

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Sutton Maddock Parish Council**

## **Held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.45 pm**

### **1. Present**

Mrs. E. Attwood	Chair	SMPC
Mr. M. Taylor	Chair	SMPC
Mrs. D. Ford		SMPC
Mrs. A. Hill		SMPC
Mr. A. Chatham		SMPC
Mr. R. Hotchkiss		SMPC

Ms. S. Young Clerk

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Mr. M. Speke SMPC

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were accepted and signed as a true record.

### **4. Matters Arising**

There were no such items.

### **5. Standard Agenda Items**

#### **a) Personal and/or Prejudicial Interests**

None noted

#### **b) Shropshire Councillor**

Not present

#### **c) Planning**

i) Grindle House – Michael Wood had sent an email updating the Councillors on the matter. The Highway Engineer's comments have been submitted and indicate the business is in an unsuitable location and a refusal notice can now be issued.

ii) Standeford House – The Parish Council is unable to support this as it is considered contrary to planning. Comment to be submitted on planning website.

iii) 10 Vicarage Lane – permission has been granted

#### **d) Finance**

i) SALC affiliation fees – The council agreed to pay these subs for the next year.

ii) The clerk was paid her ½ year payment and reimbursement for hall hire and stamps.

iii) It was not clear what the Came and Company insurance was covering. The clerk agreed to send out the renewal email again for the councillors to check it covers what is necessary before it is paid.

iv) The clerk read out the statements from the audit and the Councillors confirmed they agreed to them. The financial statement, bank reconciliation and list of assets was shared with the meeting and agreed. The councillors discussed that the strimmer will have depreciated in value, however, Mazaar's have sent feedback in previous years indicating the initial cost needs to be stated.

e) Village Hall Committee

i) There was no new news regarding the village hall.

f) Recreation and Environment

There were no such items.

## **6. Urgent Items Recently Received**

There were no such items.

## **7. Other Correspondence**

i) The clerk attended a meeting regarding SmartWater on 4<sup>th</sup> May at Norton Village hall with Stockton Parish Council. Feedback indicated that it did not matter about the size of the Parish but we would need a 80% uptake to be able to benefit from the offer of £9 per household (one off payment) instead of £60 for a year. The Council felt it would be of benefit for the area and plan to investigate further how to best engage the Parish. The Parish Council would look to fund this if the uptake was significant enough.

ii) The Clerk reported there are 106 households in the Parish and the Parish Council decided to purchase 110 Queen Elizabeth commemorative medals, one for each household.

iii) The clerk brought the Parish Council's attention to the road closure on B4379-junction at A4169, 22-24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 09.30-16.00

## **8. Any Other Business**

- i) The clerk reported she had contacted HugoFox about purchasing a domain name for the Parish Council and they have recommended we use reg-123. The clerk will confirm pricing with the Councillors before purchasing the domain name [www.suttonmaddockpc.co.uk](http://www.suttonmaddockpc.co.uk).
- ii) The Councillors plan to email a few lines about themselves for the Clerk to put on the website.
- iii) The Clerk will set up an 'out of office' report that will direct people to contact Elizabeth Attwood or Mark Taylor with important matters for the few weeks after the baby is born.

- iv) Mr. R. Hotchkiss brought to the attention of the council the issue of households not on mains sewerage receiving bills again for maintenance of the sewerage plant and demands for the capital cost.
- v) Mrs. E. Attwood brought to the attention of the council the poor signal for EE customers in the area, particularly in Brockton. Even though it is indicated residents should get 4G some are only getting 2G.

**Date of the next meeting**

**Scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016**