

**South Mimms Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**

Present: Cllr Cathy McCaffrey (Chair), Cllr Chris Myers (Deputy Chair),  
Cllr Hedison, Cllr Seth Thomas, Natalie Gettings (Clerk).

Public Members: approx. 15 Public via Zoom: None

Guests: Dawn West of Hertfordshire CC

Two representatives of the owners of The Meadows.

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- 78. The SMPC's Chairperson welcomed everyone and read the mission statement.
- 79. No apologies for absence were received but Cllr Toni Johnson was unable to attend.
- 80. No declarations of Councillors' interests were received pertaining to agenda items.
- 81. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairperson.
- 82. The Complaints Procedure Policy, Freedom of Information and Publication Scheme Policy, Grants Policy for South Mimms Parish Council were approved.

**Planning & Planning Enforcement:**

- 83. The following Planning Applications were noted:
  - A) 23/0007/HSE – Loft Conversion at 4 Frowyke Crescent. – no public representations.
  - B) 22/2159/FUL Extension to Lantern Recovery Building, Swanland Road.  
Public concern was noted as there is an existing issue with Lantern vehicles parking illegally and dangerously around the services. Cllr Myers encouraged members of the public to comment on the application requesting that a Full Traffic Management Plan be put in place. The Clerk has already submitted a response highlighting these parking issues on behalf of SMPC
  - C) Clerks comment: No applications have been submitted for the White Hart pub.
- 84. A presentation was received from the planning advisor who represents the owners of The Meadows, off Blanche Lane regarding their proposals for 8 houses. It was generally accepted that if improvements were made to the surface and width of the access lane to this site, then 8 homes were a better alternative to continued commercial use and the associated lorries etc. The issue of the bridlepath was raised but the meeting was informed that this could still be accommodated within the plans.

### **Finance:**

85. There were no spending items of note.

SMPC took the opportunity to thank the South Mimms Village Hall committee for waiving the fees regarding hiring the hall for public meetings. Mrs Hedison of the SMVHC, who was present, in return thanked SMPC again for the recent generous grant that allowed the antique wooden hall floor to be completely refurbished.

### **Community:**

86. The next Book Swap is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of February in the 'Parish Room' in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

87. The Clerk requested that if anyone did not receive a copy of the January Newsletter, please let her know. It should have gone to all homes and businesses in South Mimms and Ridge electoral parishes.

### **Any Other Business:**

88. Any items at the discretion of the Chairperson:

A) It was noted by Cllr Thomas that work on the Brookside Garages should be finished soon. Clerk to contact Hertsmere regarding the continued charging for these during the renovation period and a date for work to start on the Village Hall garages.

B) The next meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March which will be the last public meeting of South Mimms Parish Council. There will be no meetings in April. The first meeting of South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council will be after the elections on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023. During the hiatus, the Clerk will continue to work supported by the Shenley Ward Borough Councillors and can still be contacted regarding any urgent business.

C) Anyone interested in standing for Election for South Mimms or Ridge Wards on the new SM&RPC can contact Hertsmere Election Services or the Clerk for details.

**The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and the meeting finished at 8.25pm.**