

September 2024 DRAFT Minutes

Springthorpe Parish Meeting

2nd September 2024 7.30pm

Minutes

Chair: Dr Gillian Procter Tel: 07484041037 email: chair_SPM@outlook.com

Present: Ella Collins, Julian Cowan, Adrian Winter, Clare Anyan, Michael Anyan, Julie Oaks, John Oaks, Shirley Winter, Tom Graham, Marian Graham, Alex Amaira, Anna Leckey

Also present: Cllr Paul Howitt Cowan

1. Apologies: Brian Cameron, Annabel Cameron, Sue Winter, Jill Cowan, Wendy Gelder, Steve Gelder

2a. Minutes of last meeting:

Amendment made to Matters arising WLDC changed to LCC

2b. Agreed as a true record- Proposed by Michael Anyan, seconded by Shirley Winter.

2c. Matters arising not on agenda: None

3. Members code of conduct & disclosable pecuniary interests:

Proposal that attendees declare any interests in agenda topics before all future meetings

Proposed by Adrian Winter, seconded by Julie Oaks

4. Roads and Footpaths:

4a. Hill Road flooding –has improved following jetting of the drains but no further intervention provided by LCC

4b. New Road signs installed- Pedestrian warning sign now on Hill Road at the South entry end of the village. Still need SLOW painted on the road at the South entry to the village as this was removed during recent resurfacing.

General debate on speeding and traffic issues, Alex Amaira requesting a speed reduction through the village to 20mph and will write to LCC requesting this. Anna Leckey asked if a speed survey through the village had been carried out, Chair discussed recent speed survey on School lane and North end of Hill Road, the results of which indicate some speeding above 30mph is evident but Road Policing have not endorsed a speed camera.

2 new lamp post signs for 30mph have been put up in the village, Tom Graham suggesting we have more, but Chair explained there is a cost implication of that.

An interactive speed sign would cost £3,500 and Chair suggests adding this to the Precept.

4c. Pedestrian footpath to Hill Road South has not been endorsed by LCC

4d. Grit bins-both village grit bins are broken, as we are on a gritting route we are not entitled to new ones. However it has been agreed that the one on the Village Green will be replaced.

4e. CSW membership/traffic calming measures-The village road reflectors have been reported as not all working.

5. Planning

5a. Tilbridge Solar Ltd application has been accepted for processing

5b. No new planning application submitted

5c. Update on approved development of Plot 1 School lane, boundary dispute in progress and survey being completed.

6. Playing Field and Village Green-Thanks given for those involved with setting up the picnic bench and fitting of hand gate.

6a. Contract with Thonock Estates-While the current 5 year agreement continues, Chair confirmed that after consultation with WLDCC the Parish Meeting would be unable to take a future lease due to liabilities

6b. Grass cutting estimate 2025-a Tender has been raised inviting 3 companies to apply, to date only 1 proposal received for a cost of £1650, cost to be added to Precept

6c. Registration of village Green-Michael Anyan provided a history of the Village Green. In order to Register the Green on the Land Registry as a Village Asset legal advice is required estimated at £2,500 and involves the removal of a caution from R.Day the current registered owner. The Neighbourhood Development fund from WLDCC may be able to fund this. Michael Anyan and the Chair have a provisional free of charge solicitors meeting planned to discuss the process further.

7. Correspondence-

Received:

From Tilbridge Solar, Road closure advice advising the need to close School Lane from New Church Farm onwards during the construction phase of the development.

From LALC, if no Chair available for the Parish Meeting next year when current Chair steps down the Parish Meeting becomes inactive and reverts to WLDC

Sent:

To CSW re traffic management issues

To VHC re management of playing field

To Church Wardens re use of Fete profits- Michael Anyan provided a history on the annual Church fete, discussed the detailed church budget and continued requirement for the Fete profits to maintain the church. Proposed by Marian Graham, seconded Tom Graham

8. Financial Matters-

8a. Playing field refurb subaccount (now closed)

8b. Current account & liabilities- suggestion of an AED for Sturgate was made, Chair to ask Sturgate residents if this is wanted and for possible locations as this would need to be attached to someone's property.

8c. Proposed precept 2025/6- current precept is set at £1270.63 increasing to £5709.00 for 25/26 to allow for increased Playing field grass cutting cost and traffic calming measures.

9. Items for discussion but not decision-

9a. Neighbourhood Planning: Anna Leckey provided an update on current progress, the positive outcome of the history evening, survey results to be published on the website, digital library for historical documents and a future meeting to be held 14th October 2024

9b. Use of Fete profits: as discussed in Correspondence 7, full profits to be given to the church. Proposed by Marian Graham, seconded Tom Graham

10. Date and time of next meeting 02/12/2024 7.30pm

Meeting ended 9.18pm