

South Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on

Thursday, 7th November 2024

At 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Jan Bradley (Chair JB); Vic Bacon (Vice-Chair VB); Steve Howe (SH); Tim Chapman (TC); Simon Fisher (SF) and Lawrence Webster (Clerk).

Plus Ward Councillor Gale Waller (GW)

265-23/24	To receive and approve apologies for absence.	Apologies were received from Parish Cllr Jane Potter. This was accepted. Also apologies received from Ward Cllr Tim Smith.	Action
266-23/24	To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.	Clerk noted that Dispensation for SF had been received relating to the Village Hall item on Agenda. There were no other Declarations.	
267-23/24	Public Participation (15 mins)	There were no members of the public present.	
268-23/24	To receive County Council's Report.	GW addressed the meeting to say that as a Notice of Election had been published for Oakham North East Ward, she was prevented from addressing Council.	
269-23/24	To receive and approve Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 th October 2024.	It was RESOLVED to approve these as a true and accurate record.	
270-23/24	Finance: a) To report Community and Business Premium Bank Account Balances on 7 th November 24. b) To authorise the following	a) The Clerk reported Community a/c as £20,076.15 and Premium a/c as £12,918.62 b) It was RESOLVED to authorise payments listed in Appendix 1.	

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	c) To receive and approve Quarter 2 Accounts for 2024/25 Financial Year including: Receipts, Payments, Bank Reconciliation, Summary and Actual v Budget spend	c) All Accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was RESOLVED to approve these.	
271-23/24	To discuss progress on Village Hall proposed new car park on Parish Field.	SF reported that no confirmation had yet been received by the Village Hall committee from SLPC, following the joint meeting in October. This was regarding a possible covenant on the SLPC Parish Field land which could restrict the Village Hall in pursuing a car park. Clerk will confirm if there is any covenant in the conveyance of land to SLPC and inform SF accordingly.	
272-23/24	To consider SLPC response to RCC Local Plan-Reg19 Consultation.	This was discussed and it was RESOLVED to respond to the Consultation RCC on Reg.19 that the Plan was sound and the PC supported it..	
273-23/24	To receive report on RCC Parish Liaison Meeting held on 6 th November 24.	SF reported on the Parish Liaison Meeting, summarised below:- 1. Leicestershire and Rutland Resilience Partnership initiative. SLPC existing plan needs up-dating. SF and JP to present document for approval at January meeting. 2. Update from Rupert Matthews, Police and Crime Commissioner who outlined details of his responsibility, including Crime Prevention. Rutland has only circa 2%	SF/JP

		of total crime in whole area which is mainly rural crime. More Police Officers will be recruited over next 5 years, 3. Up-date from RCC Chief Exec. including overview of Local Plan, Financial up-date saying that budgets are under pressure. Also, RCC received Govt. "pothole" grant.	
274-23/24	To consider village grass cutting arrangements, including verges, for 2025/26.	Discussions took place regarding 2025/26 grass cutting arrangements. JB reported that several initiatives had been tried in recent years, but with mixed success. Currently residents have responsibility to cut their outside verges, with agreed exceptions, on land owned by RCC. SF reported that as our Councillor responsible for verges, he had spent much management time attempting to resolve difficulties arising from the current system. SF proposed that SLPC hand back full responsibility for grass cutting to RCC including verges and highway areas. This was seconded by JB. It was RESOLVED unanimously to hand back grass cutting to RCC for 2025/26 season. SLPC would therefore be responsible for cutting Recreation Ground Stamford Road; Parish Field The Street/Pinfold Close and the Village Green. The above resolution will be communicated to residents. The Clerk to inform RCC of this decision.	Clerk
275-23/24	To discuss the vacancy for a South Luffenham Parish Councillor.	It was agreed again for Councillors to actively engage in "recruiting" for this vacancy. The Clerk to produce a poster for the vacancy in January 2025.	Clerk
276-23/24	To receive Parish Representative Reports.	Reports had been circulated and the following action was agreed.	VB

		VB to report on “Fix My Street “ for new white lining on road junctions. Request for Clerk to contact Highways to request 20mph repeater signs, posts and roundels, be erected in locations as appropriate. VB to give Clerk details of locations needed. The “ no parking/passing place” sign had not yet been implemented. Clerk will contact RCC Highways to implement this asap. GW kindly agreed to “action” with RCC if no response within a month of a SLPC request on a SLPC matter.	Clerk VB Clerk
277-23/24	Close of Business	The Meeting closed at 8.25pm	