

SYDLING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sydling St Nicholas Parish Council held on 4th July 2022 at Sydling St Nicholas Village Hall

Members Present:

Councillors C Legg (Chairman), P Davies (Vice Chairman), G Durack, A Newman, S Shears and D Tucker, the Clerk David Green.

Members of the Public: None

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr S Durack, Cllr Haynes.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 9th May 2022

These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Issues arising from the last meeting

The Chairman noted:

- **Phone Box** – Malcolm Bath has offered to repaint the phone box and the cost of the paint is approximately £ 100, although free gold paint for the ‘crown’ may be available.

5. Update from the Chairman:

- **Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend** – had been a great success and £ 300 has been raised for capital equipment in the play area. The Parish Council would like to thank Wendy Jefferson for her fund-raising achievement. The dance at the Village Hall would hopefully also result in a further donation of funds. The lighting of the beacon had been attended by over 200 villagers, and 43 coins had been distributed to village children.
- **Marathon weekend** – this had been fantastic with around 1000 runners taking part. The associated events - supper, breakfasts, hog roast, BBQ, bar and sale of cakes had been very successful and £ 1000 had been raised for the church bells. The event had also raised £ 585.50 from tea sales for the Parish Council play area capital replacement fund. The Chairman thanked all involved. The Parish Council may also receive a donation from White Star running based on footfall.

6. Democratic discussion period

There were no members of the public present.

7. To receive a report from the Unitary Councilor

Signed

Chairman

Date

A written report had been received prior to the meeting; this was taken as read.

8. Flooding Event 31st October 2022 – report consideration

Cllr Durack noted that the drop in event held on 18th May had been well attended and proved to be very helpful. The amended report into the incident has now been published and Cllr Durack had received a follow up report from Dorset Council. There were several issues to consider:

- **Flood Management Plan** – will be reviewed and updated as necessary
- **Sandbag arrangements** – he has contact phone numbers for the distribution organisers and the location of bags is well understood throughout the village. No changes are necessary
- **Flood Action Group** – the village has a good ‘alarm’ system and everyone assists, when necessary. It was noted though that contact phone numbers for night time incidents would be helpful. It was not felt that a formal group as such is required – those likely to be affected have sandbags ready or other arrangements.

Cllr Shears noted that the below village silting is an issue that needs to be addressed. Cllr Durack explained that the telemetry devices fitted to the bridges are related to the silt built up assessment being undertaken by the Environment Agency. Cllr Tucker noted that the loose sleepers that broke free in the flood were a hazard. It was agreed that the structure of the watercourse is a key issue. It was noted that in the past there were personnel dedicated to ditch clearance but that this does not happen now.

Cllr Shears noted that there is Wessex fund for villages and Sydling may be eligible for an allocation though this funding is limited.

It was felt by all that the recognition of the event as a ‘Serious Flood Incident’ had resulted in a proper flood investigation and planning for the future.

9. To receive a finance report and to agree action in response to proposals and payment approvals

The Clerk advised that the financial position was reasonable with the bank account standing at £ 5,467.53 and the general reserve at £ 1,987.46. The rent for the Poor Lots has been received. The donations for play area equipment replacement will be earmarked as reserves for this purpose.

i) The following retrospective expenses were approved:

Date	Name	Method	Amount	Reason
03/05/2022	David Green	SO	£ 192.48	April 2022 pay
09/05/2022	Trevor Jameson	BACS	£ 32.09	Mower petrol
10/05/2022	Plexis Media (Spanglefish)	BACS	£ 29.95	Website
10/05/2022	The Chalk Steam	BACS	£ 100.00	Donation
10/05/2022	David Green	BACS	£ 23.66	Expenses - April
17/05/2022	DAPTC	BACS	£ 178.95	Subscription
19/05/2022	Gallagher - Insurance	BACS	£ 504.18	Insurance
20/05/2022	Holman Specialist Paint	DEBIT	£ 387.16	Paint for play park
27/05/2022	Claire Birch	CQ	£ 75.00	Honorarium
30/05/2022	David Green	SO	£ 192.48	May 2022 pay

Signed

Chairman

Date

06/06/2022	Alun Banks	BACS	£ 28.00	Mower petrol
06/06/2022	David Green	BACS	£ 84.90	Jubilee-coins/wallets/labels
07/06/2022	Came & Co	BACS	£ 166.92	Mower Insurance
08/06/2022	Chris Legg	BACS	£ 75.00	Coins (43 in total bought)
09/06/2022	Elite Playground Inst	BACS	£ 1,560.00	Zip wire/repaint/repairs
13/06/2022	M Hole	BACS	£ 80.00	Mower repair (parts £ 47)
21/06/2022	Trevor Jameson	BACS	£ 35.72	Mower Petrol
30/04/2022	David Green	SO	£ 192.48	June 2022 pay

10. To receive a report on the following matters in the Parish and to agree action in response to any proposals:

Planning

1) P/FUL/2022/02326 Cutlers Close

The Clerk noted that there was no decision at this stage, although the comments from the Conservation & Design Officer were of interest. Cllr Shears noted that the officer had said that whilst important buildings were not adversely affected by the plans but was 'less than substantial harm' to the Conservation area in general and the potential impact on Back Lane was not without out significance.

The Conservation Officer had recommended the submission of alternative proposals involving a lower density development, with perhaps 3 houses of 1.5 times height.

2) Appeal re 15 High St, Sydling St Nicholas

The Clerk confirmed that an appeal submission had been made including both the original and amended flood reports. The copy deeds of Winchester College show that the ownership of the verge is not part of 15 High St. It was noted that a Tree Preservation Order is now in place in relation to the Cherry Tree on the verge.

Planning enforcement referral – South Barn,

The Clerk reported that Cllr Haynes had spoken to the case officer who has advised that the installation of windows, floor, and other changes is entirely permissible without planning permission, although any occupation of the building would require planning permission. The landowner has, apparently, not made any decision in relation to this.

Play Park

The Chairman reported that the zip-wire had been brought back into use following repairs and that an extensive refurbishment of the Play Park has taken place. Peter Radbourne has agreed to alter the multi-play to incorporate a walkway using the existing monkey bars as a platform with side-cladding. The cost of materials will be around £ 300 and there will be no charge for his services. The Council agreed to this proposal.

Footpaths

Signed

Chairman

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Cllr Tucker reported no issues.

There were no objections to the Definitive Map Modification Order concerning footpath s42/6 being redesignated as a bridleway. The Chairman felt that most horse riders were respectful users of local paths, but there would be no agreement for this path to be used as a B.O.A.T.

Highways

The Chairman thanked Cllr Haynes for her updates on the Informer during the very disruptive re-surfacing work. It was noted that the drains and gratings would be levelled.

Trees

Cllr G Durack reported that Cllr S Durack was waiting for a report from Dorset Council concerning the ash tree at the Play Park.

Flooding

This topic was discussed under item 8 above.

11. Items for Next meeting

Nothing specific.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:35 hours.

Signed

Chairman

Date