

# **SUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.00 pm in Suckley Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr R Hill (Chairman), Cllr P Whatley, Cllr A Lewis, Cllr C Luton,  
Cllr P Griffiths, Cllr A Mansell, Cllr H Ormerod

**In Attendance:** Mrs Lynn Butler (Clerk)

**Apologies:** County Cllr K Hanks, Cllr R Hooper,

Six members of the public attended the meeting.

- (a) Cllrs were reminded of the need to complete/update their Register of Interests**
- (b) Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) in items on the Agenda – or -**
- (c) Declaration of Other Disclosable Interests in items on the Agenda falling within the terms of para 12(4)((b) of the Code of Conduct. (*none made*)**

**Cllr Whatley declared an interest in Planning – item 93/22, and took no part during this item.**

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

**The Chairman then adjourned the Meeting for Public Question Time/Participation (including planning applicant/s or their representatives)**

Two cycle clubs have responded to being contacted following the September Parish Council meeting.

The Secretary of St Johns Cycle Club advised cyclists need to travel one metre from the edge of the road and cars should leave 1.5 metres when passing meaning on narrow lanes its sometimes difficult for cars to pass. He also confirmed that none of their scheduled rides went through Suckley during the last week in September.

The Chair of Malvern Cycle Sport has sent out a reminder to its members of the group riding guidelines in the Highway Code and Cycling UK's advice and has also asked its group ride leaders to reiterate this to riders attending group rides.

- (a) With reference to the planning applications on the agenda under 93/22 the Chairman asked any applicants present if they wished to make any comments. The applicant for Tundridge Stud,(application 93/22a), Mr Westwood, stated the application is to support his core business of horse re-habilitation. He has some high value horses and provides 24hour care, sometime for long periods. This new business, which has nothing to do with previous site owners, needs the applicant to be on site 24/7 to look after the horses. Councillors then questioned the applicant.

There were no submissions from members of the public, and no presentation from the other application on the agenda, 93/22b.

(b) **Report from County Councillor** - Co Cllr K Hanks had e-mailed a report to the Clerk, which the chairman read to the meeting: She has received the petition presented by Mr Steve Gray in the post with 91 signatures, requesting that the 30mph speed limit is

extended from a point 50 metres south of the entrance to White House Court, extending North on the Knightwick Road, C2070 to the parish boundary and west across Suckley Knowle to the parish boundary with Herefordshire.

She also acknowledged the unanimous support from the Parish Council.

She discussed the petition with Councillor Mike Rouse, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. Highways will respond with a written reply to Mr Steve Gray and the Parish Council.

Divisional Budget: A payment for the waterproof garments for the Suckley Forest school has now been received.

Further to discussions with Cllr Luton, payments are also approved and are to be sent to the Parish Council towards items for the Playground as follows : Tennis net and post total of £98.94 plus £334.48 inc. VAT.

Plus the basketball hoop at £459.99

(c) **Report from District Cllr** – Dist Cllr P Whatley reported to the meeting. The South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) was almost unanimously agreed by MHDC and has now moved to public consultation phase. This is open until 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and residents should use the opportunity to express their views. Following which if everything is ok the SWDP will be formally adopted in about twelve months time. Leisure and Budget: the sites managed by Freedom Leisure are not at financial risk, although there are still some reports due on Tenbury. MHDC are anxious to keep other leisure facilities open and is in a good financial position to enable this. District Councillor Funds have been given to the Suckley Warm Welcome initiative.

(d) **Lengthsman** - The Clerk reported that gully clearance of grates and general clearance of vegetation had been undertaken by the Lengthsman during October. Areas of work were Suckley Station, Church Lane, Acton Road, Suckley/Mousehole, Birchwood, Blackhouse Lane, Crews Hill Whitehouse and Longley Green. A fallen tree which was blocking a path on Suckley Road has also been cleared.

(e) **Footpaths** – Report not available

(f) **Local Police** – Cllr R Hooper has reported that PC Dee Stanley has informed there has not been any activity this past month. The team have been patrolling the area as usual and will soon be utilising a new speed camera in the village which is in response to the Community Charter Priorities.

The PC was thanked for writing to the cycle clubs.

Georgina Tabberer came to ask the parish council to consider funding for a children's Christmas party at Broadwas Village Hall. This has been widely advertised and is for the benefit of children within the catchment of primary schools in the parishes of Suckley and Broadwas & Cotheridge. A contribution of £250 was requested.

Mr Grey reported that speeding work had been cancelled at Suckley Knoll.

**The Chairman re-opened the meeting**

### **87/22 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr P Griffiths and seconded by Cllr H Ormerod

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr C Luton and seconded by Cllr A Mansell

### **88/22 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS**

- (a) Completion of Longley Green Roadworks  
Cllr Whatley stated he is pleased they are now completed.
- (b) C21140 Sindons Mill, Suckley – Drainage/Flood alleviation work by WCC  
Proposed Order: to close that part of C1140 Sindons Mill, Suckley from its junction with C2064 Malvern Hills Boundary to Longley Green to its junction with U62217 Suckley.  
Anticipated duration: **13 days** Commencing: **21 November 2022**  
**Noted by the Parish Council**
- (c) C1132 Birchwood Road, Suckley - Drainage/flood alleviation work by WCC  
Proposed Order: to close that part of C1142 Birchwood Road from its junction with C2064 Longley Green to Stocks Lane, Alfrick, to its junction with C1142 Birchwood with Herefordshire County borders  
Anticipated duration: **10 days** Commencing: **7 November 2022**

It is reported that work has been done but only about half of what was requested. Two gullies have been cleared but will likely refill as they are still sunk. Another gully has not been touched. Posts are loose and may result in accidents. Clerk to put in a report on the database

### **89/22 VAS DETECTOR /SPEEDING**

**VAS Stats** - The speeding stats up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 compiled by Richard Ashton (Alfrick parish) had been circulated to all Cllrs. and were noted by the Council.

