

# Sutton Bonington Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Sutton Bonington Parish Council that was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.00 PM in the pavilion

### Present:

- Cllr Burgess, Cllr Cameron, Cllr D Collings, Cllr Gillis, Cllr Harrod, Cllr Hood, Cllr Jackson, and Cllr White. 1 member of the public and the clerk.

### 883/2024 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hughes and Cllr Barney.

### 884/2024 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Councillors agreed that if a declaration of interest had been noted then that councillor could take part in the discussion but could not vote.
- Cllr D Collings declared an interest on item 893 as an allotment holder.
- Cllr Jackson declared an interest on item 896 as neighbour of one the planning applications.

### 885/2024 – Report from Police/County/Borough Councillors

- N/A

### 886/2024 – Public Forum

- A member of the public from Zouch commented on the awful problems they had been experiencing using the RBC pre planning application and that an application that should have taken 3 weeks had taken 3 months. It was noted that no response had been received to any communication that had been sent and it was causing stress. Cllr Jackson offered to support the resident with their application/communication.

### 887/2024 – Resolution to approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

- A copy of the minutes from the May meeting were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Burgess proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Harrod and all councillors who were present at the May meeting were in agreement.
- Cllr Jackson commented that the sentence on item 870 regarding the year end accounts needed re wording to reflect that the CIL money is separate.
- Cllr Jackson asked about performance review for the clerk and handyman. Cllr Hood commented that handyman is not an employee so does not fall under this.

ACTION: Clerk to update the May minutes and circulate and then add to the website.

### 888/2024 – Resolution to approve payments and update from finance working party, including CIL

- The clerk circulated a copy of the payment schedule to the value of £1,575,08. Cllr Collings proposed the payments, these were seconded by Cllr Burgess and all councillors were in agreement.
- It was noted that the first meeting of the finance working party would take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- Cllr Hood reported that the CIL group had met and had identified additional projects for the next twelve months.

ACTION: Payments to be made. Finance working party to feedback at July meeting.

### 889/2024 – Resolution to approve request for donations towards the Strawberry Wood

- Cllr Hood reported that the group are getting close to purchasing the land at a value of £360k and asked whether the parish council could make a donation. Cllr Jackson asked if Cllr Barney had submitted a rationale for what he wants the donation for and it was noted that the hadn't. Councillors asked what benefit it would be to the village and asked for further information.

ACTION: Request for Cllr Barney provide a rationale for the donation.

### 890/2024 – Update on roadworks

- Cllr Collings reported that the parish council have been actively liaising with VIA (Notts County Council) and Network Rail in the past few months regarding the planned works in the village and surrounding area. Contractors and Network Rail have been monitoring the situation with the wall at Marle Pitt Hill and are now in a position to repair the wall. We believe this will take place week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> July with an estimated completion date of 1<sup>st</sup> September. This will mean a total closure of the road to traffic but it will allow pedestrian access. Alternative routes will be put in, but to stop Landcroft Lane and Hungary Lane from being rat runs these roads will also have closures in place to protect these roads and its residents.

ACTION: Ongoing communication with VIA and Network Rail and updates to councillors/residents.

### 891/2024 – Update on the electrification of the midland mainline

- Cllr Collings reported that we have been made aware that Network Rail are making major upgrades to the Midland Main Line for electrification, this will involve a number of bridge replacement/demolition projects in the area. One of

these is the rebuilding of Marle Pit Hill bridge. It had been hoped to incorporate the wall rebuilding with the new bridge but because of the dangerous nature of the wall, this was not possible. Network Rail will soon be publishing the details of the electrification works in the area and will be holding a public consultation session for residents to attend. Currently we believe that the A6006 Kirk Hill bridge will be the first to be rebuilt probably this coming Autumn, it will be closed for up to 11 months. Marle Pit Hill will be then rebuilt after the completion of the A6006 bridge and will again be closed for a similar period. Pedestrian access will be maintained apart from a limited period.

ACTION: Ongoing communication with Network Rail and updates to councillors/residents.

