

South Mimms Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 4th February 2021 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 Anthony Spencer (Chairperson) , Cllr Morris Bright, Cllr Natalie Susman,

Apologies for absence: Cllr Chris Myers Public Attendance: Approx 15 people.

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56/20 Welcome.

57/20 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chris Myers.

58/20 Declarations of Councillors' – Cllr Spencer sits on the Hertsmere planning committee, so he asked that Cllr Sussman chair that part of the meeting.

59/20 The minutes of the last meeting (December 2020) were approved.

60/20 Due to Covid restrictions and the resignation of all previous Councillors mid-term, an Annual General Meeting was not held in May 2020 or subsequently last year. To correct this formality and in light of the temporary appointment of four Borough Councillors, it was agreed that the current four Councillors be held over until the elections in May 2021, when four new councillors from the parish will be elected.

61/20 The remaining seat on the council left vacant by the later acceptance of Cllr Harverson resignation by Hertsmere Borough Council received no requests for an election and hence this seat (which has a further two-year term of office) needs to be filled by the process of co-option. Two applications have been received from Mrs Cathy McCaffrey and Mr Daniel Becker. Both candidates have submitted personal statements and have been interviewed. A notice of the decision of the Councillors on who to co-opt will be announced shortly.

62/20 Details of how to stand for election in May and who is eligible to stand will be published as soon as they are made available by Hertsmere Borough Council.

63/20 Members of the public were invited to ask question. Some of these were due to be answered under planning anyway, so those are noted subsequently. It was requested that a method was found for of advertising planning application via social media.

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A new Community Facebook Group was created by Cllr Myers a few weeks ago and initially the Clerk was also made an Admin (but she was removed last week). It was previously the understanding of the Councillors present at this meeting, that if no South Mimms residents had come forward to act as administrators, then a discussion was required on the possibility of changing the group to a SMPC controlled group (and it would therefore be appropriate for this to be run by the Clerk).

This agreement was made at the meeting, however SUBSEQUENT to the meeting (at which Cllr Myers was not present) Cllr Myers has said that the Facebook Group he set up is his private group, and as such he has no intention of turning it over to SMPC, even though he is a Potters Bar resident and Hertsmere Councillor for Furzfield, who will not remain a SMPC temporary Councillor beyond May's elections.

As a result, the Clerk and Cllr Susman are in the process of creating an SMPC Facebook Page. This will not be a members group, but a Facebook Page that anyone will be free to follow and which can be used by the Clerk to alert the public to news and items being posted on the SMPC website.

65/20 Planning:

21/0119/LBC Mimms Hall, Warren Gate Lane construction of an outdoors tennis court and associated fencing.

21/0093/HSE – 23 Ceil Cottages, further to the previous application for a side and rear extension (which was granted) the new application adds a loft conversion with rear dormer and Juliet balcony.

21/0090/CLP Oak Villa Wash Lane, two story rear extension.

20/2129/Ful Land adjacent to 49 Blanche Lane, new 2 storey 3 bed house (comments were required by 25/01 so this was emailed to councillors ahead of the meeting for any comments – none were received). It was noted that this application had an extremely short notice period and Cllr Spencer undertook to raise this issue with Hertsmere Planning Department.

20/2085/ADV – Non illuminated advertisement sign at Pitstop 21 St Albans Road (retrospective) and *21/0091/FUL* Single storey rear extension of metallic construction.

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Chairperson

21/0054/LBC - Dancers Hill House – Conversion of Dancers Hill House into three flats (1 x 2 bed, 2 x 3 bed) to include single storey rear extension, front basement terrace and bridge, alterations to fenestration, internal layout and landscape. Two storey side extension to detached Cottage, single storey rear extension to Potting Sheds and construction of glass link to Cottage to create one 4-bed dwelling to include alterations to fenestration and internal layout to both.

Clerks Note: This is a reapplication of the planning permission granted 3 years ago (but not acted on) pending fund raising for this house to possibly become a museum for The Battle of Barnet, due to its proximity to the newly identified location of the Battle Field, on land running over Kitts End Farm and the back of the adjacent golf course. This was featured on Digging For Britain Series 5 Episode 3 (East of England). Anyone interested in this project can contact the Clerk for details.

21/0161/LBC Cedar House Blanche Lane, Instillation of access hatch to front elevation (listed building consent).

Enforcement updates from Clerk:

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- Aggregates Site next to Romani House – going to a full public enquiry.
- Wash Lane gates – Enforcement to inspect next week.
- Pitstop 21– some planning applications have been submitted now as above, but not for the car port. Victor Unuigbe at Hertsmere enforcement is chasing owners (separate from tenants) for details of their intentions. Residents reported that this has been taken down.
- A1 Skips- response from Hertsmere, formal action to be taken in three weeks if A1 continue and fail to apply for a retrospective license after cease and desist letter was issued.

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New Houses – The Clerk has been contacted by Peter Mitchell, Associate Planning and Development at Gascoyne Estates who are a major landowner in the civic parish. They are seeking public opinions on plans they have submitted to Hertsmere. The Clerk reported that she spoke to Hertsmere the morning before this meeting and they had been very surprised by Gascoyne Estate's approach to the Clerk as this was the first they had heard of their plans for South Mimms and reported that Gascoyne Estates were not up-to-date with the current situation with Hertsmere's plans which are already well developed and will be opening public consultation in May (not April now).

Unfortunately, because of a slight delay to the start of the meeting (due to one councillor having technical issues) the Zoom call cut off at this point in the meeting. The following item will be held over until next month:

- Finance: **To Agree** – That the budget for next the next financial year remains the same as 2020. This has already been reported in draft to Hertsmere, so just needs formal ratification by SMPC.

Clerks Note:

The Clerk was due to give an update regarding NatWest signatories issues (exacerbated as Potters Bar branch is currently closed) however, subsequent to this meeting Cllrs Spencer and Sussman and the Clerk have visited the High Barnet Branch and the Clerk salary will now recommence from March, with the two missing salary payments and delayed pension contributions to be rectified in due course.

Next meeting – 4th March 2021 via Zoom.

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