

SPC87 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- f) **24/02468/HOU Erection of oak frame garage. Little Weston House, Little Weston Road, Sparkford** There were no issues raised.
- g) **24/02736/TPO Application to fell no. 1 tree as shown within South Somerset District Council (SPAR1) 2003 Tree Preservation Order. Land at Ainstey Drive, Sparkford** There were no comments on this application

SPC88 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS

- a) **McDonalds and Hazelgrove Services - outstanding issues update**
There was no update
- b) **Sparkford Copse – update from Sparkford Copse Trust and to discuss report of fallen trees** There was no update. Henry Hobhouse agreed to follow up possible options for Sparkford Copse.
- c) **To agree schedule of Parish Council meetings for 2025** The schedule of Parish Council meetings for 2025 was agreed.
- d) **Update on new website** AQ gave an update on the new website.
- e) **Transfer of land for village hall – KF** reported that the Officers at Lovells dealing with the site had now left and that Battens are awaiting a response from Lovells Solicitors.
- f) **Local Community Network (LCN) – RS** gave an update following the Highways Working group meeting and reported that volunteer training would be offered to Parish Council's in the New Year.
- g) **Financial update – Village Hall** Noted
- h) **Financial update – Playing Field** There was no update
- i) **Playing Field inspections – quarterly report and update on faults reported** The inspection
- j) **New development sites – update and discuss any issues** there were no issues raised
- k) **LVA Planning – to discuss request for meeting with Parish Council**
It was agreed that KF and TT would meet with LVA to discuss potential S106 contributions.
- l) **Quarterly review of outstanding issues – to report any updates on outstanding issues** an update report was issued in advance of the meeting.

SPC89 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) **To note agreement on NJC pay scales and pay offer for 2024/25**
Noted
- b) **Payment to Mrs L Davis (Parish Clerk salary)** Approved
- c) **Payment of £212.40 to WesternWeb Ltd. (registration of domain name)** Approved
- d) **Payment of £40.00 to First Image Signs (Daisy Wood signs)**
Approved

SPC90 CORRESPONDENCE

None

SPC91 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6 January 2025 at 8pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43pm

PUBLIC NOTICES

Neighbourhood Watch – we are looking to re-instate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. If you would like to get involved then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Speedwatch – we are looking for volunteers to get involved with Speedwatch in the Parish. If you are interested then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Warm Hubs – Do you have a few hours to spare each week or month? Would you like to help people who may be struggling with the cost of living crisis? Do you like to meet new people? If you answer yes to all these questions then please contact the Parish Clerk to learn more about how you could help with a Village Café/Warm Hub?

Community Newsletter – do you have experience in producing newsletters? We are looking for someone to create a regular newsletter for Sparkford. If you are interested then please contact the Parish Clerk to find out more.

Community events – are you holding an event in Sparkford? Please send the details to the Parish Clerk so that it can be promoted on the parish website and Community Facebook page.

Daisy Woods – please note that in the interests of safety and to protect the habitat Daisy Woods has been closed temporarily to allow the area to recover following recent bad weather.

Emergency Plan – would you like to get involved in producing an emergency plan for Sparkford? Please get in touch with the Parish Clerk to find out how you help!