

**MINUTES OF SPARKWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Sparkwell Parish Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Hartley, May, Nicholson, Hutton-Fellowes, Webb, Sophie Jones (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Cllr Edie (SHDC), Marica Lyndon (TW), Lynda and Ray (Representatives of Sparkwell Parish Hall)

**Part 1** (Open to the Public)

**056/24     Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Serpell Denman, Lee

**057/24     Agreement of the Agenda between Parts I and II**

All agreed. Councillors noted that one item of business would be considered in Part II of the meeting.

**058/24     Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**059/24     County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Hart was not present at the meeting but sent a short report via email;  
Have very little to report, DCC are looking into the Lee Mill slip road alterations as suggested recently. There will be a liaison meeting at Tungsten West tomorrow evening.  
Should anything of a County nature come up tonight please email me and I will take it up.

**060/24     District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Edie presented the monthly update from SHDC. SHDC have received the review. There are things to improve upon, but overall it's quite positive. Question have been raised at the last SPC meeting regarding Section 106. Cllr Edie has said that SPC can be involved in where the money is spent.

Cllr Nicholson informed Cllr Edie that there has been some fly tipping on the access road into Langage, by the Venton gateposts.

**ACTION** – Clerk and Cllr Edie to contact Police regarding the fly tipping.

**061/24     Public Forum**

Lynda and Ray from Sparkwell Parish Hall to introduce themselves. They informed SPC that there has been some unauthorised removal of trees.

**ACTION** – Chair to contact contractors to discuss.

Lynda and Ray also asked Marica from TW if they will fund the resurfacing of the car park still. It was agreed that they would. There are questions regarding the safety of the car park at busy times as it is a private car park that is used by the public. The Sparkwell Hall board members and SPC will investigate the possibility of installing a fence.

Ray asked if the SPC would support the installation of a drainage system within the car park. SPC will help if possible, subject to planning, liability, etc.

Lynda and Ray of Sparkwell Hall left at 19.20

Cllr Edie left at 19.33

#### **062/24 Hemerdon Mine**

Marica updated the SPC on developments at Tungsten West. The permit application is currently in the consultation process, and they are waiting for the results from the feasibility study. The Coffee mornings have started in Sparkwell, Shaugh Prior, Colebrook and Hemerdon, and are on a weekly basis. This is also an opportunity for people to sit and have a coffee with company. TW are happy to have suggestions regarding activities for the weekly coffee mornings (crafts, planting, litter picking, etc). This will be discussed at tomorrow's LLG meeting.

The laptop drive results will be announced next week.

Cllr May informed Marica that the Dust Monitor is missing from Sparkwell Hall. He also asked for SPC to be given the baseline figures.

SPC are holding a public meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, with members of the EA and TW attending, to discuss the permit application.

Marica left the meeting at 19.50

Cllr Nicholson left the meeting at 20.02

#### **063/24 Planning**

**a.0876/24/LBC** – As long as Historic England requirements are adhered to the SPC have no issues.

**b.0861/24/ARM** – Querying if the lane will provide a spot for antisocial behaviour and flytipping.

**c. 0890/24/FUL** – As long as wildlife recommendations are met then there are no objections from SPC.

#### **064/24 Minutes**

Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**RESOLVED** – unanimously that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 be approved and signed.

#### **065/24 Climate Change and Biodiversity**

Cllr Hutton-Fellowes attended the River Yealm Water Quality Group meeting and found it very beneficial. She noted the parish's concerns are with run off from the mine (industrial run off, etc). She is on the steering group, which meets monthly via Zoom. The SPC received an invoice for a Fly Survey, which Cllr Hutton-Fellowes said is to outsource testing for fly

larvae as it's a good indication of the Yealm Corridor. It was noted that the RYWQG are having a huge positive effect on the wildlife corridor.

**ACTION** – Clerk to ask if the fly survey is an annual cost and more specifics on what the money is used on. The Cllrs **RESOLVED** to pay the £595 Fly Survey invoice subject to the above.

#### **066/24 Road & Snow Warden**

It was proposed a specific Cllr lead on Road issues. Cllr Hartley volunteered and it was unanimously agreed by all Cllrs.

#### **067/24 Tree Warden**

Cllr Hartley would like to have trees removed within a Lee Mill due to impacting visibility for drivers.

#### **068/24 Parish Assets (Bus Shelters, Benches, etc)**

##### **i. Asset of Community Value**

Cllr Hutton-Fellowes has completed the Asset of Community Value paperwork and now needs to get public opinion and support. This will begin with a Facebook poll.

#### **069/24 Boringdon Camp**

Clerk to remove this item from agenda until there are any further updates.

**ACTIONS** – Clerk to speak to Historic England to gauge possibility of reopening site to public.

#### **070/24 Smuggler's Copse/Football Pitch**

This was discussed in the Public Forum.

#### **071/24 Chairman's Business**

No updates.

#### **072/24 Correspondence**

Clerk previously emailed any relevant correspondence.

i. Citizen Advice are asking for donations.

**ACTION** – The Cllrs voted and **RESOLVED** unanimously to donate £300 to Citizens Advice.

ii. The drain at the 3-cornered field needs to be cleared. DCC previously did this.

**ACTION** – Clerk to find notes regarding soakaway

#### **073/24 Finance**

a. Cllrs reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the budget analysis report and bank reconciliation for April 2024.

**074/24 Payments and Receipts**

- a. Cllrs reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the list of payments for April 2024.

**075/24 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at **7pm** on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024** at **Hemerdon Village Hall**.

**Meeting closed at 21.05**

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed .....

Name ..... Date .....