

South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council

Thursday 6th July 2023 at 7.30 pm at South Mimms Village Hall,

Present: Cllr Cathy McCaffrey (Chairperson), Cllr Ralph Bania,

Cllr Mark Hedison, Cllr Daniel Becker

Natalie Gettings (Clerk),

10 Members of the public in person and via 3 Zoom

2023/24 Minute Reference:

30. Welcome from the Chairperson.
31. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chris Myers who was on Mayoral duties.
32. No declarations of Councillors' interests pertaining to Agenda items were declared.
33. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairperson.

Planning & Planning Enforcement:

34. Taylers Cottages, Crossoaks Lane, Ridge. Demolition of existing rear outbuilding. Construction of a single-storey rear extension, new front porch and alterations to fenestrations.
A resident voiced concerns that the rear windows are to be anthracite, not white, and if the resident were to change the front windows to match at a later date, this would be out of keeping with the street scene. The Clerk advised that residents should note concerns via the portal and undertook to do the same.
35. The Parish Council's response to the South Mimms Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan's proposed changes was **APPROVED**
The Clerk outlined the details of the response which was to say:
 - a) The field on the northwest of St Albans Road should not be removed at this is due to be a park under the local plan.
 - b) That if Hazeldene and Hazelmere are being added, then Romani house and Wisteria house should too.
 - c) That if Arlington House was being included, then the Black Horse and three locally listed buildings in the same road should be included too.
 - d) That if New Grange was being added then the lake and woods should be too.
36. Enforcement – See AOB

Finance:

37. There were no new items to approve. The design of the previously approved bench for Blackhorse Lane was discussed. However, local residents who run FPA Property Services, said that they were very happy to either sponsor the bench or buy the bench directly for the Parish. All members said that was most appreciated. The Clerk will follow up.

Community:

38. **It was noted** that the next Book Swap is on Friday 21st July in the 'Parish Room' in the South Mimms Village Hall from 2-4pm. There will be no Book Swap in August, but we will start again on 19th September (always the 3rd Friday of each month).

Any Other Business:

39. Any items at the discretion of the Chairperson:

It was noted that a joint meeting with Hertsmere's Head of Street Scene and our Project Manager at Hertfordshire Highways and Cllr Morris Bright has been requested to discuss the issues of parking control and speeding in both villages. This will hopefully take place in early September.

A discussion was held regarding parking, traffic and speeding in the villages and the Clerk and Cllrs Bania and Becker said that all of these issues would be brought up at the meeting.

40. Cllr Beck checked with the Clerk that there weren't any updates on the enforcement issues facing both Villages. **It was noted that** there was no update to report, but the Clerk gave a brief recap of Cllr Gray's speech last month. The Council confirmed that Enforcement remains a priority issue.

41. **It was noted** that the next meeting will be on Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm at RIDGE VILLAGE HALL. This will also be on Zoom. There is no August meeting but a newsletter will be sent out to all residents. The Clerk will ask the PCSOs to attend to give a crime and safety update.

With no other business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.