

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
**AT 7.30P.M.**  
**IN SOPLEY PARISH HALL, PRIEST'S LANE, SOPLEY.**

**The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was Quorate and there were no declarations of interest in respect of the items contained in the Agenda.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hill and Cllr Liberty Spark.

Parishioners – 3

In attendance: Cllr Shutler, Rawstron, Cllr Pope, Cllr Smedley, Cllr Dunn, Cllr Lane and Clerk Katie Hughes.

**Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) held on 18<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017.**

There were no matters arising. **Proposed by Cllr Smedley and Cllr Pope .**

**Parishioner Participation:**

Late nights fires were reported on Canteen Farm, the clerk was asked to report to Environmental Health to see what they are burning.

Footpaths were mentioned and Emma commented that the following footpaths are due to be cleared but when budget is received. Footpaths 16, 19 and 30b, 56.

The clerk was asked to contact Avon Valley Footpath society regarding the entrance to the Avon Valley Footpath in the village. Cllr Shutler said he would contact Willie Manners regarding trimming hedgerows in his fields.

Dennis Tanner offered to cut back Priest Lane hedges.

The clerk was asked to report again the pothole on the Woolpack Bridge, Mr Emmel reported he actually fell into the hole as a pedestrian also report again the still missing Bollards and the missing white lines and kerbs. Also the missing straight ahead arrow on the road.

**CURRENT ISSUES & FORWARD PLANNING (Cllr Shutler):**

Footpaths nothing to report.

**PARISH CLERK'S REPORT: Financial Matters**

Payment Record for 20th July 2017				
Supplier	Invoice	Amount	Date received	Date paid
Hants Pro	2000001901	160.00	30/06/2017	
Staples	9001244432	93.07	01/06/2017	
Staples	9001207806	14.47	01/06/2017	
Staples	900120857	39.46	10/06/2017	
Staples	9001179231	78.98	10/06/2017	
Clerk July		612.00		End July
B&Q	Charcoal	8.00		

To pay out		<b>1,005.98</b>		
To pay in		<b>793.00</b>		
Current Account		19,194.17		
Deposit account		20,715.92		
Allotments account		5,505.70		
Parish Hall Account		29,622.27		
	Total:	75,831.06		

**Proposed by Cllr Dunn and Cllr Shutler .**

Cllr Pope want the lease to be changed. Dee wants to set up fund for low income/reference books etc. Ellingham have this facility for their parishioners. Doddington Account.

£50,000 premium bonds check with Auditor. Conflict of interest with Alan running extra account.

**Correspondence received**

Funding Bench Ripley £800 – donation from SPC towards this has been requested, Cllr Shutler to look at refurbishing the bench at Ripley also to tidy up the area where the bench is sited.

Thorney Hill Community Hall – asking for donations the clerk was asked to find out the Insurance they pay for the playground.

Meadow Close – RTA. Insurance. Clerk was asked to ensure the claim goes into Came & Co.

The Clerk reported that the internal Audit had been successfully completed and everything had been sent to the external Auditors BDO.

The Clerk reported that the payment of £10,000 was due to SPH from SPC and it was agreed to transfer the funds from the Deposit Account to reduce held monies to the Hall Account held by the Council.

**This was proposed by Cllr Shutler and seconded by Cllr Rawstron.**

Rental of the Allotments was raised and Cllr Shutler agreed to speak with Willie regarding an increase currently £200 per annum.

Cemetery was mentioned regarding the crumbling wall, clerk asked to get quotes and updates again.

Speedwatch clerk to get application forms on website and advertise for more volunteers otherwise we cannot move this forward.

The clerk was asked to politely write to Sopley School regarding the mums “bad” parking and could they park more courteously.

Cllr Shutler agreed to check the hedgerows opposite the New Queen on the B3347 and the “Bromfield” footpath to nowhere.

**Planning and Development Control matter, current consultations, recent planning decisions and enforcement issues:**

17/10837	Triesta	2 South Ripley	Side extension and single storey extension	Ongoing

**BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Katie Hughes):**

Interment of Mr & Mrs Burrett – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 at 11 am.

The late Mr Gibson's memorial has been put in place.

Application received for memorial tablet for Victor and Doreen Barrow by Living Stones on behalf of Mrs Dolbear.

**PARISH HALL COMMITTEE REPORT: (Cllr Rawstron):**

Quotes for hall refurb are being chased and hope it will be 18 months to finish. Building regulations will be needed. But no further planning.

**PARISH FOOTPATHS & RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES :**

Vatchers need clearing again. Cllr Shutler to liaise with Malcolm and arrange to clear.

**HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES (Cllr. Rawstron/ Shutler):**

Meetings to be arrange with Highways by Cllr Rawstron and Cllr Shutler. It was suggested a good idea to contact Winkton Residents Association and arrange a meeting with SPC and themselves. Circulate to Members and arrange meeting.

**District Councillors (Emma Lane):**

Projector in hand.

Cllr Lane suggested speak with Cllr Thierry money for path to bridge from Smugglers for safety of pedestrians.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm.**