

South Mimms Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at South Mimms Village Hall

Present: **Chair:** Councillor Yvonne Harverson
 Vice Chair: Councillor Paula Arnold
 Councillors: Mark Edwards, and Neil Pumfrey
 Clerk: Ms Natalie Gettings

Public Attendance Approx. 12

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- 56/19 Chairperson Yvonne Harverson opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.
57/19 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Paul Binstead.
58/19 No Declarations of Councillors’ Interests were received.
59/19 The Minutes of the November Meeting were approved and signed by Chairperson, Cllr Harverson.

60/19 Finance:

To note: Payments have been made for our annual insurance policy, the contribution to the defibrillator charity and for the moving of the second Parish Notice Board from the car wash to Black Horse Lane. A discussion was held later in the meeting on the suitability of the new site and this will be kept under review.

A last minute application for funds for a Christmas party has been received from the Village Hall Committee. This will be granted, as fortunately there remain sufficient funds in the grants budget this financial year. Grants applications are usually expected with 6/8 weeks notice.

Community Matters:

- 61/19 The clerk reported that the response from Hertsmere to the village parking issues has been:
 “Due to the lengthy, expensive process of implementing a Controlled Parking Zone we require a majority of residents in the road to individually request restrictions in writing before we will start to look into the problems. To give a short overview, we have to create a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO.) This is a legal document which requires consulting residents, stakeholders, county council and the Police. We also would need to consider the resources we have available to undertake the task.”

Residents wishing to contact Hertsmere Parking Office at any time should do so either in writing to the offices 3 Elstree Way, Borehamwood WD6 1WN or by emailing PARKING.POLICY@HERTSMERE.GOV.UK. There is also lots of further information on the Hertsmere website under Transport, Streets and Parking.

SMPC will put together a residents’ information sheet that can go through doors in Blanch Lane and will be put in the next Church Newsletter which is in February. In the meantime,

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the Clerk undertook to write to the company who run public bus services through the village to ascertain their stance towards a one-way system.

- 62/19 Cllr Harverson reported that the Defibrillator has been installed and she is arranging training sessions in the new year which will be free to village residents (at a cost of £5pp to SMPC). Dates will follow and will be put on the notice boards and the website.
- 63/19 It was noted that car with advertising has been removed from the area by the church.

Planning:

- 64/19 No new applications were noted.
- 65/19 The builders' yard in St Albans road will now be subject to a public enquiry and as soon as the date is made available this will be published by SMPC.
- 66/19 SMPC Councillors attended a meeting at Hertsmere in November, to discuss future development plans for the village and are please to report that plans for South Mimms have now been downgraded. It is now expected that in the region of 250 homes over the next 15/18 years, far less than originally proposed. SMPC made the planning officers aware of current traffic problems which will be taken into account in any plans. SMPC Councillors will meet the Hertsmere Conservation officer in the New Year and continue to work hard to protect the underlying nature of the village, whilst recognising that some development is inevitable.

Any Other Business

- 67/19
- The Clerk undertook to research the cost of a third noticeboard.
 - The Clerk followed up on earlier requests that have been made to Highways for a disabled parking space outside the church, they deferred this to Hertsmere and now Hertsmere have deflected this enquiry back to County again as the do not currently have a controlled parking zone within the Village. Clerk to re-apply.
- 68/19
- The clerk will follow up on reports that some residents are not happy with elements of the Arlington House redevelopment and it is suspected that some planning constraints (like frosted glass) have been overlooked.
- 69/19
- A query was raised over Cllr Antony Spencer's attendance at the last meeting and the nature of his involvement in planning issues. The Clerk has corresponded with Cllr Spence since this meeting and gained his reassurance that he acts on behalf of the whole of the Parish Council and does so whenever assistance is requested or when a declaration of interest precludes a councillor or councillors. Cllr Natalie Susman acts for SMPC on the same basis and both will attend SMPC meetings as a guest whenever possible. Both are councillors for Shenley Ward which South Mimms falls under.
- 70/19 There is no meeting in January so the next meeting will be on 6th February 2020 when Cllr Bright will give a County update.

Chairperson Harverson thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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