

## SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7-45pm  
Via Zoom conferencing

ATTENDING: Councillors Ginny Bennett ,Simon Rayner [Chair], Amy Taylor, and John Wass.

District/County Cllr George Reynolds attended and one member of the public.

\*APOLOGIES from Cllr Adrian Lamb

\*There were no declarations or interest.

\*Minutes

-The minutes of the meeting held on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 were agreed , and will be signed at the next actual meeting of the Parish Council.

\*Matters arising from those minutes:

-Input from Community Police to Sibford Scene not done yet.

-AT has replied to the resident who commented on the security lighting at the shop.

\*Report from Cllr G Reynolds:

-GR reported that both his councils were mostly working from home due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

-No further update on the Cherwell local Plan.

-There was money available to spend on repairing potholes ,and the public were urged to report any on `fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk`

\*Correspondence:

-Information from CDC about Parish business during the pandemic has been received.

-E-mail from Parish resident about litter and health hazard from dog waste has been dealt with and a satisfactory conclusion reached. Posters and an article about the matter in the Sibford Scene has been effective. The PC will consider obtaining more dog bins and will make a decision at the next meeting.

-An anonymous E-mail sent to the Village web site and forwarded to the Pcs about the verges in the area [not specifically in Sibford Ferris] was discussed. The verges are cut once a year ,and the `sight lines` by junctions cut when needed. Anyone can contact Highways via `fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk`. GB will write a piece for the Sibford Scene with this information as a reply to the comment. GB has asked a willing villager to cut down nettles and weeds from around the bench along Woodway Road.

\*Finance:

-Payment from CDC received =£3,429.00 [Precept]

-Invoice from T Fox for grass cutting=£24.04

-GB spoke about the Sibford Support Group which is helping to give assistance to villagers during the pandemic. The group has been given funds from the Town Estates Charity which are sufficient at present, but it may be necessary for the Pcs to top up this fund in the future.

-The date deadline for PC audit has been extended to September 2020.

**\*Planning:**

-New applications-20/01189/TCA ,Applegrove-fell 2x conifers and reduce the crown of a beech tree. No adverse comments by the PC. AT did not take part in this discussion.

-Decisions received- 20/00174/Q56 Barn conversion near Folly Farm- refused.

-Hook Norton Rd development- 18/01894/OUT -no update at present. The PC agreed that JW and SR would make an appointment to see MP V Prentis. No further update on the Judicial Review progress. SR will get back to CDC Ms Depazo re the village recategorisation.

**\*Community:**

**\*Previous issues and initiatives update:**

-Speed Awareness Group -Mike Lovatt will lead the group now. SR and JW agreed to improve the view of the 30mph sign by Little London, as the trees had grown over and cars were speeding down the road.

-Play Area -nothing to report.

-Annual Parish Meeting -this was due in May but has been postponed to the Autumn due to the pandemic.

-Tree Planting -In an E-mail from Cllr H Pidgeon , he reported a poor response from the village so far. Sibford Ferris PC has made no decision on the matter yet.

-Fly tipping /Dog fouling -These problems will be monitored by the PC ,and a repeat article will be put in the Scene .

-Defibrillator/First Aid training- no opportunity to do this due to the pandemic lockdown ,but will be discussed in the future. The housing cabinet for the Ferris Defibrillator needs to be added to our Register of Assets. A location map will be put on the village website by AT.

**\*Any other business:**

-GB mentioned that Sibford Gower PC had make a specific donation to the Village Hall for the Car Park Repair Fund. Could the Ferris PC do the same? It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting, and to review what available funds we had.

-JW reported that there had been several instances of theft and burglary in the area lately. People are encouraged to report anything suspicious to the police.

**\*DATE OF NEXT METING**

-This will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7-45pm and may have to be held via Zoom if there are still pandemic restrictions in place.

\* The meeting finished at 8-25pm.