

South Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting on Thursday, 02 March 2023 at 7.00pm

Held in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs J Bradley-Chair(JB);A Tyler-Vice Chair(AT); V Bacon (VB); P.Elwis(PE);J Potter(JP) and the Clerk-LWebster

SL26/108/23	To receive and approve apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr T Chapman and County Cllrs G Waller and K Bool These were accepted.	Action
SL27/109/23	To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations	There were none received for items on the Agenda	
SL28/110/23	Public Participation (15 mins)	There were no members of the public present	
SL29/111/23	To receive and approve Minutes of Meetings held on 5 th January '23 and Extraordinary Meeting held on 9 th February '23	It was RESOLVED to approve these as a true and accurate record. JB reported that future Minutes would not include items described as "correspondence", "matters arising" or "AOB". The Clerk reported on the legality and best practice regarding Minutes for Parish Councils. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to adopt this policy for future Minutes.	
SL30/112/23	To receive County Council Report	There was no report for this meeting, although it was noted that a report had been received for the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 th March 23.	
SL31/113/23	Finance:- a) To report Community and Premium Bank Account Balances	a)The Clerk reported today's Community A/C balance= £9262.83 and Premium A/C balance= £13,738.63.	

	b) To authorise payments since the last meeting - Central Business Services-Payroll service for January 23-£11.10 c) To authorise the following payments:- - A L Staples-Cemetery Manager's Salary February-£82.47 - LHHWebster-Clerk's Salary February-£279.90 - Clerk's Exps.- Mileage, Stamps Home Allowance-£54.12	b)All payments were authorised since the last meeting c) These payments were authorised	
SL32/114/23	To discuss and agree response to RCC's Local Plan "Call for Sites"	The Clerk reported that the "Call for Sites" was part of information gathering from RCC towards their Local Plan. Two sites in South Luffenham were identified and RCC requested "observations" not objections on both sites by 10 th March 23. These sites can be viewed on the RCC Website. There were no comments made and agreed the Clerk would respond as such by 10 th March 23	Clerk
SL33/115/23	To discuss the pre-application public consultation for Staveley Solar Farm	VB reported that a local group had been formed to act in strongly objecting to this proposal in any future Planning Application made for this solar farm. Cllrs felt that this site was not suitable and perhaps other sites should be considered rather than agricultural land for this development, eg St George's Barracks.	

SL34/116/23	To discuss and agree proposed VETS system from Community Heartbeat and authorise £45 initial set-up fee	JP gave details to the meeting of the VETS system which gives an enhanced facility for residents ever in need of the defibrillator. Basically, up to 17 volunteers may be used to facilitate the system to the best advantage. AT proposed and VB seconded that the VETS system be adopted together with associated costs. It was RESOLVED that the VETS system will be adopted. However, this would be subject to obtaining volunteers before the request is made. JP agreed to produce a leaflet for distribution to all residents requesting volunteers for this initiative.	JP
SL35/117/23	Planning Application To consider 2023/0135/CAT Fell 1 No conifer and 1 No. Willow tree-The Old Barn, 2, Angel Lane, South Luffenham LE15 8PB	There were no objections to this Planning Application. The Clerk will respond to RCC Planning with this response. The Clerk reported that RCC had Granted Planning consent to 2023/0008/FUL discussed at the Extraordinary PC meeting on 09/02/23	Clerk
SL36/118/23	Annual Parish Meeting- 9 th March 23-overview and consolidate	The Clerk reported that Notice including the Agenda had been posted on the SLPC website and Notice Boards. It was emphasised to Cllrs that residents should be encouraged to attend and participate. Agreed Clerk would arrange for additional notices to be placed on Village and Council Facebook pages.	Clerk
SL37/119/23	Speeding-to note proposed consultation with RCC Highways creating 30mph "buffer" zones from National Speed Limit down to 20mph entry into village.	This was unanimously agreed to be an excellent additional safety initiative by RCC Highways in terms of road safety measures in the village. Cllrs stated that signage and road markings were not "fit for purpose" and need to be addressed. This included re-painting road markings and street	Clerk

		furniture. It was suggested the Clerk put this on "Fix my Street" JP also said more volunteers from the current 15 were needed for the CSW. This could be included with the leaflet drop for volunteers for the above "VETS" system.	JB
SL38/120/23	To acknowledge donation from Village Hall and proposed expenditure	The Council warmly thanked the Village Hall for the donation of £400 to the Council. It was RESOLVED this would be allocated for a new plaque for the recently donated King Charles "Coronation Tree" and also towards replacement of the "baby" swing in the play area.	
SL39/121/23	To discuss and agree future reporting to Council from existing committees and working groups	JB reported that a new "system" of reporting to Council should be adopted to make Council more effective. This would replace the existing reporting system which included Cllrs having separate meetings to discuss issues and then reporting back to Council for decisions. It was RESOLVED to appoint Councillor "Representatives" as below:- Highways/Speeding: JP Allotments/Cemetery: JP Pond Close: JP and PE Tree Champion: VB Planning: AT and VB Footpaths: VB Defibrillator: JP Their reports would be brief and attached as papers to Agendas. Representative roles would become immediate, but reviewed at the Annual PC Meeting in May 23	
SL40/122/23	Correspondence	Relevant correspondence had been dealt with in this meeting's Agenda. Any future relevant correspondence will be considered at the next PC Meeting as an Agenda item.	

SL41/123/23	Date of next Meeting	The meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting Thursday, 11 th May '23	
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