

South Mimms Parish Council

Minutes of The Meeting of South Mimms Parish Council held on Thursday 17th June 2021

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Cathy Mc Caffrey, Deputy: Cllr Seth Thomas,
Cllr Mark Hedison, Cllr Toni Johnson.
Clerk: Natalie Gettings

Village Hall South Mimms. Members of the public present at a Covid safe distance.

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- 1) Welcome from SMPC's new Chairperson, Cllr Cathy McCaffrey. All councillors present and the Clerk introduced themselves and Cllr McCaffrey again thanked the previous Councillors for their service.
- 2) Apologies for absence Cllr Chris Myers
- 3) Declarations of Councillors' interests – Cllr Hedison's wife is on the Village Hall Committee.
- 4) Councillor's signed acceptances of office were received by the Clerk.
- 5) The minutes of the last meeting (Annual Parish Meeting May 2021) were approved and signed by the Chairperson.

Planning:

- 6) No Planning Applications received
- 7) Hertsmere consultation on new housing will now not take place until September and October, with the full draft plan not being published until next year.
- 8) **To Note** the following Enforcement Updates:
 - a) Site next to Romani House - The inquiry was scheduled for 10th August. However, the appellant has requested a reschedule and Hertsmere are currently awaiting a new date for the holding of the inquiry.
 - b) Wash Lane - The matter of the gates and consequent obstruction of the highway is a matter for HCC highways. They have been informed and we are under the impression it is being dealt with. All further enquiries should be directed to HCC Highways.
 - c) Use of yards off St Albans Road. Barao Yard was given a licence to operate 3 lorries and 1 trailer from the site by Office of the Transport Commissioner last year. a number of temporary buildings are positioned there. Awaiting update from Hertsmere regarding all the yards on that stretch of road.
 - d) 8 St Giles Avenue - Public enquiry after planning was refused for the continued use of the summerhouse and garaging for business - inquiry was held on 11th and 12th of May and Hertsmere are currently awaiting the inspector's decision.

Finance:

- 9) The AGAR submission for the Financial Year 2020/21, signed by the SMPC Internal Auditor, Mr Alex Sage, was received and signed by the Chairperson and Clerk for immediate submission to the smaller authorities External Auditor PFK Littlejohn.
- 10) South Mimms is in receipt of CIL funds of £5k and the Councillors are drawing up a list of possible projects to improve the infrastructure of the Parish for consideration at July's meeting. The public were invited to submit ideas.
- 11) Groups and Organisations of the Parish wishing to apply for a Grant from SMPC should contact the Clerk for an application form.

Community:

12) Community Notices from SMPC:

- a) A Facebook Group called 'Report It & Sort It' for the reporting of fly-tipping has been created by Cllr Chris Myers.
- b) The Key Stage 2 children of St Giles School have again been asked to design a logo for SMPC (only a handful of entries were received when we asked before). Cllr Johnson and the Clerk invite all young residents of the Parish to submit entries by the end of July.

13) Questions from the public.

- a) Received By Email from Richard Starkey:

"Are the councillors aware of the results of the Public Enquiry into the unlawful use of the land in St Albans Road, between the B556 roundabout and Greyhound Lane junction, currently operated by a company named 'Paving Solutions and Groundwork' and also the results of the Planning department's investigations into the three sites being operated unlawfully, adjacent to St Albans Road, between the southern junction and northern junction of Black Horse Lane and St Albans Road" *To be addressed under Enforcement above.*

Answered above.

- b) Any questions from those present.
Mrs Paula Arnold brought to the Council's attention the state of the flint walls on Blanche Lane and some of the greenery that is overhanging public footpaths, particularly outside The Old Vicarage.
- c) It was confirmed by the Clerk that The White Hart pub is in the process of being sold but SMPC is not in receipt of any further details at present. The issue of the location of the Defib will be monitored closely.

Any Other Business

- 14)
 - a) The creation of a Mission Statement for the Parish Council was proposed by Cllr McCaffrey and Seconded by Cllr Johnson and a version will be brought to the July meeting.
 - b) The Parish Council has previously made a small one-off payment to a local lad (Rhys) who has been litter picking and tying verges all over the village, to the benefit of all voluntarily. It was proposed by Cllr McCaffrey and seconded by Cllr Thomas to formalise this agreement on a trial basis and plans **were agreed** to engage him to continue this work for 10 hours a month to be invoiced

15) Preliminary dates for future meetings as follows (all Thursdays) were noted as:

15th July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December, 3rd February 2022, 3rd March 2022.
There are no meetings in August and January.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm