

Minutes of Lower Sapey Parish Meeting

Held at Clifton on Teme Village Hall on 19th January 2025

Present: Chair: Dot Millward, Vice Chair: Howard Rigby. Clerk (Temporary): Sue Everitt
D. Richards, P. Millward, N. Denniston, S. Rigby, J. Denniston, Mark Griffiths, Margaret Griffiths

1. Apologies: P Savage.
2. Minutes of the meeting of 16th May 2024 had been read by parishioners and agreed as a true record. Proposed by P. Milward and seconded by S. Rigby.
3. Matters arising: There were no matters for further consideration arising from the minutes.
4. Financial matters:

The financial position as at the end of 2024 calendar year was reported showing a good level of financial stability, mainly due to the post of clerk still being vacant.

The precept was then discussed and it was proposed to keep it at the same value as for the current year. This was proposed by H. Rigby, seconded by D. Milward and unanimously agreed by all present. This will be reported to MHDC finance department.

The funding of a replacement parish notice board is still available and it is expected to be completed before the end of the financial year.
5. With the low attendance of parishioners at parish meeting, the viability of Lower Sapey C.P. was discussed at length. It was concluded that the parish meeting was still an important voice for the community and highlighting this in the "Teme Triangle" may well be beneficial. Margaret Griffiths will add an article to the next edition of the magazine.
6. Councillor's report: No report was received in the month preceding the meeting.
7. Parish Lengthsman scheme: Works requested by the Chair (D. Milward) have been completed.
8. Highways: The road surface around the Holloway Brook area has deteriorated. Recent weather conditions have highlighted the lack of action for an additional grit bin in the area.
9. Planning matters: No issues within the parish have been raised.
10. Policing matters: A request from the area PCSO for a list of councillors designated for policing matters had been received. That a parish meeting does not have designated councillors has been explained.
11. Correspondence: With the availability of an online version of the "Teme Triangle" the number of hard copies being delivered to the parish is now too large. Vice Chair (H. Rigby) will contact the distribution to request a reduction in the number.
12. Any other business: Discussions with Roof Tops in relation to the use of the Close Cottage car park are still ongoing.
13. Date of next meeting 22nd May 2025 at 7:00pm. Location of the meeting to be confirmed nearer the time. The meeting closed 15.40 hours