

South Mimms Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting 1st December 2022

Present: Cllr Cathy McCaffrey (Chair), Cllr Hedison, Cllr Thomas, Natalie Gettings (Clerk).

Visitor – Representatives from DLA Town Planning

Public Members: approx. 20

Public via Zoom: 1

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66. The SMPC's Chairperson welcomed everyone and read the mission statement.
67. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Johnson & Cllr Myers who both had to work this evening.
68. No declarations of Councillors' interests were received pertaining to agenda items.
69. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairperson

Planning & Planning Enforcement:

70. Planning Applications noted with no representations:
 - a) 22/1949/FUL - Lower Kitts End Farm Kitts End Road Barnet Change of use of three existing agricultural buildings to commercial use.
 - b) 22/1929/HSE - 25 Brookside South Mimms Single-storey front and rear extensions and two-story side extension
 - c) 22/1878/HSE - 5 Blanche Lane South Mimms Demolition of existing rear extension, part demolition of existing detached garage, and construction of a single-storey rear extension (revised application)
71. It was noted that the Public Enquiry into the aggregates site next to Romani House is Tuesday 6th December at 10 am at Hertsmere's Offices The Chair and the Clerk will attend and the Chair invited members of the public to also attend.
72. A presentation was received from DLA Town Planning regarding the site HEL173 from the previous Hertsmere Local Plan (land between Greyhound Lane and St Albans Road). Concerns were raised because this is within the Conservation Zone *, and also because the landowner has allegedly not fulfilled previous planning obligations or has let sites deteriorate. Some residents, however, thought the scheme had merit as it would remove

the additional school traffic from Blanche Lane and a couple of shops would start the regeneration that the village needed – particularly with the Local Plan Houses coming in the next 3 / 4 years. The Clerk explained that residents would not receive face-to-face engagement from Hertsmere’s planners and that speaking to the representatives of landowners is a way to ensure that what is put into planning (whether we like it or not) has at least had some public input before it is submitted. It was noted that if this scheme were approved that parcel of land behind would be gifted to the village and the thinner parcel would be withdrawn from the local plan. Which would mean it was unlikely to be developed for at least another twenty years, if ever. Residents also raised the issues with the flooding of this land and the knock-on effects with other roads and the DLA will look into this.

*Post-meeting note : According to Historic England “*Conservation areas exist to manage and protect the special architectural and historic interest of a place - in other words, the features that make it unique*”. South Mimms’ Conservation Area has only just been reviewed so this together with SMPC’s Design Statement would also feature of part of Hertsmere’s planning application decision process.

Finance:

73. The Precept request for the financial year 2023/24. This will be for the new South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council and represents a decrease of 5.5%. Benefiting from having a Parish Council will cost residents an average of £1 a week per household next Financial Year.

Community

74. The next Book Swap is on Friday 16th of December 2 pm-4 pm in the back room in the hall – with mince pies.

75. Works on Swanland Road are complete and we are pursuing getting the bridle path levelled.

76. The paths on St Albans Road from the Graveyard to Greyhound Lane have all been cleared.

77. Any Other Business At the discretion of the Chairperson:

The Village Hall Committee are appealing for new members who can help organise the Village Coronation Party next May.

The next meeting will be 2nd February 2023, however, we will put out our January newsletter.