

**Minutes of Sulhamstead Parish Meeting
held at The SUN Village Hall on Thursday 19th July 2012 at 7.30pm**

Present: Mr Bill. Jones (Chairman). Parish Councillors: Mr Chris, Souden, Mr Ivan Wise, Mrs. Margaret Baxter, Mr. Gary Newell, Mrs. Rosemary Sanders Rose, Mr. Richard Smith, Mr. Roger Ashfield, Ms. Teresa Sosna. District Councillor: Mr Keith Chopping.

In attendance: Mrs M. Marsland (Clerk)

1. Super Fast Broadband

A presentation was made to the council on the subject of Super Fast Broadband and questions were posed to Mr. Kevin Griffin by members of the council. A copy of the presentation is available by emailing sulhamsteadparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk. Members of the public can register interest on www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/register

2. Joe Atkinson – Charlesgate Homes Ltd

A declaration of interest was made by Mr. Gary Newell and he retired to the public gallery.

A presentation was made regarding a proposal for land at the rear of Benhams Farm on Hollybush Lane of 36 units.

The Councillors agreed to walk the site so that they are familiar with the location of the proposal.

3. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

4. Open Forum

Comment was received regarding the opportunity that the Super Fast Broadband project will bring to the community

5. Approval of Minutes of 17th May 2012 &

Minutes from the meeting from 17th May 2012 were signed and approved as a true record of the meeting

6. Local Interest

- a. High Speed Broadband – views on the potential introduction of this service to Sulhamstead Parish were provided by Councillors and members of the public. A vote was taken and the council's decision was not to support this project with funds from SPC. **Action** the clerk to notify Kevin Griffin.
- b. Local bridge / road closures – the parish council have been informed by Network Rail that Sulhamstead bridge will be reopened on 13th August operated under traffic light control until 24th August 2012. The canal bridge is thought to be broken. **Action** the clerk will contact British Waterways to understand when repairs may take place and ensure the communication to the local community.

- c. Litter & Fly Tipping – there are many incidents of fly tipping around the parish. **Action** Mr. Jones to follow up with Mrs. Helen Lewis at WBC and action with Mr. Wise.
- d. Parish Road Signs – **Action** Mr. Ashfield meeting Teresa Kenyon to identify the road signs required.
- e. Willink Leisure Centre – **Action** Mr. Chris Souden to resolve the issues raised with information gathered from Royce Longton – action carried forward.

7. Planning Applications

- a) Planning decisions taken since last meeting
 - 12/00822/CERTE – Field Farm House, use of building as a separate dwelling – Decision Refused
 - 12/00167/LBC2 Moathouse Cottage Whites Hill Sulhamstead Reading Berkshire RG7 4EN – Underpinning works Status: Withdrawn
 - 12/00844/COND1 Corner Cottage Sulhamstead Reading Berkshire RG7 4BS
Confirmation of compliance of condition 2 of approved ref: 07/02269/HOUSE Single storey Timber Out Building For Summer House
Status: Refused
 - 12/00761/HOUSE 4 Sulhamstead Hill Sulhamstead Reading Berkshire RG7 4DE
Single storey side extension and separate rear extension.
Status: Withdrawn
 - 12/00593/FUL Home Farm St Michaels Lane Sulhamstead Reading Berkshire RG7 4DR
Installation of Solar PV panels Status: Approved
 - 12/00644/FULD Land South of Jordans Lane – erection of 4 detached dwellings - Refused

- b) New applications to consider
 - 12/01238/HOUSE – 29 Normoor Road, Mr. B Harris – Two storey side extension – SPC no objections
 - 12/01124/FULEXT – Land at Hunters Hill, Sovereign Housing (adj PC) – Erection of 23 family houses (4x4 bed, 16x3 bed and 3x2 bed) with associated rear gardens and parking – SPC no objections
 - 12/01536/HOUSE 4 Sulhamstead Hill, RG7 4DE – SPC no objections

8. Finance

- a. Account Balance
 - Current £10,752.51
 - Savings £14,633.62
 - Investment Bond £30,000
 - Total £55,386.13**
 - (- un-presented cheques £1170.63)
 - £54,215.50**
- b. Pro-forma invoices requiring signature
 - Un-presented cheques:
 - 1 HMRC 40.02
 - 2 SUN Village Hall 200.00
 - 3 Burghfield & SUN Scout Group 200.00
 - 4 Royal Mail 0.40
 - 5 SSE Contracting 24.96
 - 6 Karen Eagle 50.00
 - 7 General Technics 50.00
 - 8 Bob Hirst 150.00
 - 9 Thames Valley Police 275.25

10 Auditing Solutions 180.00

Sub-total 1,170.63

- c. Approval of minutes of 29th June 2012 were signed and approved regarding the submission of the Audit Report
- d. VAT – a claim for a refund has been claimed of £303.
- e. Update of new banking processes proposal. **Action** the finance committee to ensure the progress of the opening of the new bank account.
- f. To consider requests for donations under Section 137 of the Local Governments Act 1972, as amended – no donation requests had been received.

9. Review of correspondence received since last meeting

- a. West Berkshire Highway Improvement Programme 2012/2013 – planned works for Sulhamstead Parish will be the surface dressing of Whites Hill/Kingston Lane.
- b. Parish & Town Councillor Training 30th July 2012
- c. Summer Bike Challenge – this is a cycling challenge around all parishes in Berkshire. A code is in the noticeboard at the Village Hall for residents to collect as part of the challenge.

10. Any other business

- a. New Code of Conduct and register of member interests received and distributed for Councillors to complete and return to the clerk
- b. Footpath from Woodmans Lane displaying signs deterring residents from using the footpath – **Action** the clerk will write to WBC to have the signs removed.
- c. Public Open Space - an adder has been spotted and there are a number of trees that have come down, the bridge has been broken and the increased rainfall has caused the environment to become boggy which could be a danger to walkers. **Action** - A risk assessment will be made by Mr. Souden and Mr. Wise and a recommendation made.

11. Date of next meeting

To confirm the next parish council meeting as Thursday 20th September 2012 to be held at the SUN Village Hall at 7:30pm