South Mimms Parish Council

**Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom**

**as the Village Hall remains closed due to Covid-19 Restrictions**

Zoom Host - Clerk: Ms Natalie Gettings.

Attending the meeting: Cllr Natalie Susman (Deputy Chairperson), Cllr Morris Bright, Cllr Chris Myers,

Apologies for absence: Cllr Anthony Spencer (Chairperson) Public Attendance: Approx. xxx people. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| 68/20  69/20  70/20  71/20  72/20  73/20  74/20  75/20  76/20  77/20  78/20  79/20 | Welcome.  Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Spencer who is in hospital – we wish him well.  Declarations of Councillors’ None  The minutes of the last meeting (Feb 2021) were approved.  The Co-option of Cathy Mc Caffrey to the Parish Council was proposed by Cllr Susman and seconded by Cllr Bright. Ms Mc Caffrey will serve out the remaining two years of Mrs Harverson’s seat on the council. All other seats will go to election in May  The budget for the financial year 2021/22 will be the same as 2020/21. This has been submitted to Hertsmere and accepted.  There have been no new planning applications since the last meeting.  The Clerk contacted Hertsmere Enforcement team this week, but they were unable to give any further updates on current issues.  Queries from members of the public were answered. The Clerk will look further into the state of the red phone box by the school.  Cllr Susman, Cllr Mc Caffey and Clerk visited the village hall this week with a view to seeing how the building could be put to wider use within the community and by SMPC going forward. Unfortunately, there has been some damage over the winter that will need to be addressed. Cllr Susman is going to consult with Hertsmere Borough Council who own the building. It is hoped that the book swap library that a resident has started could be in the reception area for example.  There are now several Facebook GROUPS being used by both residents and non residents in South Mimms. However, these are closed groups and the admins have the ability to control access to them. With that in mind SMPC has set up a Facebook PAGE which is public and can be followed by anyone, ensuring all residents have equal access to information. The ‘*South Mimms Parish Council*’ page will be used as an electronic Notice Board, and announcements will include notices of meetings, planning applications and other pieces of time sensitive information. The South Mimms Parish website and email ([southmimmspc@gmail.com](mailto:southmimmspc@gmail.com)) will continue to be the main communication channels. Cllr Myers is going to look at merging the group he set up with another residents only group.  Any other business  All of the Parish Council would like to congratulate our PCSO Suzy Tether who has been award PCSO of the Year.  ----------------------------------------------------------------------  Next meeting – 1st April 2021 via Zoom. |
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