

South Mimms Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 5th November 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom

as the Village Hall remains closed due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Zoom Host - Clerk: Ms Natalie Gettings

Attending the meeting: Cllr Morris Bright, Cllr Natalie Susman, Cllr Anthony Spencer (by telephone)

Apologies for absence: Councillor: Cllr Chris Myers

Public Attendance: 10 people

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Ref:

33/20 Welcome from the Clerk.

34/20 Apologies for Absence received from Cllr Myers.

35/20 No declarations of interest in relation to South Mimms were declared

36/20 New Chairperson and Deputy

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Cllr Bright nominated Cllr Susman to be Deputy Chairperson, this was seconded by Cllr Spencer.

37/20 The minutes of the meeting of 22/10/20 were accepted and approved by the Chairperson

Planning

38/20 The Clerk read out a summary of the results from the residents' survey on new housing which had a 20-25% response rate:

Two thirds of the responses were in favour of the new housing being situated north of the village, beyond the existing village footprint. Key priorities for residents are a shop, a village green, a doctor's surgery, plus road improvements such as reducing HGV traffic, M25 noise shielding and parking. A copy of the Clerk's report is in addendum to these minutes. These results have already been communicated to Hertsmere BC who are compiling the full draft Borough plan, which will go to public consultation in Spring 2021.

39/20 Planning Applications – None to review

40/20 Planning Enforcements –

a) Winters Garage (previously Murco Service Station) now operating as a hand car wash. Tenants have erected a large plywood and plastic carport without planning permission. Enforcement have been on site and have recorded the planning breach (ref 20/0213/UAW). and spoken to the tenants, who said they were not aware of UK planning rules. Subsequently new signage has also been erected and Enforcement have been supplied with photographic evidence by the Clerk. Enforcement Office is Mr Victor Unuigbe who will follow up with the site owners. NB This point was discussed further during the Public Session *.

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Chairperson

b) Appeal against enforcement notice 23/08/2019 ref APP/N1920/C/19/3235723 & 3235724 For Land adjacent to 8 St Giles Ave, “The material change of use of land from agriculture to Sui Generis (No Use Class) business (incorporating commercial, light industrial and open air storage)” . Notice was received by the Clerk on 05/11/20 that this appeal will now take the form of a public inquiry and residents were given until 09/11/20 to register a request to speak at the inquiry. Appeals Officer is Mrs Jamie Shah.

41/20 Finance:

- a) The Clerk clarified that no Grant Request have been received this year with activities cancelled due to Covid Restrictions.
- b) The Bank Accounts of SMPC are being switched to the new Councillors since Mrs Harveson’s resignation was accepted at the meeting of 22/10/20.
- c) Cllr Bright has arranged a £300 donation for the South Mimms Christmas Tree

42/20 Community:

- a) The New SID speed check is now operational
- b) Cllr Spencer and the Clerk are to undertake a review of the village play areas and public spaces next week.

43/20 Any Other Business – None

44/20 Public Questions:

Mr David Cockburn enquired on any updates on the skip company who started using the land behind The English Garden Co for landfill during lockdown. ACTION Clerk to speak to Enforcement who have been in attendance.

Mr Cockburn also said that the Winter’s Garage site * has put up a sign saying they intend to open a convenience shop. Mrs Cathy McCaffrey added that the back of the site had also seen new structures which are unsightly. These have also been reported to Enforcement.

Mrs McCaffrey had brought to the Clerk’s attention earlier in the day, a scheme by the Woodland Trust under which they are donating trees to communities. She would like SMPC to gain approval from Hertsmere for her to apply for some free trees, which she proposes are planted in the green space at the back of Brookside. It was the general consensus that it would be nice to be able to involve the school with this project, perhaps burying a time capsule. ACTION Cllr Spencer and The Clerk to visit location and follow up with Hertsmere BC.

45/20 The next SMPC Meeting was set for 3rd December 2020 at 7.30pm Cllr Spencer requested a change to agenda order for future meetings, putting the Public Questions Section at the start of the meeting. ACTION Clerk.

With no further business Cllr Spence thanked everyone for attending and ended the meeting at 8.10pm

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