



Minutes of a meeting of Sutton on the Forest Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 July 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillor Barry
Councillor Knighton (Chair)
Councillor McMeekin
Councillor Prowde
Councillor Shearman

In Attendance: Sue Bracewell (clerk)
North Yorkshire Cllr Malcolm Taylor

4 members of the public.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Rankin.

Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The chairman agreed with the consent of all Councillors to take the item on the Rose and Crown first on the agenda.

23.40 Rose & Crown planning application

40.1 The Chairman reported on the situation to date. The PC commissioned an independent valuation which has shown that the current asking price is excessive. The PC has put in an application for the Rose & Crown to be nominated as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). This may take 6-8 weeks to be processed. The PC has also submitted their objections to the planning application.

40.2 The PC is seeking to set up a steering group to help with this process. They will be looking to recruit volunteers with relevant skills to support the PC. A special edition of Sutton Times will be published next week which will update all residents. **Action: clerk**

40.3 Cllr Taylor suggested that if the planning officer recommends refusal we should not call it in to committee. It was suggested we pull together a list of groups that used the pub. Cllr Taylor also suggested that we write to Kevin Hollinrake MP to get him on board and to ask for his suggestions of organisations that might be helpful. **Action: Cllr McMeekin/clerk**

40.4 George Burgess suggests that from his experience he would expect the planning to be refused on several counts. Bruce Simpson will be able to appeal and it is very

likely that he will do so. George Burgess would be willing to negotiate with Bruce Simpson on our behalf. We may need to look at a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)

40.5 Cllr Taylor suggested we email the planning officer and ask her to keep us up to date with progress. Send Cllr Malcolm Taylor the ACV details. **Action: clerk**

40.6 Sutton Times special edition to be edited and circulated with a view to having it ready for distribution by the end of next week. **Action: clerk**

23.41 **Minutes of the meetings held on 10 May 2023**

41.1 The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 10 May 2023 were agreed as a correct record, proposed: Cllr Knighton, seconded: Cllr Shearman.

41.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May were agreed as a correct record, proposed: Cllr McMeekin, seconded: Cllr Knighton.

23.42 **Matters arising**

42.1 Update on Main Street verges (Cllr McMeekin) There is no progress to report. Cllr McMeekin expressed dismay with Highway's failure to keep people informed or to understand the importance of doing so. Cllr Taylor noted and said he would speak to them about this.

42.2 Update on Tree Inspection (Cllr Barry). We have until March 2024 to do the work recommended in the inspection report. Significant pruning has to be done in winter when the trees are dormant and before the nesting season next Spring.

42.3 There is an issue with a sycamore tree in the playing field which overhangs a neighbouring garden. Cllr McMeekin favoured removal as it would grow to a height unsuitable in a children's playing field but, as the tree inspection considered the tree safe, Members decided to keep it under review.. **Action: Cllr Barry to reply.**

42.4 Cllr Knighton suggested that where trees are removed because of ash dieback, we should be replanting. Alder trees had been recommended as a native to the area.

23.43 **Report from North Yorkshire Council**

43.1 Cllr Taylor reported things are progressing smoothly following the startup of the new Council on 1 April.

23.44 **Finance**

44.1 The following payments were approved, proposed: Cllr Knighton, seconded: Cllr Powde

23.45	9.6.23	BAC		IncDot	Newsletter June	136.39
9.6.23		BAC		A Dolding	RCAF expenses	49.99
9.6.23		BAC		HJ Smith	RCAF lunch	254.97
10.6.23				HSBC	charges	10.00
20.6.23		BAC		D S Marwood	Grass cutting	400.00

45.1 The financial update was received.

23.46 Planning

46.1 Rose and Crown planning application: this has been dealt with at item 1.

46.2 Planning update: there were no comments on this report.

23.47 Reports from village organisations

47.1 Village Hall: two Rural Arts events were planned for the autumn, one a musical concert and one a drama production. They were also planning a pantomime and quiz night. Cllr McMeekin reported a parking issue with a resident on Carr Lane. It was agreed this should be reviewed regularly.

47.2 Newsletter: Cllr Knighton suggested that Sutton Times should not be the only way of getting information out to residents, as it is only published four times a year. We need more ways of communicating. Cllr Knighton offered to put information on to Facebook and this was welcomed.

47.3 Playing Field: Cllr Barry reported that the Playing Fields Committee finances looked very healthy and it was suggested we should ask if they had any plans to buy new equipment and install new facilities. **Action: Cllr Barry**

23.48 Date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 13 September, 7.30pm will be chaired by Cllr Knighton

The meeting closed at 21.55

Signed:

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