

Lower Sapey Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th April 2023 commencing at 7:30pm
Held in St Bartholomew's Church, Harpley

Present: D Millward (Chair), H Rigby (Vice Chair), S Everitt (Clerk)

A Everitt, A Jones, J Jones, P Milward, D Richards, N Denniston, J Denniston, Mark Griffiths, Margaret Griffiths, S Rigby, S Hinton. District councillors (DC): Paul Cummings, Pam Cummings.

Apologies: Marion West, Liz Younge

1: Minutes of the meeting 12/1/2021: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by S Rigby seconded by A Jones.

2: Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes:

DC confirmed meetings only need to be advertised on 1 board as well as website. Other notice boards to be removed if they become unsafe.

Precept for village was increased. DC explained the reasoning (calculation associated with the "penny" rate). However, the new houses in Hope Meadow, in our parish boundary but had been allocated to Clifton, will be corrected as will the electoral register. Actioned by DC.

Grit bins have been filled.

Funding for church ongoing.

Margots Henhouse - no change

The footpath issue has been sorted by D Richards – thank you.

3: Financial Matters

It was agreed to provide £200 for the Coronation tea party being held at the church on 8th May 2023.

Lengthsman invoice. Nil provided. Rob Wilkes has worked hard. Agreed to request a number of wild flowers to be added to the verges.

4: Highway Matters

The amount of traffic using the road through Harpley as an easy access to and from Clifton is exasperating the pot hole issue. Once again County Highways have filled in pot holes on the road close to Harpley House - much appreciated.

5: District Council Report:

DC presented the issues within MHDC planning department. Currently chair of review of planning department at Malvern. Sorry to say that the Kings' Coronation fund for celebrations is only available to the towns.

6: Church affairs

The church is still looking for funding to finance the reordering project. An ongoing problem.

Applications for the necessary faculty and planning are going through for changes required.

Lower Sapey website documented in Teme Triangle and main portal for communication of all things church and state.

Champing will be managed by David Richards.

New lock on the door for when in use for champing, otherwise church is unlocked.

7: Planning Matters:

There is an application for "Glamping Pods" at Sapey Pritchard. Parish clerk declared an interest.

Chair had telephoned neighbours and then submitted email objection on their behalf and advised them to send their objections as well. There may have been an issue with the MHDC email response system. DC agreed to investigate whether the chair's email had been received by Malvern district planning

8: Policing matters

Nothing to report.

9: Any Other Business:

Rooftops; they own about 20% of the housing in the village. They have already sold at market value several houses as they became vacant. They have not reinvested in the village. It is hoped to invite Rooftops to the next meeting - DC to chase.

Section 106 monies. To date the builders have no obligation to give money to the parish. It appears that an agreement was reached with Clifton for all previously available funding to go there. More houses going up in Hope Meadows - but no communication with parish. DC to keep us informed.

There was an enquiry about the carbon sequestration available in the churchyard after the removal of the yew trees. Although this is not within the remit of the Parish Meeting, being within the church boundary, it was explained that the report to the diocesan chancellor included a replanting scheme to offer a carbon neutral solution to the tree removal.

10: Date of next meeting:

AGM July 13th 2023 at 19.30.

Meeting closed 20.25Hrs

Recorded transcribed by clerk:

S Everitt