

Sutton Bonington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Sutton Bonington Parish Council that was held on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.00 PM in the pavilion

Present:

- Cllr Burgess, Cllr Cameron, Cllr D Collings, Cllr Gillis, Cllr Harrod, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Jackson, and Cllr White.

835/2024 – Welcome resignation of chair and election of chair

- The meeting was opened and it was reported that Julie McMullen-Kerr had resigned from the role as chair.
- No councillors put themselves for the role of chair, Cllr Jackson agreed to chair this meeting.

836/2024 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

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

838/2024 – 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 Hughes and Cllr D Collings declared an interest on item 848 as allotment holders.

837/2024 – Resignation of councillors

- It was reported that Julie McMullen-Kerr had resigned from the parish council. The clerk confirmed that RBC had been notified and if there was no call for an election by the 23rd April the parish council will move to co-opt.

839/2024 – Report from Police/County/Borough Councillors

- N/A

840/2024 – Public Forum

- N/A

841/2024 – Resolution to approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 11th March 2024

A copy of the minutes from the March meeting were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr D Collings proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Gillis and all councillors were in agreement.

842/2024 – Resolution to approve payments

The clerk circulated a copy of the payment schedule to the value of £1,575,08. Cllr Harrod proposed the payments, these were seconded by Cllr D Collings and councillors were in agreement.

Flood defence	The Sand Bag Co.	£193.75
Clerks salary including PAYE/Pension	NEST, pension contribution – March	£58.59
Clerks salary including PAYE/Pension	Helen Chadwick, clerks salary – march	£1,117.03
Water	Pavilion water – March	£37.41
Electricity	Pavilion electricity	£168.30

843/2024 – Resolution to approve the installation of benches by the biodiversity group at the orchard and agree maintenance

It was noted that the biodiversity group had received funding through CIL to purchase benches which are due to be installed at the orchard, however permission is needed as the area is managed by the parish council. Councillors granted permission for the installation of the benches. Councillors agreed to add the benches to the parish council asset register so that they are insured but it was noted that the maintenance would be carried out and funded by the group

844/2024 – Resolution to approve the website renewal for 2024

The clerk reported that councillors had been made aware of the change of provider for the website from the 1st February and that the parish council contract expired on the 2nd April. Cllr Cameron proposed that we proceed with the contract with the new provider, it was noted that all contract details remain the same, this was seconded by Cllr Burgess and all councillors were in agreement.

Cllr Cameron commented that there are some updates required on the website and that he would email these through.

845/2024 – To discuss the Best Kept Village Competition and agree actions

It was reported that details regarding the criteria had been emailed to councillors and an article included in the village news. Cllr Jackson commented that he had put some information on social media. It was noted that the parish council did win the competition in 1984/1985. Cllr Harrod agreed to manage the process with the support of Cllr Jackson and it was the intention to get the streets involved and local organisations.

846/2024 – To discuss the request for a basketball court and agree actions

Cllr White reported that he had been asked if the parish council had considered a basketball court at the playing fields. It was noted that there are grants of up to £15k available through Basketball England. It was agreed that Cllr White would look into this and provide an update a future meeting.

847/2024 – To discuss the memorial tree opposite the entrance to the WD estate and agree actions

Cllr White asked if anyone had made contact with the family to request that the items are removed. It was reported that the parish council have tried to do this in the past. Cllr White commented that he might be able to get contact details for the family. Councillors agreed that we should try to make contact again and suggest that they install a plaque on the bench opposite.

848/2024 – To receive the allotment group minutes and agree any actions

A copy of the minutes from the recent allotment group had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors acknowledged receipt of the minutes. Cllr Hughes commented that the installation of the new water system will encourage the water to flow.

849/2024 – To discuss the main gate and access to the playing field and agree actions

On behalf of Cllr Hood, Cllr D Collings reported that we only have one gate key and access is becoming increasingly difficult. It was proposed that we either source a new gate or a new lock. Councillors agreed that we should look to purchase a combination lock and chair for the gate.

850/2024 – Update on the repairs to the tractor shed

Cllr D Collings reported that the following an attempted break-in at the tractor shed it had been decided to remove the key safe and to arrange for regular users to have a key. It was noted that Cllr D Collings and Cllr Hood had arranged for someone to come out to the tractor shed to replace the lock and 3/4sets of keys cut. It was noted that the costs can be covered by CIL money.

851/2024 – CIL update

Cllr Jackson reported that the group have agreed to have a meeting and a CIL update will be circulated to councillors. Cllr Jackson commented that he will also find out what is happening with the strategic fund and update councillors.

852/2024 – Planning & Land

A copy of the minutes from the working party had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors were in agreement with the comments.

- Cllr Jackson reported that residents have raised concerns about the Gables Lea application but the group had no concerns.
- Cllr Cameron asked about the solar farm at West Leake Hill. Cllr Jackson commented that we can submit comments at the appeal.

853/2024 – Working party updates & membership

Working party updates were circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr D Collings reported:

- That the speed watch scheme is now just awaiting the approval of sites in the village by the Police. It was noted that we do need more volunteers.
- That we continue to have dialogue with Network Rail regarding the Marle Pit Hill wall and when the full closure will occur.
- That he has met with Notts County Council flood officers and walked through the village surveying the problems. He is waiting an update from them and when certain works will commence.
- The new additional signage has been delivered and the flood wardens are meeting next week.
- That he attended a meeting with residents of Charnwood Fields with William Davis, Cllr Matt Barney and Ruth Edward's MP regarding flooding to one house. It was noted that certain actions have been agreed in an effort to prevent future events.
- That the new sandbags have now been delivered.
- That there had been a request that the radial gate be cleaned out, following extensive flooding where the water was 1 cm away from the houses. It was noted that this should not have been done when there was a flood warning on the river and excessive water.

Cllr Burgess reported:

- That we still need to replace two defibrillators in the village.

854/2024 – Update on the pavilion extension planning application and agree actions

In the absence of Cllr Hood it was reported that we have received a positive response from RBC planning regarding the pavilion extension and that a copy of this had been circulated to councillors. It was noted that there are some conditions that we need to manage and will work on these with the architect.

Cllr White commented that looking at the drawings the would suggest that we modify the current indoor space along with changing rooms and then look to extend the front of the pavilion for general use and to future proof the area. Councillors agreed for Cllr White to proceed with the adjustments and to present some 2D plans to councillors.

855/2024 – Update on the annual parish meeting on the 15th April

It was noted that the clerk had circulated a draft chairs report to Cllr Hood and Cllr Jackson along with a list of groups that are going to deliver an update. Cllr Jackson commented that he had spoken with the previous chair and had received a report. Councillors were reminded that this is not a parish council meeting and if they do attend they will form part of the audience.

856/2024 – Agenda items for the May meeting/future agenda's

- Appointment of chair/vice chair
- Year end accounts
- Asset register
- Standing orders/financial orders

857/2024 – Date of next meeting

- The date of the next meeting was confirmed at Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.00 PM at the pavilion.
- Monday 22nd July changed from the 1st July

CLOSED SECTION

858/2024 – To discuss the village handyperson job description/agreement and agree actions

A copy of the job description and details of the working hours, etc. had been circulated to councillors in confidence prior to the meeting for information and clarity on the role. It was agreed that councillors would feed any concerns or additional tasks to the clerk.

Closed at 20:30

AGREED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING	
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SIGNATURE:	
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