

South Mimms Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at South Mimms Village Hall

Present: **Chair:** Councillor Yvonne Harverson
 Vice Chair: Councillor Paula Arnold
 Councillors: Mark Edwards, Paul Binstead and Neil Pumfrey
 Clerk: Ms Natalie Gettings

 Guest: Hertsmere Borough Councillor Natalie Susman

Approx. 18 Members of the Public

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- 33/19 Chairperson Yvonne Harverson opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming to this first meeting since May and introduced the new Clerk to the Council, Ms Natalie Gettings who has just been appointed.
- 34/19 No Apologies for Absence were received as all councillors were present.
- 35/19 No Declarations of Councillors' Interests were received.
- 36/19 The Minutes of the Meeting of 16th May were approved and signed by the Chairperson.
- 37/19 It was NOTED that payments have been / are being made for: the production of the new website, for the interim clerk and training for the new clerk as well as the council's annual insurance policy.
- 38/19 It was NOTED that 'Reporting problems; Taking Pride in Hertsmere' leaflets are now available and some copies were distributed to those attending. The public were encouraged to report issues like broken paving directly to Hertsmere BC who are responsible for these issues. The Clerk reported that she had also added all the contact numbers onto the Parish's new website and would attempt to obtain further printed copies of tfor distribution around the village.
- 39/19 It was AGREED that none of the new planning applications required comments to Hertsmere BC.
- A discussion was held regarding the land adjacent to Romani, St Albans Road. Chairperson Harverson informed the meeting whilst she has no further information at present, that she continues to monitor this planning issue and would report any findings to the next meeting.

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40/19 Public Session:

- A discussion was held on the on-going nuisance and eye-sore of the advertising vehicle that is parked by the church. Chairperson Harverson informed the meeting that she had suffered verbal abuse and threats from the owner of the vehicle, on more than one occasion, when she had attempted to explain the feelings of village residents. Cllr Susman said that this was just the type of issue that she was able to help escalate with Hertsmere.
- Cllr Edwards reported that sadly Community Infrastructure Levy fund matching was not currently available to bring additional funds to the council's donation to the school building project. However, the school does now have enough funds to build their quiet room and library extension.
- Cllr Edwards also brought to the meetings attention the appeal that is going to be launched to raise funds to repair an historic monument in St Giles Church, which has suffered damage from subsidence. He also gave a brief history of Saint Giles and the story of the White Hart.
- Cllr Arnold brought to the meetings attention a charity quiz night in The White Hart pub on 21st September for a children's heart charity that is currently supporting the family of village residents.
- It was NOTED that with the appointment of the new clerk that projects like the defibrillator installation could now finally progress.

41/19 The dates for meetings for the rest of the year were noted as:

3rd October 2019

7th November 2019

5th December 2019

There will be no January 2020 meeting

Attendees were reminded that they don't have to wait for a meeting to raise any queries and that they can now e-mail the new clerk who works two afternoons a week on southmimmspc@gmail.com.

Alternatively, the public can call Hertsmere Borough Council directly. Phone numbers for all the different departments are now on the South Mimms PC website for easy reference.

Chairperson Harverson thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8pm.

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