

**South Mimms Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

Present: Cllr Cathy McCaffrey (Chairperson), Cllr Seth Thomas (Deputy Chairperson), Cllr Toni Johnson, Cllr Chris Myers and Cllr Mark Hedison.

Clerk: Natalie Gettings      Members of the public: 25

16) Cllr Caffrey welcome everyone and said how lovely it was to see a room full of residents. She asked that questions from the public are received under item 12.

17) Apologies for absence - None

18) Declarations of Councillors' interests pertaining to Agenda items - None

19) The minutes of the last meeting (June 2021) were approved and signed by Cllr McCaffrey.

20) The new Mission Statement for South Mimms Parish Councillors was read out and approved for use unanimously by the councillors as follows:

*We are local people volunteering to help support and enhance village life for all. Our purpose as the Parish Council is to promote and represent the best interests of the village and Electoral Parish of South Mimms, without bias, so that the community can develop and thrive as a successful, safe and caring place to live and work.*

*We promote healthy debate and encourage individual opinions that will help enable residents and business owners to have their collective voices heard and facilitate the accessing of services at Borough and County level.*

*In return, we request that the community that we represent, work with us in a professional and courteous manner, so that we can achieve our common goals and objectives.*

This will be read out at meetings and placed on the SMPC Facebook Page and Website

**Planning:**

21) The following Planning Applications were heard, and attendees were asked if there were any representations on these items.

- i) 21/1705/FUL 8 Hamilton Close, Conversion of offices into four residential units (1x 2-bed, 2 x1-bed and one studio). Comments to Hertsmere by 13/09/2021 – None received.
- ii) 21/1714/PD560 Installation of Telecommunications Equipment including a 20 metre high monopole supporting 6 antennas and 2 dishes on Land At Junction Of Barnet By Pass (A1) and Trotters Bottom Barnet Hertfordshire – None Received.

22) It was noted that Hertsmere Local Plan will be present to Hertsmere Full Council Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September and will then be released for a 6-week public consultation. During this time. South Mimms

Parish Council will be holding an open day (date to be confirmed) for residents to look at the plans and to give feedback that we can consolidate and pass back to Hertsmere. Residents will also be able to make their own representations direct to Hertsmere if desired.

23) Cllr MaCaffrey noted that the Public Inquiry regarding the Aggregates site next to Romani House: has been delayed by the Planning Inspectorate until January, to allow for more evidence or objections to be received by residents. At present they have only received one diary of evidence directly from a village resident. Cllr Caffrey appealed to all residents affected by this site report this to the Planning Inspectorate – details are on the SMPC website.

24) Finance - The following was approved:

- i) CIL funds expenditure for the ongoing provision of Internet to the Village Hall. Initial contract is half price for 2 years. This will enable SMPC to make meetings available on Zoom as well as in person and will also be available to those hiring the hall.
- ii) SMPC's annual insurance renewal with Zurich £294.88
- iii) Outline approval for the purchase of a village sign (like Ridge's – max cost £1000) and some flower troughs using CIL funds (quotes being obtained).

### **Community:**

25) Cllr MaCaffrey recapped that the sale of the White Hart pub is now complete, and the buyers have been finally disclosed as being Griggs – a Radlett based construction company. Griggs have written to the Parish Council to say they are still assessing their plans for the site and are talking to a restaurant operator. However, they may also consider a 'sympathetic residential conversion'.

A substantial public discussion was held, and a number of residents and councillors spoke on this issue. All who spoke were of the opinion that The White Hart was a key feature of the village's identity (as per the 2020 conservation officers report) and that every effort should be made to keep the site as a hospitality venue. Whilst it was recognised that sadly McMullans had sold the site, feeling it was not profitable as a traditional pub, that it was still an ideal site for a restaurant. It was agreed that a restaurant would be popular with existing local residents, residents of the circa 250 new homes due to be built in South Mimms, as well as attracting customers from other parts of Hertsmere and London Colney.

A motion was put forward that both the War Memorial (unveiled in 1920) and the pub building itself (Grade 2 listed building ref 1346931 built in the 1600s), be considered as 'Community Assets' with appropriate applications made to Hertsmere Borough Council. A show of hands was asked for from the councillors and floor and this motion was carried.

26) Cllr Mark Hedison, and Cllr Chris Myers gave a 'Report It & Sort It' update including grass cutting, bench repairs, street signage and fly tipping.

27) Questions and comments from the public were received:

- a. A discussion was held regarding winter salt and it was established that there was a bin on the corner of Black Horse Lane and Brookside – The Clerk will request that Highways replace it and a addition bin will be purchased for Blanch Lane so the salt being stored at the White Hart can be moved.

- b. It was agreed that from October's meeting that the public will be provided with paper copies of the Agenda.
- c. The inconvenience and hazards of Lantern Recovery Vehicles parking on hatched areas and double yellow around the services and Cllr Caffrey undertook to write to the local Police regarding this and also the Speeding cars around the Pit Stop car wash and generally around the village.
- d. It was also noted that water from the car wash has been soaking people at the bus stop and they have been playing excessively loud music and have had to be asked to move advertising flags from public footpaths.
- e. It was noted that the public phone box is out of order again – Clerk to report.
- f. There is an on-going (18 months) issue with the collapse of the brook behind houses in Brookside (including Cllr Thomas') and any residents with this issue were encouraged to report this – Cllr Thomas to provide details.
- g. The defibrillator is being moved to the Village Hall and a sign directing towards it will be requested from Hertsmere.

28) Any Other Business at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Reminder that future meetings currently scheduled for: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. There are no meetings in August and January, however we aim to produce and deliver newsletters in those months.

Meeting finished at 9pm

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