MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAVERNAKE PARISH COUNCIL 12TH JULY 2022 MEETING HELD AT THE MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTRE, ST MARGARET'S MEAD

Present
Guy Singleton (Chairman) (GS)
Martin Phipps (MP)
Nigel Eayrs (NE)
Nikki Boutal (NB)

Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor

Suzie Singleton (SS)

Parishioner & secretary

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1	Apologies	
	Andrew Smithson	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
3	Approval of Minutes	
	The minutes of the meeting on 3 rd May 2022 were approved. A copy will uploaded to the SPC website.	GS/NB
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	
	Parish Steward	
	It was agreed to request the Parish Steward to:	GS
	- Deal with the blocked gully at Cadley	
	- Trim the vegetation from around the white gates	
	- Cut the grass at the exits to Savernake Forest.	
	It is understood that the usual spring/summer trimming of the verges is	
	now due to be done in the autumn to allow for some rewilding and so as not to interfere with wildlife.	
	Prior to the next meeting councillors will check the verges around the	
	parish to check if they have been cut back, and, if not, to put them on the schedule.	
		GS letter
	<u>Clench Common - speed limit and traffic calming</u>	to schools
	See Section 10	
5	PLANNING	
	There was a brief discussion on Planning and Listed Building Applications	
	22/04582 & 22/05170 to convert the conservatory at Granham Farmhouse	
	into a kitchen/diner and other works.	

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	The councillors had no objections to these Applications and this response would be submitted on behalf of the PC.		
6	MARLBOROUGH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (MANP) The Neighbourhood Plan is now going to a Referendum and leaflets and posters will need to be delivered around the Parish. GS, MP and NB have agreed to do a leaflet drop to properties in their areas.		
	A copy of the leaflet would also be emailed to all parishioners for whom we had contact email addresses noting that the Councillors supported the Neighbourhood Plan. There have not been any plots of land identified within the parish for housebuilding, but part of the remit of the plan is to protect and potentially increase other amenities within the overall area covered by the Plan.		
	In such small referendums in many cases those that object to the proposals can get a strong following, and because they feel strongly will vote, whereas those who have no objection sometimes will not make the effort to vote the PC should be encouraging parishioners to make their preference known by voting, be it for or against the Plan.		
7	FOREST LIAISON OFFICER REPORT NE had been in touch with Rob Cullen for an update on FE matters. He reported that 10,000 new trees have been planted, mainly in the Bedwyn area, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There were plans to thin some trees over the summer, in the area of Eight Walks.		
	Rob said that he was moving up into a different post and that the post of <i>Beat Forester, Bristol and Savernake</i> is to be advertised and a new member of staff recruited. In the meantime someone else will be providing temporary cover from the end of July, but they are not familiar with Savernake.		
8	FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT		
	 Banking Since the last meeting, a) Payments made / received: 23May -£50.00 – St. Katherines PCC – Donation for meeting room for PC meeting and Church for APM 10May -£75.00 – Andrew Ross – Annual audit b) Invoices received, in the process of payment: Nil 		
	 Total funds at date of meeting are £ 6,493.83 and held as follows: Payments a/c: £ 93.83 		

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	Interest a/c: £ 6,400.14	
	Accounts	
	 Total funds at date of meeting are as follows: 	
	Precept $a/c: \pm 6,493.83$	
	CIL a/c: £ 0.00	
	Budgeting	
	- Precept account: Expenses this year (2022-23) to date are £125.00	
	(10% of Income)	
	- CIL account: No additional funds have been received and no additional	
	payments made, funds are currently zero.	
	Year-end Accounts	
	- Year-end accounts for 2021-22, including the new Risk Assessment	
	document, have been signed off by the auditor and published on the	
	website.	
9	WEBSITE	
	No action.	
10	CATG 5190	
	MP reported that the CATG (Community Area Transport Group) has been	
	renamed LHFIG (Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group) as its	
	remit now also covers footpaths.	
	<u>Clench Common - speed limit and traffic calming</u>	
	GS & NB had a useful meeting with Martin Cook from Wiltshire Council's	
	Highways department at Clench Common.	
	6 locations had been identified for white gates – 4 on the main road and 2	
	on the lane from Wootton Rivers. Due to the estimated costs of so many	
	gates, it may be practical to start with the 2 gates on the lane as these	
	may have the most effect, marking the change from fields to houses along	
	this road. MC said that he would prefer the holes to be dug professionally	
	for the signs on the main road.	
	MP and NB would contact the company the previous gates came from and	
	other potential suppliers to get quotes.	MP & NB
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	GS will ask for estimates from groundwork companies such as Brennans of Wiltshire and Chris Wheeler Fencing.	GS
	It was agreed that having a 'BENDS' sign on the Wootton Rivers road would also help and MC will try to add more 50MPH signs on the A345.	
	• <u>Forest Hill</u> The PC found it frustrating that the Atkins report seemed to ignore all the problems at the hospital junction. MP noted that other PCs in Wiltshire had also had requests for lower speeds refused by these reports and there was a general dissatisfaction with the outcome of the reports.	
	GS to review the report in full and it was agreed to send the report drawn up by MP to the (LHFIG) (CATG)	GS
11	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APM	
	Rob Cullen had been in touch to say that discussions will continue to be held between Forestry England and the Savernake Estate Trustees, and he wondered if the PC had had any response from anyone after the APM.	
	Other than FE no further communications had been received from anyone else after the meeting.	
	The councillors reviewed their statement regarding Savernake Forest and saw no reason to change it from what had been read out at the Annual Parish Meeting.	
	It was agreed to write to the Trustees of Savernake Forest to say that the PC would appreciate being kept 'in the loop' with discussions on the forest, and particularly once plans started to be firmed up. Liaising with SPC would give the Trustees and the FE an insight as to how parishioners and locals may feel.	GS
	NB reported that there was a very enjoyable gathering for the Jubilee with about 50 people from the Clench Common area attending the BBQ at Martinsell Farm.	
	The Cadley BBQ was, much less well attended, partly as a number of Cadley families had had their own BBQ the previous day.	
	NB had emailed Sgt Cole to ask for some information on crime rates and reported incident in Savernake, and for West Woods, which is a comparable area. She had not had a response but would follow up on it and ask for regular	NB

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12	DATES OF NEXT MEETING	
	11 th October 2022	ALL
	10 th January 2023	
	10 th May 2023 (Local elections 4 th May)	
	APM 24 th May 2023	
	12 th July 2023	
	11 th October 2023	

Signed ... Guy Singleton

Date ... 11th October 2022

Name ... Guy Singleton