



Spooner Row, Sutton & Wattlefield
Community Council
Where community matters

Spooner Row Community Council

Minutes

Thursday 26th August 2021 at 19:30, Spooner Row Village Hall.

Present: Sue Hewitson SH Chairman
Julian Halls JH Vice Chair
Robert Foster RF Vice RFO (Arrived during item 1)
Bernard Mansell BM Present from item 2
Martyn Lemon ML
Dawn Clarke DC Parish Clerk to the Community Council

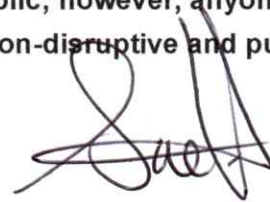
2 members of the public NS, SL.

Minutes

1.	To consider accepting apologies for absence. Apologies received from Stephen Ward (SW) and Graeme Turrell (GT) GT made the statement to The Chair who read it out, 'Sue, please accept my apologies as I will not be attending tonight's council meeting. If councillors wish to engage in pointless bickering then this can take place in their own time not mine. The bickering creates an atmosphere where council meetings become something that are not looked forward to or pleasant. Please defer my agenda items that I had wanted to present and progress until next month when hopefully councillors will be treating each other with more courtesy and respect. If you want to read this out at council you are welcome. Graeme'	
2.	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations. SH as Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee. Planning for Holbrook Business Park due to family links. ML is Chair of Governors for Spooner Row Primary School with no pecuniary interest. JH to step aside from taking part in planning items as he is on the South Norfolk planning committee as a district councillor. BM as he personally purchased a table from one of the suggested suppliers.	
3.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday July 17th 2021 Proposed ML, Seconded JH, Abstained RF.	

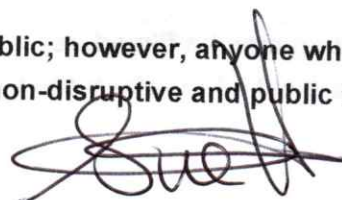
4.	Opportunity for Public participation. SL and NS spoke about the impact traffic in particular HGVs are having on their properties, well being and sense of safety. Noise pollution and vibrations within the property was noted. One was unhappy that her drive was being used as a layby. Concern for school children and the risk of accidents was raised. A discussion ensued regarding SAM data and speeding and the ability for the PC to dissuade antisocial driving. The potential reduction to 30mph for School Road and Top Common. It was agreed that: RF would write to Highways and request a drop in the speed limit. ML would write to Daniel Elmer and solicit support. JH would request speed enforcement based on SAM data. DC would contact George Freeman and Bawburgh PC. The members of the public were asked to record specific incidents, dates and times with HGVs and their companies so they may be contacted if they were breaking the curfew.	RF ML JH DC
Planning – Cllr Martyn Lemon Lead		
5.	To consider responding to planning applications: a. 2021/1757: The Bungalow, Station Road Spooner Row NR18 9JR b. 2021/1815: Elstree, 18 Queens Street Spooner Row NR18 9JU c. 2021/1821: Holbrook Business Park, London Road, Sutton NR18 9SS d. Any other application arriving after the publishing of the Agenda.	
	The council raises no objection to a – c. No other submissions	
6.	Chepore Traveller Site being oversubscribed.	
	Following concerns that the site had exceeded the number of caravans permitted. Planning enforcement have informed us that it now conforms with Planning requirements	
Finance – Cllr Stephen Ward, RFO		
7.	To note endorsed payments made since the last Committee meeting on Saturday July 17th, 2021 a. HMRC PAYE for Q4: £52.09 paid on 6th August 2021.	
8.	To consider approving the following payments: a. Salaries for February 2021: £253.84 b. Cllr Ward for Clerk's Microsoft O365 license: £11.28 c. Cllr Ward for RFO's Microsoft O365 license: £4.56 d. Cllr Ward for top-up payment to Number People: £5.00 e. Cllr Halls for Tamtorque Anti-Tamper bit (Speed Sign): £21.06 f. David Bracey Play Safety Inspections: £120.00 g. Cllr Foster for 20 x Table Tennis sets from MX Wholesale: £52.79	
	Proposed SH, Seconded BM, Agreed	
Ongoing Items		
9.	Spooner Row Vehicle Usage & Driver Behaviour / GT	
	Deferred to September.	
10.	Playground Safety / ROSPA report / BM	
	BM to return to the Council with a plan of action.	BM

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11.	Streetlights and power supplier / RF	
	Eon is the supplier and will invoice yearly April. £120 /year, each	
12.	School Development / SH	
	SH/ ML/DC met with PJ and discussed the council's preferred options. PJ will return after his holidays with plans and calculations for the council to consider prior to engaging the community. RF has requested meeting notes. Added to Sharepoint.	DC
Projects		
13.	Picnic Benches / BM	
	1 disabled accessible bench and 1 standard bench to be purchased from Paul Rix of Banham July quoted £290 plus delivery Proposed ML, Seconded BD, Agreed.	BM
14.	Wattlefield Letterbox / SH	
	A Wattlefield resident had verbally asked for the Councils support in re-instating the post box but no letter has been received.	
15.	NCC Verge Cut/ Safety Cuts / RF	
	Verge maintenance has been scaled back. There are concerns for safety around junctions and accessibility to the trod path. Highways have been contacted and we are waiting a response. (RF) There is a possibility of hiring a private company to cut on SRSWCC's behalf but this requires permission. JH to write and encourage a swifter response and to object to the Community council having to pay for this extra cutting in effect twice, through the county precept and then from our precept where we have areas of concern that County have decided does not need cutting.	RF JH
16.	Village School Sign / ML	
	Deferred to September due to Sharepoint accessibility.	
17.	(Acorns) Enrich extension of lease. / ML	
	5 year extension agreed to be aligned with any future lease	SH
18.	Sharepoint / Email access / Passwords / ML	
	ML and others having difficulties with Sharepoint. ML will make suggestions in September regarding format as SW was unable to answer questions. DC will check the validity of multiple documents in Sharepoint.	ML DC
19.	Proposal for dog poo bin in Green Lane / SH	
	Proposed RF, Seconded JH, Agreed	SW
20.	Road Sweeper for Sutton, Spooner Row & Wattlefield / GT	

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21.	Suton & Wattlefield Inclusivity / GT	
	Deferred to September.	
22.	Correspondence / DC a. KCS email. b. B&SN Council Accommodation.	
	a. Motion not to invite KCS, Proposed JH, Seconded ML, RF abstained. Counter motion to invite KCS: Proposed RF. No seconder. The motion to not invite was passed: clerk to write to KCS to advise them and decline a meeting.. b. JH outlined the background and it was agreed to do nothing currently.	DC
Meeting Closure		
23.	Matters for next meeting and any emergency items.	
	Speed limit consultation ends before the next meeting. It was delegated to RF as Highways Lead and ML to request the speed limit to be dropped to 20 mph RF advised Council that he had given 2 witness statements to SNDC Enforcement (a) regarding the fly-tipped caravan on Station Rd, (b) September Agenda: Delegated items. Standing orders to add or amend. Speedwatch – to call for volunteers. Verge Cut. School Liaison.	
	Meeting adjourned 21:35	
24.	To confirm date and venue for the next meeting; Thursday September 23 rd 7:30pm in Spooner Row Village Hall.	

Chairman's Signature



Date

23/09/2021

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