

MINUTES OF SPARKWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Sparkwell Parish Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Hartley, May, Nicholson, Lee, Serpell Denman, Webb, Sophie Jones (Clerk)  
**In attendance:** Cllr Edie (SHDC)

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

**117/24     Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Hutton-Fellowes

**118/24     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.

**119/24     Declarations of Interest**

Andy regarding the planning app with David Cobbold.

**120/24     County Councillor's Report**

No update provided.

**121/24     District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Edie emailed a monthly update (Appendix A below), which the Clerk circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Edie will give SPC a contact at South West Water to discuss the septic tank at Miners Arms.

**122/24     Public Forum**

No MOP present.

**123/24     Hemerdon Mine**

**ACTION** – Clerk to add LLG Terms of Reference to September meeting to discuss who can Chair the LLG meetings.

**124/24     Planning**

- a. **1728/24/PIP** – Sparkwell Parish Council has since been informed the planning application has been rejected.
- b. **1887/24/PDM** – SPC object to this planning application.
- c. **2011/24/PDM** – SPC object to this planning application.
- d. **1981/24/FUL** – SPC support this application
- e. **2083/24/ARC** – SPC have no comment on this application

Cllr Edie left the meeting at 19.39

#### **125/24 Minutes**

- a. Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**RESOLVED** – unanimously that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be approved and signed.

#### **126/24 Climate Change and Biodiversity**

No updates.

#### **127/24 Road & Snow Warden**

No updates.

#### **128/24 Tree Warden**

Cllr Hartley informed SPC that the barricade New England woods has been reinforced due to Ash Dieback. This will be in place until the infected trees have been identified and removed.

#### **129/24 Parish Assets (Bus Shelters, Benches, etc)**

Cllr Hartley discussed the possibility of purchasing a new lawnmower for Lee Mill to upkeep the grass cutting at Bottle Park. Agreement made 15 years ago (approx.) that Lee Mill Association would upkeep the grass, Sparkwell Parish Council would fund the equipment.

**ACTION** – SPC to revisit agreement.

Cllr Hartley has requested to use the old Lee Mill bus shelter as a 'Community Fridge/Larder'.

**RESOLVED** – Sparkwell Parish Council unanimously approved that Lee Mill Association can use the old Lee Mill bus shelter as a 'Community Larder/Fridge'.

- i. Review 'List of Assets 2024' (circulated prior to meeting).

**RESOLVED** – The List of Assets was approved.

#### **130/24 Chairman's Business**

Previous action requested for further information regarding the Freeport. Cllr Nicholson said he has visited the site and there may be a potential issue of a speed track. Concentrating primarily on Sherford and South Yard Conclave, Langage is focussed on small scale. Cllr Nicholson will be meeting with the Freeport again soon and will request a briefing for Sparkwell Parish Council.

### **131/24 Correspondence**

All correspondence has been circulated via email prior to the meeting.

- i. Purchasing the new battery for the defibrillator at Sparkwell Parish Hall was approved, at the cost of £300+VAT. It was also noted to order an extra battery for Lee Mill Defibrillator as that will most likely run out soon.

**RESOLVED** – Sparkwell Parish Council will order 2 new batteries for Sparkwell Parish Hall and Lee Mill.

Cllr Nicholson left the meeting at 20.17

### **132/24 Finance**

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

### **133/24 Payments and Receipts**

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

### **134/24 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at **7pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024** at **Sparkwell Parish Hall**.

**Meeting closed at 20.18**

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed .....

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

## **Appendix A – District Councillor Report from Cllr Tom Edie.**

Dogs need ID too!

Over the last few weeks, our Localities Team have picked up several lost dogs across the South Hams who don't have an ID tag. Because of this, reuniting a dog to its owner can take far longer, and can be a stressful time for both the furry friend and its family.

We are reminding residents to keep their dogs safe by making sure they wear an ID tag. Under the Dog Act 1992, the legal requirements are:

- A dog must be licensed and microchipped.
- A dog must wear a collar with a name/ID tag (exemptions apply for some working dogs).

Please share this information with your residents and direct them to the Blue Cross website for information and tips on keeping dogs safe.

### **Grant News**

#### **Individuals and Families**

- The Dickie Bird Foundation provides grants for disadvantaged children for sport equipment and sports clothing. The Dickie Bird Foundation considers grants for all recognised sports.
- Mark Edwards Foundation offers financial assistance to young people with sporting ambitions for items such as clothing, equipment and club membership fees.
- Auto Cycle Union Bikesport GB supports individual members and their families during times of extreme hardship. For UK (except Northern Ireland).
- The Family Action Welfare Grants programme will reopen on 10th July 2024. It funds essential personnel and household items to individuals and families on means tested benefits.
- Applications will open in September 2024 for The Churchill Fellowship's two new programmes. It offers funding for 4 to 8 weeks learning from innovators in your chosen field. Open to all UK adult citizens regardless of qualifications, background or age. These are offered in the fields of promoting long life health and supporting engagement in education.

#### **Community**

- The Henry Smith Charity will be reopening its Holiday Grants for Children programme on 12th July 2024. Organisations, schools and youth groups organising holidays for disabled children under 13 years or holidays for children who live in an area of high deprivation may apply.
- The Ironmongers' Company offers funding support for projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people under 25 years. Projects must deliver educational benefits including Special Educational Needs, or foster social, emotional or life skills. Closing date: 31st July 2024.