



South Mimms Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Thursday 2nd December 2021

Present: Cllr Cathy McCaffrey (Chairperson), Cllr Seth Thomas (Deputy Chairperson), Cllr Mark Hedison
Clerk: Natalie Gettings Members of the public: in person approximately 10 plus others on Zoom.

2021/2022 ref:

48. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Toni Johnson who had to work.
Cllr Mc Caffrey had just had a jaw operation, so the Clerk read out the mission statement and planning.
49. No declarations of Councillors' interests pertaining to Agenda items were noted.
50. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairperson.

Planning & Planning Enforcement:

51. There were no public representations:
- Residential – 21/2297/FUL Brook House, Galley Lane – demolition of existing house and creation of a new 5 bedroom home. No objections.
 - Commercial - White Hart Pub, no applications at the time of agenda publication.
52. A motion was tabled by Councillor Myers was heard:

“South Mimms Parish Council notes growing local concern about the lack of open public consultation meetings on by Hertsmere Borough Council on the proposed Local Plan. SMPC resolves to submit its own full response to the Local Plan, following our open-day consultation with local residents. SMPC further calls upon all Town, Borough and County Councillors in the area to confirm that neither they, nor their businesses stand to profit directly or indirectly from the Local Plan proposals and recommendations.”

This motion was upheld unanimously and all the Councillors present said they had no personal financial interests in the plan.

53. SMPC response to Local Plan for submission to Hertsmere was Approved.
54. SMPC Design Brief for new housing for submission to Hertsmere was Approved.

Finance:

55. CIL funds were discussed. It was agreed that outside gym equipment was too expensive, but that the instillation of an initial village sign would be pursued, with other to follow at major entry points to the village, depending on costs and CIL funds available. It was agreed that it was important to separate the village from the Service Area as much as possible.

Any Other Business:

56. The new SMPC Logo shown above was approved, following a design competition at St Giles School. The two winners were given prizes of art sets at an assembly by Cllr Johnson and the Clerk.
57. The relocated defibrillator has been checked and its new location recorded with the Red Cross etc.

58. It was noted that the path along Swanland Road has finally been cleared by Highways. Cllr Hedison will continue to chase others.
59. It was agreed that the painting of a school sign on the road outside the school will be investigated by the Clerk.
60. It was noted that the SMPC p/t groundsman, Rhys is injured and will not return to duties until the New Year – SMPC have sent a card and chocolates. A high vis jacket is to be purchased for him.
61. It was agreed that the Clerk would talk to the PCSO regarding parking at school drop off / pick-up.
62. It was noted that a local developer has been writing to residents telling them that the owners of The Meadows (off Blanche Lane) want to build 8 houses. During follow up phone calls, a resident was told that if permission isn't granted that they will resume waist transfer operations on the site 24/7. Clerk is following up with Hertsmere Planning and Hertfordshire Waste Control. Hertsmere Enforcement (who stopped the illegal operations at the site in 2020) have already said that they do not believe such a license exists and that the developer is attempting to scare residents into not objecting to the building of homes on the site. *Clerks Note: Hertsmere Councillor Christian Grey (who attended this meeting as a guest), subsequently raised this issue at the Hertsmere Planning Technical Committee Meeting and shared a copy of the letter being distributed to residents so that all Hertsmere Committee members were aware of the Developers bullying tactics.*
63. It was noted that the next meetings are 3rd February 2022 and 3rd March 2022. The meeting ended at 8.25pm and the Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Signed by Chairperson_____