

SUTTON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES

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| Date:  | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm |
| Venue: | Committee Room, Sutton Valence Village Hall |

The Chairman asked if anyone was recording - no recording took place  
Submissions from Police, Community Support Warden, County or Borough Councillors  
Questions and comments are invited from members of the public (limited to 15 minutes in total a maximum of 3 minutes per person) This is now when the public can ask questions, the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

A Presentation took place from Esquire Developments with regards to a planning proposal of 40 dwellings on the parcel of land off South Lane (below the doctor's surgery) An online consultation with the wider community is planned for November, with the view to submit a planning application by the end of the year to Maidstone Borough Council planning department.

**92/25 To record those present and list any apologies**

Those present: Councillor's S Annereau (Deputy Chair), D Atkinson, A Castle, L Castle, M Flint, I Walker, Clerk E Hull, fellow Clerk L Hedley and one member of the public

Apologies: were received from Cllr Gammon (Chairman) and accepted

**93/25 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), other significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary Interest relating to items on the agenda – none were declared**

**94/25 To note and agree the Minutes of the previous meeting as follows**

A) Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> September - The minutes were signed by the Deputy Chairman

**95/25 Reports and updates**

- A) Clerk 's report - circulated and noted
- B) Village Hall verbal update given – it was noted that a road closure is to take place on the A274 from 22<sup>nd</sup> October between Warmlake Crossroads and Henniker Lane with possible impact on hall bookings
- C) Newsletter verbal update given -  
Cllr M Flint is collecting the newsletters from the printers, a list and map was circulated to Cllrs and volunteers to distribute
- D) Container verbal update given – Cllr Walker to make an inventory of the contents and help with licensed disposal of items, also in contact a company who may be interested in taking the container
- E) Memorial Playground verbal update given – waiting on feedback from Sutton Valence Primary School and the parish newsletter article inviting suggestions for replacement equipment
- F) Platinum Meadow verbal update given - next volunteer date Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 to 12.30
- G) Grass Cutting and Vegetation Maintenance verbal update given – SV School are keen to get involved with larger open spaces, however it was noted they do not have the required equipment to get involved with smaller areas. Cllr Atkinson to meet with Sutton Valence Gardeners Association on the 16<sup>th</sup> October who are keen to help with verge bulb planting and other possible projects.

**96/25 Open Spaces Working Group**

- A) Platinum Meadow winter maintenance - To consider or not to progress sheep grazing trial

The Parish Council resolved to agree to progress the trial

- B) To consider or not to apply for MBC Nature Recovery Fund and Climate Change Action Fund for future projects to include The Harbour Field development project

The Parish Council resolved to agree to apply for funding when funds open for applications and to put forward pond creation at The Harbour field as a possible project

- C) Allotments - To consider or not to fund the clearance of vacant plots

The Parish Council resolved not to fund the clearance of vacant plots at the current time but to keep this under review. Viewing days of vacant plots to be arranged for potential new plot holders with Cllr Annereau

**97/25 To consider grant application from QHOF towards church signage**

Action The Clerk to request further information in line with the grant awarding policy guidelines before the application can be considered

**98/25 Public Toilet**

- a) To consider whether or not to maintain, change or close the existing public toilet provision

The Parish Council resolved to close the public toilet, agenda item for November meeting on now best to utilise the space

**99/25 To note and adopt the following policy**

- a) Car Park Permit

The Parish Council resolved to agree the policy once the suggested changes have been made

**100/25 Finance** A) Signatories on Unity and Nationwide account – Cllr K Anderson was removed from unity account

- B) Invoices (to consider /agree/ratify)

Invoices were agreed other than PAT Testing invoice from Village Hall, Clerk to seek further information

Reconciliation to be tabled at November's meeting

- C) To note income - not presented

- D) To agree £5 increase for allotment fees

The Parish Council resolved to agree to the £5 increase

- E) To agree £10 deposit for permit car park key

The Parish Council resolved to agree to £15

- F) To agree £5 replacement for car park permit

The Parish Council resolved to agree to £5

- G) To agree Hopkins + to service the Defib

The Parish Council resolved to have Hopkins + to service the defib

101/25 Date of next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 7.00

**Meeting Closed 21.17**