

**Minutes of Sopley Parish Council Meeting
held on 21st November 2019**

The Vice Chair Rawstron acting on behalf of Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate and there were no declarations of interest.

Apologies were received from Cllr Ludford and Clerk Katie Hughes.

In Attendance: Cllr Rawstron, Cllr Emmel, Cllr Eccles, Cllr Hacker, Cllr Liberty-Spark and Cllr Ring.

Approval of previous minutes of meeting held on 21st September 2019.

Any matters arising from minutes of 21st September 2019 meeting.

1. Fallen oak has been moved by Roseberry House. Has this been funded by the Manner's Estate (KH)

Approved by: Cllr Eccles and Cllr Emmel.

Parishioner participation:

- Mitchell's buildings going into Ripley, haunchings at the side of road have come away and there is a deep gully up to 24". Case to be raised on HH page (KH)
- Noticeboards have not been updated since May. Need to update (KH)
- Need to get website updated (KH)
- Footpath is very narrow on Vatchers Common and drops into the brook. Need to look at addressing this with shuttering under the lengthsman scheme (DS)
- Meanders down from Ripley created by EA needs to be examined and explained by the EA. Is there maintenance ongoing? Are they acting as they are supposed to? (KH)
- Speeding on Derritt Lane and not observing priority, overgrowth pushing people into the road, high speed motorbike early in the morning. Need to take a pragmatic approach and raise issues to the police and highways, and to take local action to reduce vegetation.
- How to report planning issues / concerns. Steve Avery will pass on reporting mechanisms.

Agenda items: Village Gateway:

Implemented and approval to complete. Spend proposed by Cllr Eccles, seconded by Cllr Liberty-Spark and approved by Council Members.

Thefts

Police are thinly spread. Concerns that thieves are using drones to scope out the areas. Any and all issues, sightings etc should be reported to the police. Failure to do so will result in the authorities believing that there are no issues, and current crime prevention and detection is sufficient.

Allotments

Proceed with allocation and handover of allotments. Release on 1st January 2020.

Proposed by Cllr Eccles, seconded by Cllr Emmel and unanimously approved by Council Members.

Group shed for allotments, planning application to be discussed by Cllr Hacker and Cllr Eccles.

- **Vernon Dene** – Steve Avery presented the situation where Park One Developments has purchased this land which had historic use for caravans, and has now placed 80 static caravans in a National Park and area of rural use. NFNPA planning are asking the relevant government authorities to change the outdated laws that currently applied. Steve will pass on the key contact information to the council so that SPC can contact these people and raise our concerns.

Current Issues and Forward Planning

Ongoing planning:

- Ecological house Ripley Crossroads
- New chimneys opposite New Queen
- Tyrrels Court – change of use to combine two into one

Parish Clerk's Report

Supplier	Invoice	Amount
To pay out:		£ -
To pay in:		£ 135.00
Paid out:		
NFDC	40230505	£ 125.00
TLC Online	1448	£ 120.00
Hants pro	1771	£ 85.00
Clerk Oct		£ 553.00
		£ 883.00

Current Account		£ 34,960.31
Deposit account		£ 0.21
Allotments account		£ 5,512.13
Parish Hall Account		£ 3,472.88
	Total:	£ 43,945.53

Burial Board

Burial of Jeffry Mitchel and the interment of the ashes of Hannah Welberry Stump removed from by cemetery wall
 Proposal to repair/rebuild wall by Lodge Buildings raised by **Cllr Rawstron and seconded by Eccles and passed unanimously by Council Members.**

Parish Hall Committee

Investment of CHC (AC) unit passed by Hall Committee for the Festival Hall. Installation to be confirmed.

Highways and Traffic

Map of issues, repairs and improvements continuing and will now add vegetation obstructions.

District Councillor

- Councillors are working hard on your concerns.
- Highways won't make modifications unless fatal incidents (3 in 2 years) are recorded.
- Police are using low numbers excuse for not attending incidents.
- Local police are applying for additional funds from new budget.
- Keep reporting to 101 etc because this will count in the longer term.
- Give date for Annual Assembly Cllr Ring to ask Police to come and present.
- NFDC are closing planning issues with Bellway Homes at Heatherstone Grange, but a date is not agreed as yet. Also need confirmation that the Council are taking on the planning actions as well as confirmed by the Planning Officer.
- Cllr Ring advised changing councillor numbers would be a significant challenge and SPC agreed to remain as is.

County Councillor

None.

Meeting closed at 20:59

Next meeting Thursday 23rd January 2020