

## **SUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING & PLANNING MEETING HELD AT SUCKLEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr R Hill (Chairman), Cllr P Griffiths, Cllr A Lewis, Cllr J Green, Cllr L Devenish,  
Cllr R Hooper

Apologies: Cllr P Whatley, Cllr C Luton

In Attendance: Diana Taylor (Clerk)

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or other Disclosable Interest falling within the terms of para 12(4)(b) of the Code of Conduct - Cllr R Hooper declared an interest in Agenda item 5(a) 921/01767/CLE – The Boat House, Suckley WR6 5DL**

**No requests had been received by the Clerk for any Dispensations relating to items on the Agenda (Sec 33 of the Localism Act 2011).**

#### **81/21 PLANNING APPLICATION**

The Council considered the following application:-

As Cllr R Hooper had declared an interest in this application, she left the room for the duration of the discussion by the Council.

- (a) **App No:** 21/01767/CLE  
**Location:** The Boat House, Suckley, Worcs WR6 5DL  
**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land as garden & use of building as yoga studio.

The Council discussed this application at some length. The Clerk was asked to send the following comments to MHDC Planning Dept :- *“Suckley Parish Council’s view remains unchanged from the Planning Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to consider The Boat House Application 21/00408/FUL (Retrospective) i.e. The Council object to this application as they consider it to be an inappropriate development on greenfield land.”*

#### **82/21 2022 – PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

A number of options were up for consideration by the Council :-

- (a) **Suckley School Tea Party – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022** - The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Head Teacher to confirm that the school could hold the Tea Party on the Playing Fields. A suggestion had been made that former pupils who had been in the school in 1952 could be asked to join the Tea Party. The Head Teacher had expressed her thanks to the Chairman for the Parish Council support. After some discussion, the Council agreed to the purchase of 108 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Commemorative bone china Mugs, personalised with the Council’s name, to present to the children at the Tea Party. The Clerk was asked to place the order totalling £621.40 + VAT. Proposed by Cllr A Lewis and seconded by Cllr P Griffiths.

- (b) **Pig Roast & Beacon/bonfire – Pewcroft - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.** The Hammonds of Pewcroft were already making plans for private Jubilee Celebrations in 2022, including a pig roast, but were happy for the Council to contribute and make it a public event. The Chairman reported that the price for a pig roast would be £800 – this would be sufficient for around 200 people. The Clerk drew the attention of the Council to the high level of safety/fire hazard/general organisational compliance required by the insurance company to run this as a public event. After a lengthy discussion, the Council conceded that it did not have the resources or experience to manage/run this type of event and did not want to spoil the evening for the Hammonds. The Chairman agreed to speak to them about this.
- (c) **The Queen’s Green Canopy (Tree Planting) -** The Chairman reported that clearing work was already under way to create Almshouse wood (owned by the Hammonds) with 1,000 tree plants ordered through the Woodland Trust. Help would be needed to plant out the trees in March next year. The Council agreed to help and support this project in any way it could. At the Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September, a suggestion had been made re planting 70 trees around the Parish for the 70 years of the Queen’s reign. Mark Armstrong had approached the Chairman and offered to organise this project with the idea of creating a tree footpath trail with the 70 trees marked out as Jubilee 2022 trees. The Council very much supported this plan, but a number of practical issues needed to be resolved. The Chairman agreed to speak to Mark, and report back at the next Council Meeting in November.

**83/21 COUNCIL PRESENTATION – 15<sup>th</sup> November**

The Council discussed and agreed on the format of the presentation, which would be entirely funded by the Councillors and the Clerk.