

**South Mimms Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**

**Held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at South Mimms Village Hall**

**Present:**       **Chair:** Councillor Yvonne Harverson  
                  **Vice Chair:** Councillor Paula Arnold  
                  **Councillors:** Mark Edwards, and Neil Pumfrey  
                  **Clerk:** Ms Natalie Gettings  
  
                  **Guest:** Cllr Anthony Spencer and representatives the charity Defibrillators In Public Places  
  
                  **Public Attendance** Approx. 12

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42/19       Chairperson Yvonne Harverson opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming

43/19       Apologies for Absence were received from Paul Binstead.

44/19       No Declarations of Councillors' Interests were received.

45/19       The Minutes of the Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> September were approved and signed by Chairperson, Cllr Harverson.

46/19       Finance:

Payments made were noted and the application of a grant for the OAP Christmas party for £225 was approved.

Approval was sought and given for the Clerk to be joined onto the Hertfordshire Council Pension scheme.

Community Matters:

47/19       Two guest speakers from Defibrillators In Public Places (registered charity 1167425) demonstrated the fully automated defibrillator and cabinet that their charity is going to supply to the village. In return, it was agreed that SMPC would make a donation of £1,500 which is substantially less than cost price. £250 of this will come from Cllr Spencer.

48/19       The arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were noted

49/19       It was noted that a coach trip to see the Christmas Lights has been requested by residents and is being arranged (within budget) by Cllr Harverson. Afterwards, attendees will be offered a supper at The White Hart at cost price.

50/19       The Clerk reported that Highways have confirmed that budget had been obtained for data on speeding. This will be collected from two points within the village. The data can then be used later to apply for funding for SIDs speed warning signs.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

- 51/19 It was noted that the Parish Notice Board by the car wash is going to be moved to a more accessible location in Black Horse Lane.
- 52/19 A reminder was given that our new website is **www.southmimms-pc.org.uk** (note the dash in the name). This now has links for reporting all issues that need to go to Hertsmere Borough or Hertfordshire County Councils, as well as phone numbers.
- An earlier fault on the meeting documents page has been rectified.
- 53/19 Planning:
- No new applications were noted.
- The ongoing issue of the builders' yard in St Albans road was discussed, in terms of planning enforcement for the fence and the constant noise and dust pollution. The Clerk reported frustrations at getting no responses to her emails to Hertsmere on this issue and said no appeals are registered on the Hertsmere Planning website. Cllr Harverson said that she had received short shrift from a most unhelpful person at Hertsmere when she had phoned to complain about the constant unbearable noise and the effects on her elderly neighbours. Cllr Spencer said that he will follow up with Hertsmere enforcement as a matter of urgency. The Clerk informed the meeting that anyone wanted to complain specifically about the noise, will need to complete a Noise Diary, obtainable from Hertsmere, as these are used as legal evidence in any cases.
- The Councillors will attend a meeting at Hertsmere later in November, to discuss future development plans for the village and will report back at the December meeting.
- 54/19 Any Other Business
- A discussion was held on the on-going nuisance and eye-sore of the advertising vehicle that is parked by the church. Cllr Spencer said that he will attempt to escalate with Hertsmere.
  - Cllr Goodenough also brought to the meetings attention the Quiz Night for the appeal to raised funds to repair an historic monument in St Giles Church, will now be on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
  - The issue of breakdown recovery vehicles from Laterns Recovery blocking the services roundabout was discussed and the Clerk undertook to write an email to Hertsmere on behalf of the Council.
  - There was a brief discussion on flooding in Blackhorse Lane. Highways Support had responded to a resident's enquires to say that gully cleaning is on a 18 month cyclical programme but that if flooding quickly dissipates after a heavy deluge it could be that the drains are just temporarily overwhelmed, but that if the area floods constantly then it could be that the drain is damaged or obstructed. Suspected faults should be reported on the website or 0300 123 4047.
  - The Clerk will follow up on earlier requests that have been made to Highways for a disabled parking space outside the church.
- 55/19 The dates for future meetings were noted as:
- 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 when Cllr Bright will give a County update.
- Chairperson Harverson thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.