

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 AT 7.00P.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 none were received.

Parishioners – 5.

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

**Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

No matters arising. Proposed Cllr Hill and Seconded Cllr Emmel.

**Parishioner participation.**

Mr Emmel raised the telephone box and what was happening and asked Council if they indeed owned it, it was confirmed that indeed it was purchased for £1 and that the pavement it is situated on would have Highway rights and not the property next door.

He also raised the ongoing outstanding, white lines on road which need painting, the widening of the pavement, missing bollards, the road traffic accident in the snow which damaged the kerb stones the clerk confirmed she has all the details and the Police crime number if needed.

He also mentioned that the precept had gone down by 23% which is due to the ever growing Heatherstone Grange and head count per property. The clerk agreed to check with the Auditor in June 2018 what should happen with this in this year.

The clerk was also asked to speak with Sopley Garage about their ever increasing signage and to make sure that they always keep the footpath clear outside their property.

St Michaels Well was raised in regard to getting a group together to clear the hedges and clean up the area.

**4. Current Issues and forward planning.**

Still waiting on Mr Bastow.

## 5. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT:

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

Payment Record for 22nd March 2018				
Supplier	Invoice	Amount	Date received	Date paid
Staples	9001761643	107.48	-	20/03/2018
TLC	1050032018	40.00	20/03/2018	
Clerk	Feb-18	612.00	-	28/02/2018
To pay out		40.00		
To pay in		127.41		
Current Account		29,019.59		
Deposit account		10,720.46		
Allotments account		5,507.62		
Parish Hall Account		39,622.27		
	Total:	84,997.35		
Approved by Council _____ RFO Signature _____				

### **Correspondence received**

Money received for damaged Bench. Now need to claim for £250 excess.  
Shirley Common – with the proposed purchase has been put to bed as the land is owned by Sopley Parish Council.

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

18/10155	Avon Farm	Rebuild	Coach House Barn	Granted stc
18/10165	25 North Ripley	Demolition		Awaiting Cllr Comments.
17/11787	37 North Ripley		Demolition	Granted stc
	Bumbletree Cottage	25 Ripley	Demolition	Not applied for yet.
18/10181	The Old Manor Farm House	London Lane	Listed Building consent	Final Comments awaited.

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

Additional Deeds of Grant for the Mitchell Families have been purchased. Ongoing consultation with Mr Alistair Ford re landscaping back part. Tree Management cutting down sloping tree on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Wood to be left in the cemetery.

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

27<sup>th</sup> April – Barn Dance. It was proposed to change responsibility to Cllr Eccles. Profit for St Pats and Quiz. Building quote been received by Ian with amended figures.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Richard Bastow referred to Emma Ware. Suggested looking at Bashley traffic calming. £4000 signs could they be made up. Pinch points to address Highways. Mr Emmel mentioned trees. Half gate Winkton.

**District Councillors (Emma Lane):**

Nothing received.

**County Councillors (Michael Thierry):**

Nothing received.

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Annual Assembly and AGM - Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall.**