

South Mimms Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting 6th October 2022

Present: Cllr McCaffrey, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Johnson and Cllr Hedison.

Via Zoom due to Covid, Clerk: Natalie Gettings

6 members of the public in person. One on Zoom

Ref 2022/23

40. SMPC's Chairperson welcomed everyone, and the Clerk read out the mission statement.
41. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Myers (Unwell).
42. No declarations of Councillors' interests pertaining to Agenda items were noted.
43. The minutes of the last meeting (July 2022) were agreed and signed by the Chairperson.
44. It was noted that the September meeting was cancelled as it was due to take place on the evening that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sadly passed away.

Community

45. The next Book Swap is on Friday 21st of October 2pm-4pm in the Parish Room of the Hall.
46. There is a high level joint strategic review on the infrastructure needs of the five boroughs that make up South-West Herts and the public are invited to give their opinions – links are on the SMPC website and paper copies of the questionnaire are available. The Clerk noted that this is not directly related to any house building in the village and is more to do with where in SW Herts do we need hospitals/ schools / transport links etc.
47. It was noted that Hertfordshire County Council are giving away free trees to all residents please see www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/yourtree. The Parish Council will apply for some of these for our public spaces.

Planning & Planning Enforcement:

48. The following Planning Applications were read out with no public representations

38 Blackhorse Lane single storey rear extension of 6m 22/1315/PD42

Internal alterations in the West Wing at Claire Hall apartments, plus widening of the first-floor terrace. Ref 22/1180/LBC

New cross-over driveway at 36 Blackhorse Lane 21/1458/HSE

Revised application for Cedar House renovations with single story side extension 22/1631/LBC

It was noted that no applications have been submitted for the White Hart pub yet.

Finance:

49. A Grant of £350 was approved for the Village Hall Committee for the purpose of ordering the village Christmas Tree.
50. It was noted that the accounts for the last financial year have been passed by the external auditor.
51. It was noted that annual insurance premium has been paid.

Any Other Business:

52. Any items at the discretion of the Chairperson:

- After the Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial there will be teas in the village hall.
- The Village Hall Committee are in need of additional members – please contact Mrs Hedison for details.
- The Village Hall Committee are holding a quiz night on Saturday 15th October - please contact Mrs Hedison for details.
- Resident's front garden bushes are seriously encroaching on the pavement – particularly near the school and on Greyhound Lane. Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to control planting on their property, so that it doesn't encroach on public footpaths or the highway.
- Lamp posts on the bridge are positioned such that a wheelchair or pushchair can't pass.
- The Clerk reported that she has now started on her CILCA qualification, which is basically an A level in local government administration.

Items raised by residents:

- Dog poo not being picked up is being a problem again – clerk to put a reminder on social media
- Some cars in Brookside have been vandalised, with one car being attacked twice.
- It was suggested that a bench dedicated to the late Queen might be purchased.
- The drains in Greyhound Lane are blocked and the road is flooding again. Clerk to report.
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53. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting finished at 8.20pm

Next Meetings 3rd November and 1st December 2022, then 2nd February 2023.