Richard asks if the detectors could be moved on the dates agreed in the schedule to enable better analysis of the data. Clerk to contact R Wilks.

### **90/22 CHARITY REPORTS**

- (a) Brookes Memorial Fund - Report not available
- (b) John Palmer Trust – Cllr Lewis reports: We continue to enjoy supporting Suckley children and Suckley school under the auspices of Worcester Municipal Charities but retain our individual identity.

### **91/22 COMMUNITY**

(a) **Parish Map Board** - Following on from September PC meeting, Cllr Ormerod reported he is working with Lisa Griffiths to determine what is needed. He has historic paperwork to look at but it early days for this project.

(b) **Village Hall** - Cllr Hill reported that improvements to the hall were due to start 23/11/2022 and are planned to finish by end of December. It's to be converted for the

use of Fledgling Nursery. A closer proximity will create better links with the school. The Village Hall will pay for works to the integrity of the building. Once completed it may not be a 'function' facility. The WC's are being re-modeled. Old features, where possible, are to be retained underneath new works, most of which should be reversible. A point to note, if the building ceases to be a village hall, the car park lease reverts to the owners.

(c) **Remembrance Day – 11<sup>th</sup> November** - The service was well attended and was officiated by Rev Anne Potter.

(d) **Future projects**

- (i) Classic Vehicle Event on the Playing Field – a date has not yet been agreed.
- (ii) Suckley Nine Mile Run – The brewery are interested, the Cross Keys are not. Because of policing requirements could the running club manage it? Cllr Luton will ask.
- (iii) Small Society Lottery - At the present time the parish council does not need any revenue funding. As such it does not need to manage one. Also, support may not be there for the parish council. Mr Gray was asked to provide a three year plan with figures.

**92/22 FINANCE**

The following cheques were approved :-

(a) **Gen Fund:**

- (i) Defb Store Ltd – new battery £222
- (ii) Information Commissioners Office Data Protection renewal £40

Both proposed by Cllr Whatley, seconded by Cllr Lewis

- (iii) Lengthsman (Oct) £360

Proposed by Cllr Ormerod, seconded by Cllr Mansell

- (b) **Playing Field:** WaterPlus D/D Aug/Sep £6.98 x 2  
E.ON Next D/D Sep £44.46

Both payments proposed by Cllr Whatley, seconded by Cllr Lewis

(c) Funding Requests for consideration:

- (i) Suckley School – notice board

Submission received from Suckley School for the parish council to assist with the costs of replacing the existing broken notice board which has become an eyesore. Cllr Luton asked if it was possible for the board to be repaired. Clerk to ask the school if this is possible.

- (ii) Broadwas Village Hall – Children's Christmas party

Having considered previous comments by Georgina Tabberer and following a discussion among councillors present, the chairman suggested a contribution amount of £100 which was approved, to be paid following the successful delivery of the event. Proposed by Cllr Luton, seconded by Cllr Lewis

- (d) Consider and approve clerks revised salary following national pay award.

The revised rate of £9,141.60 from 01/04/2022 was agreed.

Retired clerk 01/04/2022 to 30/09/2022, current clerk from 01/10/2022.

Proposed by Cllr Whatley, seconded by Cllr Lewis

- (e) Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 were approved

Proposed by Cllr Ormerod, seconded by Cllr Mansell

## **93/22 PLANNING**

For Consideration:

- (a) App Ref: M/22/01412/FUL  
Location: Tundridge Stud, Suckley, Worcester, WR6 5DR  
Proposal: Conversion of an existing building to create Live/Work Unit  
in conjunction with additional commercial workspace

Having heard the earlier submission and explanation by the applicant the parish council considered the application and agreed to support it.  
Proposed by Cllr Luton, seconded by Cllr Lewis

- (b) App Ref: M/22/01250/FUL  
Location: The Crest, Crews Hill, Alfrick, Worcester WR6 5HF  
Proposal: Creation of a wildlife pond and erection of a small poly  
tunnel to support smallholding use of the land

Having considered this application councillors agreed to support it.  
Proposed by Cllr Luton, seconded by Cllr Lewis

For Information:

- (c) App Ref: 21/01566/HP  
Location: Crews Hill House, Crews Hill, Alfrick, Worcester WR6 5HF  
Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation

MHDC have **APPROVED** this application, which is noted by the parish council

## **94/22 PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr C Luton reported that the leak in the toilets has been repaired. Furniture from the Village Hall is to be moved to the Playing Field pavilion. The church will be accommodating the folding tables. The Village Hall have been asked if there is a spare door available which can replace a rotting one in the pavilion. Moles are active again, action will be taken to deal with them.

## **95/22 SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Chairman reminded everyone that individuals can still put comments to MHDC up to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## **96/22 DEFIB FACILITIES**

Cllr A Lewis reported that all Suckley defibrillators are now in action. The one in Alfrick doesn't need a phone call.

## **97/22 RISK ASSESSMENT**

Cllr R Hill reported all was adequate re risk assessment for the bus shelters, trees in quarry, Map Board.

Cllr C Luton reported no risk assessment problems with the Playing Field and sports equipment.

**98/22 SUCKLEY CHURCH**

Cllr Lewis reported:- Our long awaited toilet and kitchenette are nearly finished.  
We don't yet know who will be appointed to help Rev Anne look after the 13 churches in our Team. Everyone is invited to come along for a Cuppa in Company at the Warm Welcome every Wednesday 11am to 2.30pm.

**99/22 SUCKLEY SCHOOL**

Report not available

**100/22 MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Nothing to note

**Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
at 7.00 pm in Suckley Parish Church**