

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 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 Smedley and Cllr Lane.

Parishioners – 6

In attendance: Chairman Shutler, Cllr Liberty-Spark, Cllr Rawstron, Cllr Hill, and Clerk Katie Hughes.

**Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

Cllr Hill has spoken to the footpath lady regarding the bridge and the chicken wire. Chairman Shutler to have a look. There were no matters arising. **Proposed by Cllr Rawstron and Cllr Hill.**

*Mr Emmel asked that an **Addendum** be minuted from 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 Parish Council Meeting that the matter regarding Jocktrill Common and not having access by the public should not be stated as closed but that Chairman Shutler said the matter was not to be discussed further at this time. **Approved by all Council Members.***

**Parishioner participation.**

Mr Emmel wanted an update on the concerns raised by Cllr Frampton of Bransgore Parish Council at the previous meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017) and asked if the Bransgore and Sopley Clerks had met, Clerk Mrs Hughes confirmed they were to meet when plans are submitted and have a joint meeting with both Councils and to invite Burton, Winkton also.

Mr Emmel asked the Council to chase the rubber ramps measuring cars, speed etc. The Clerk confirmed she would chase this.

Mr Emmel also asked if and when Highways are dropping the kerb opposite the island, could we ask them to reinstate bollards at same time.

Mr Emmel chased the bench damaged in the Road Traffic Accident at the end of Meadow Close. Clerk Katie Hughes confirmed it was in the hands of the Insurance Company still and would chase.

**Current Issues and forward planning.**

Chairman Shutler confirmed the bench at Ripley had been replanked and restored. He also suggested Newsletter deadline be brought forward to February and not March. Envelopes for the delivery should just say Parishioner and not names and addresses. Delivery addresses to be allocated in the March meeting and the rest to be posted.

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

Payment Record for 18th January 2018				
Supplier	Invoice	Amount	Date received	Date paid
Mr Hoare	2790	397.50	20/12/2017	20/12/2017
Staples	9001671583	35.62	20/12/2017	
Clerk Jan 2018		612.00		

Hants pro	2000002338	80.00	18/01/2018	
Hants pro	20000002293	80.00		
To pay out		<b>195.62</b>		
To pay in		<b>803.88</b>		
Current Account		26,125.41		
Deposit account		10,719.59		
Allotments account		5,507.08		
Parish Hall Account		39,622.27		
	Total:	82,778.23		

## Financial report - Proposed by Cllr Hill and Cllr Rawstron.

### Correspondence received

The clerk announced that Cllr Dunn has resigned from SPC. The Clerk thanked Mrs Dunn for all her help in the past.

John Eccles and Julia Emmel were then Co-opted for the March meeting and welcomed by the Chairman.

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

17/11615	24 Marryatt Way		Outbuilding	Ongoing
17/11641	Triesta	2 South Ripley	Rear extension	Ongoing
17/11693	11 Maryatt Way		Single storey	Ongoing
17/11787	37 North Ripley		Demolition	Awaiting comments
	Bumbletree Cottage	25 Ripley	Demolition	Not applied for yet.

Bumblebee Cottage had planning withdrawn last time. Clerk to arrange meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in February 2018. The Council voiced that the property needs to be demolished.

### BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Katie Hughes):

The Clerk reported that the Tree Management Company – Will Jones had not been in contact re Maintenance of Parish Trees. The Clerk was asked to chase him and get the damaged tree removed from the Cemetery for the safety of the neighbouring property.

**All Council Members agreed that in the region of £400 to removed was worth the spend. Clerk to confirm cost with Tree Management Company.**

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

It was reported that the next event will be Bingo on 26<sup>th</sup> January and a ploughman's supper will be available.

The Annual Quiz is 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 and the hall has been privately hired by Highcliffe Equestrian team for a dinner.

3 quotes have been received for the ongoing hall refurb so it was confirmed that things are still moving albeit slowly in the right direction.

The Sopley Festival has been confirmed for 14<sup>th</sup> July at Moorlands. Mr Emmel is sorting the extra parking with the lady next door.

St Patricks Night is booked for 16<sup>th</sup> March details to follow.

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

Chairman Shutler confirmed that the London Lane gate is ready to be replaced and also the Gate opposite needs replacing. Chairman Shutler confirmed that he has been trying to contact Mr Bull regarding Vatchers Common.

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

Cllr Shutler and Cllr Hill met with Richard Bastow, they started at Sopley School regarding the verges. Lengthsman scheme was discussed to be used to trim verges. Pot holes were shown to him at various locations.

Discussions were held regarding a Gateway to the Village on B3347 and the footpath to be widened and the white lane is rubbing off. The Clerk was asked to go directly to Mr Richard Bastow with complaints.

The Clerk was asked to resend the report sent to Highways back in September 2017.

## **District Councillors (Emma Lane):**

None received but Cllr Lane had reported that she has now in her possession the donation cheque for the Sopley Parish Hall.

## **County Councillors (Michael Thierry):**

None received.

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 7pm was schedule for a planning meeting, further details to follow.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall.**