#### **892/2024 – Update on the pavilion and agree actions**

- Cllr Hood reported that following a review of the original plans and the recommendations of Cllr White the architect has roughly updated the original plans and have submitted an unexpected invoice for this work. Councillors agreed that the updates do not justify the hours invoiced for. It was agreed that we need to find out what the additional fees are for and also the original agreement covers, whether they will support us through the planning and tendering process, etc. Cllr Jackson confirmed that the plans we have are adequate for the planning process. It was noted that we may need something else for a public consultation.

ACTION: Cllr Hood to send the original agreement to Cllr Jackson and Cllr White so that it can be reviewed and discussed with the architect so that we understand the support they are going to offer.

#### **893/2024 – Update on the allotments/allotment extension**

- Cllr Collings reported that we have received quotes for the fencing and tree/hedge work which need to be agreed. Councillors agreed that the plots would be turned around so that no one plot would be affected by the hedges/tree and roots.
- It was noted that the allotment AGM would take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> July.

ACTION: Fencing and hedge quotes to be circulated to councillors for approval.

#### **894/2024 – Update on the dog/waste bin at Diamond Wood and agree action**

- Cllr Cameron reported that the bin in the Diamond Wood car park has been replaced with one double in size by the University of Nottingham. It was noted that if the parish council add the emptying of the bin to their schedule it will be much cheaper and the University of Nottingham have agreed to cover the cost of this if the parish council are in agreement. Councillors agreed providing there was an agreement in place.
- Cllr Cameron reported that we need to remove the bin at the Zouch lock because it is damaged. Cllr Jackson suggested that we report it as fly tipping and if they do not remove we can look to do that.

ACTION: Cllr Jackson to report fly tipping.

#### **895/2024 – Update on the Best Kept Village 2025 competition**

- Cllr Hood reported that at the previous meeting it had been decided to give us more time to prepare for the competition and that we would enter in 2025. Councillors agreed that it should be the best kept village for 365 days a year. Cllr Harrod reported that RBC have provided a plan of the village which they will adapt to cover the areas that we want including. It was noted that we need to agree the areas to be included within the village and also a plan of how to work towards the competition.

ACTION: Working party to meet and plan of action and communication for social media.

#### **896/2024 – Planning & Land**

A copy of planning applications/decisions/withdrawals were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

- Cllr Jackson proposed that the parish council submit an objection to planning application 24/00373/FUL, to remodel and raise existing roof to create loft conversion includes hip to gable roof alteration, rear box dormer, slate roof tiles and roof lights to front at 13 Soar Lane Sutton Bonington Nottinghamshire LE12 5PH. Councillors agreed with the proposed comments:
  - *The principal of the development is not questioned but the articulation of the roof design is poor and not in keeping with any other property in the vicinity or in the conservation area. The proposal shows a dominant flat fronted rear box dormer and would be far better with a sloping roof*
- Cllr Jackson reported that he had had a meeting with the University of Nottingham and they have talked about yellow lanes on Landcroft Lane and Marle Pitt Hill but that we need to make comment on where we feel these lines should end. It was noted that this could push the parking further into the village. Councillors suggested that they should extend towards Bollard Lane.
- Cllr Jackson reported that the University of Nottingham have signed up to the 2028 Carbon Neutral Plan and have a budget to get people out and about doing voluntary tasks. It was noted that they would be happy to support the tree guard removal litter picking, etc. Cllr Jackson commented that they would also like a stall at the village show.
- Councillors agreed that the archaeology exhibition at the village hall was well attended.

ACTION - Cllr Harrod to ask show committee if UoN can have a stall at the show and to report back to the universities working party.

#### **897/2024 – Working party update**

- A copy of the list of working parties and membership was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Hood commented that we do need ensure that the working parties are working effectively and reporting back at each parish council meeting.
- It was noted that the CIL group will meet monthly and then provide a report to the finance group who will in turn report to the parish council. Cllr Hood reminded councillors that if they are posting on social media and using a

personal account that it is your own personal view and not that of the parish council. The working party groups and membership were updated.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate updated working party list and councillors to provide updates prior to each parish council meeting.

**898/2024 – Agenda items for the July meeting/future agenda's**

- Report from finance working party/financial orders
- Allotment update
- Village Show update

**899/2024 – Date of next meeting**

- The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 at 7.00 PM at the pavilion.

Closed at 20:40

AGREED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING	
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SIGNATURE:	
DATE:	

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