

SOUTH CADBURY & SUTTON MONTIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30pm IN SUTTON MONTIS VILLAGE HALL

Those present: M Coombs (Chairman), M Toop (Vice Chairman), J Griffiths, M Semmons, E Tabor, D Soper
C A Burnett (Parish Clerk)

Note: The Chairman opened the meeting by directing those present to the paragraph at the top of the agenda on the Parish Councils Policy on audio/visual recording and photography at council meetings but advised that in fact the Parish Council would be recording this meeting.

- 1.** Apologies for absence – William Wallace (County Councillor), Hayward Burt (District Councillor), P.C.S.O.
- 2.** Disclose or declare any interests arising under the council's code of conduct and consider and decide on any dispensation applications received – None declared.
- 3.** Minutes of the meeting of 24th July 2019 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.
- 4.** District & County Councillor's Reports (if any) – No one in attendance therefore no reports.
- 5.** P.C.S.O. Items – No P.C.S.O. in attendance and no items brought up however the Clerk confirmed she had checked and there had been no reported crimes in our area.
- 6.** OPEN SESSION – No members of the public in attendance therefore no items brought up
- 7.** Planning Applications
 - Update on any existing planning applications and update on potential planning applications/issues arising
 - The Clerk confirmed that there was still no decision as yet on the Sinfield/Farm Shop application although the Clerk has seen on the Planning website that it looks like he is going to be asked to carry out more ongoing archaeological work on the site.
 - Laburnham House/Sandy McNeal – the Clerk confirmed that the application to have a large shed in his garden has been approved.
 - The Clerk confirmed that she had observed on the Planning website that the cow track at Windsor Farm did not need permission, but this is under Queen Camel parish, but she thought as she knew the information she would share it with members.
 - The Clerk also confirmed that she had noted that Paddock House had put in for change of use of agricultural land adjacent to residential use and for the access to be changed, but it has subsequently been withdrawn. The Clerk did point out that Paddock House was in fact under Corton Denham parish although on the website it said Sutton Montis.
 - Discuss any new planning applications that have come in since the agenda generated – No new planning applications had been received.
- 8.** Matters arising
 - Defibrillators Project – The Clerk advised that she had had a meeting with the Ambulance Services and both positions have been approved i.e. in South Cadbury on the side of the Miles family workshop, the concern brought up by the Vice Chairman about in bad weather would the public slip down the bank at the side of the workshop, this was not felt to be a concern in particular there was a rail along part of the bank. The Miles family have in fact offered to put in a small concrete hardstanding for members of the public to stand on which is very helpful and generous of them. They showed where the electric sockets were just inside the workshop, so all in all South Cadbury is not a problem. However, it is a bit more of an issue in the phone box in Sutton Montis as there is a bookshelf inside at the height where the defib is to be placed, so the shelf will need to be moved. The Chairman felt this would not be a problem. The good news is that there is still some form of electricity possibly still connected in the phone box that could be utilised, therefore, the village hall would not need to be used for power. Apparently, the general public have always paid for power in the phone boxes. We now have to say when we want the defibrillators and it's the electrician that we use that will install them. The Clerk has spoken to the electrician Darren Osborne (as specified by the Miles family) and he is on board to do it and as previously agreed the parish council will pay the electrician, his estimated costs for both would be about £300 +VAT. The Clerk confirmed that once installed

the Ambulance service want to have an open session in one village hall to anyone who wants to go along to explain how to use the defibrillators, this is a one off session and separate to any specific training that we may organise. The Chairman asked members to vote on whether to proceed and purchase the defibs and to agree to pay the electricians bill for fitting them. This was unanimously agreed, and the Clerk was asked to proceed.

- VE Day Celebrations next May 2020 – the Chairman asked members if they felt they would like to do something, Liz said she was going to ask around in Sutton Montis, but unfortunately due to lambing had not had time to do it. The Clerk advised that she had sent a mailshot around all other Clerks in and around our area and so far only one Clerk had replied which was North Cadbury and they were leaving it to residents to do something if they wanted to, but the parish council was not organising anything. This prompted discussion resulting in it being agreed to leave it for perhaps further discussion at the November meeting.

- Micro Providers/Village Agents/Community Agents – information from William Wallace and Mike Toop – William Wallace was not in attendance therefore Mike Toop gave a brief overview on his take on this subject and this brought discussion between members, but no outcome or action was agreed.

-Discuss co-option of possible new member – the Clerk confirmed she had not heard anything further from the person who was initially interested and the Vice Chairman said he had spoken to her recently and she seemed very busy with family commitments at present. The Chairman stated it appeared that she was not that interested so we should let it drop. The Clerk confirmed she had spoken with Angela Cox that day with regards to there being a vacancy for another member and although there was someone interested in being co-opted they had dropped out and she advised that it was fine to leave the matter with the parish council. This prompted discussion resulting in the Chairman suggesting that as there were currently 6 active member's we could run on like this until someone else who was interested came along.

9. New items – None brought up.

10. Clerks Items

- The Clerk requested the following items be paid:-

- Clerks wages (3rd part payment for 2019)

- SALC annual renewal fee and the training for two members

- the final payment for the parish council website, which the Clerk confirmed was now up and running and gave out the website address www.southcadburyandsuttonmontispc.co.uk

The Chairman asked members if they were happy to approve the payments, which were all agreed. The Clerk reminded members that there is a £125 a year hosting fee which has already been previously agreed in the minutes. The Chairman confirmed he had remembered this fee. The Chairman signed up all required cheques/payments.

- Finger posts – update – the Clerk confirmed she had at last found the guy from Normtec and it would seem he has changed his phone number/contact details which was slightly annoying, but she had now managed to have a conversation with him about refurbishing our finger posts and asked him if he would come out and take a look at them, he said no what you do is take photographs of the finger posts and e-mail them to me and I will decide if I need to come and take a look at them. The Chairman volunteered to take the photographs and e-mail them to the Clerk.

- Maintenance and Footpath issues

- Liz confirmed she had complained/reported that there were water issues in Sutton Montis, the Clerk thanked her for her action.

- Mike reported that the drain issue had still not been dealt with outside of “Rod Raymonds” house, the Clerk said she will re-report it.

- John stated that there was a footpath sign by his house lying on the ground, the Chairman agreed to take a look and see if he could re-instate it.

- Miscellaneous items

- The Clerk read out to members the reply sent to the resident who complained that cars were exceeding the 30mph speed limit in South Cadbury, members were happy with this action.

- The Clerk confirmed that due to the recent May elections SSDC require new Interest forms be completed by each member. The Clerk gave out forms and asked for them to be returned to her.

- Shared Launch open day at Queen Camel – no action

- SALC are having an AGM on 26th October – no action

11. Any other business

– the Chairman requested that Sutton Montis have a dog bin. Members discussed this and felt it should be sited opposite the village hall. The Clerk stated she would see if she could get a free dog bin, but failing that we may have to purchase one, members agreed to leave the matter with the Clerk, but also agreed that they would agree to pay for one if she cannot get one free of charge.

- John brought up about Orchard Cottage and was there any news on the matter/issues. Liz confirmed she had been round to the property 3 times but no one is ever there. The Clerk confirmed that she had found out that both the owner of the property and the tenant both worked at Sexyes School. The Clerk stated she had phoned the school, but never seemed to get put through to either of them or they were not there. This brought discussion resulting in the suggestion being made for the Clerk to write to them at the school.

12. Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 21st November 2019 at 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting ended at 8.12pm.

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