**South Mimms Parish Council**

**To: All Members of South Mimms Parish Council**

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of South Mimms Parish Council will be held on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the Agenda below and you are hereby summoned to attend.

**Members of the press and public** are invited to attend, and the meeting will also be on Zoom.

 Issued by: Natalie Gettings Clerk, South Mimms Parish Council, 27/02/2022

Email: southmimmspc@gmail.com for Zoom Code.

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome** from SMPC’s Chairperson who will read the mission statement.

*We are local people volunteering to help support and enhance village life for all. Our purpose as the Parish Council is to promote and represent the best interests of the village and Electoral Parish of South Mimms, without bias, so that the community can develop and thrive as a successful, safe and caring place to live and work.*  *We promote healthy debate and encourage individual opinions that will help enable residents and business owners to have their collective voices heard and facilitate the accessing of services at Borough and County level.*  *In return, we request that the community that we represent, work with us in a professional and courteous manner, so that we can achieve our common goals and objectives.*

1. **To receive and accept** apologies for absence (Cllr Johnson and Cllr Thomas).
2. **To receive and note** declarations of Councillors’ interests pertaining to Agenda items.
3. **To approve** the minutes of the last meeting and Chairperson to sign.

**Community:**

1. To welcome The Rev. Ayoob Adwar, who is the new Assistant Curate for the Parishes of South Mimms and Ridge, and his family.
2. Community Governance Review update following presentations at Ridge Village Hall.
3. Work has now started by Hertsmere contractors on clearing The Brook to alleviate flooding. Follow on works will seek to reinforce the banks. The Clerk and Head of Parks and Street Scene visited the works last week as well as reviewing the play areas and most of the Village Centre to identify areas for improvement.
4. The following motion to South Mimms Parish Council is **PROPSED** Cllr Chris Myers:

*This Council was disappointed to learn that the 84 bus route is being decommissioned by the current operator. This bus route serves St Albans to the north and New Barnet to the south. Its loss will sever the link between city of St Albans and the tube network at Barnet, will inconvenience countless residents and in particular will make it very difficult for residents in the parish to access vital NHS services at Barnet General Hospital.*

*This Council welcomes news that South Mimms based operator, Sullivan’s Buses, have stepped into save part of the route that runs between Potters Bar and St Albans.*

*However, this council believes that the route should be maintained, in its entirety, and will seek to work with the existing operator and others to ensure that residents do not lose this vital transport link.*

1. Reminder: The Village Hall Committee are holding a quiz night on 5th March in aide of Platinum Jubilee celebrations. There will also be a Family Bingo and Games afternoon on 21st May from 4pm – 7pm – Details to follow.

**Planning & Planning Enforcement:**

1. **To Note any** Planning Applications and hear any public representations on these items – no new items at time of writing Agenda.
2. **To Note**

i)White Hart Pub, no applications at the time of agenda publication

ii) The Public Enquiry in to Aggregates Site next to Romani house no new date received from Planning Inspector as at the time of agenda publication

iii) No further news on **t**he suspension of the current Draft Local Plan by Hertsmere. SMPC have written to Head of the Council, The Planning Team and our MP seeking details of a new plan of action so that Hertsmere isn’t left at the mercy of developers.

**Finance:**

1. **No items to approve.** **To Note:** SMPC has given an outline indication to the Village Hall Committee, that a Grant Request for the South Mimms Jubilee Celebrations of up to £1000 would be favourably considered.

**Any Other Business:**

1. Any items at the discretion of the Chairperson:

To congratulate the Village Hall committee on the refurbishments including all new ceilings and flooring in the newer parts of the building, as well as being painted throughout.

Next Meetings 7th April and 5th May (AGM).