



Minutes of the Sarratt Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
2018 in The Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt

Present: Councillor D Turner  
Councillor S Dobson  
Councillor J Gell  
Councillor M Groom  
Councillor M Musk  
Councillor P Thorp  
Councillor A Soothill

In attendance Mrs J Dawes, Clerk to the Council  
10j Members of the public  
District Councillor Alex Hayward

		Action
<b>160/18</b>	<b>APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> Apologies for absence were received recorded and accepted from Councillors Rees and Mortimer.	
<b>161/18</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> There were none.	
<b>162/18</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> It was proposed by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Thorp and <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 and the extraordinary meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 be signed as a true record.	
<b>163/18</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION PLAN</b> The Clerk updated the Council on the action plan.	
<b>164/18</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES</b> Councillor Musk had attended a meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee. They were looking for confirmation of support for their proposals, no recent proposals had yet been received by the Council.	
<b>165/18</b>	<b>CLERKS REPORT</b> The Clerk reported that the internal auditor would be attending on 12 <sup>th</sup> December.	
<b>166/18</b>	<b>PLANNING REPORT</b> It was agreed that item 173 should be moved up on the agenda.	

- 167/18 PARISH PLAN**  
A presentation on the findings of the parish plan survey was given. 208 surveys had been returned and whilst the low number was disappointing it did enable the data to be analysed. The Council thanked Sandra Turner and Michael Groom for their work on the Parish Plan.
- 168/18 TRDC POTENTIAL SITES CONSULTATION**  
Councillor had produced a draft response to the consultation the final response to TRDC is attached to these minutes.
- 169/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
It was resolved that the following observations be made on the planning applications as shown on the attached sheet.
- 170/18 PLANNING DECISIONS**  
The decisions on the attached sheet were noted.
- 171/18 POLICY & RESOURCES REPORT**
- 172/18 GRANT APPLICATIONS**  
The grant applications were presented and discussed, concern was expressed regarding the total amount of the grants requested in this financial year and the Policy and Resources group were asked to look into the applications carefully and come back with a proposal at the next meeting.
- 173/18 DRAFT BUDGET 2019/2020**  
The draft budget was discussed in detail. The proposal took into account all of the different committee's wish lists and suggestions. The overall result would have meant a large % increase that was unacceptable. It was agreed that some tough decisions would need to be made and the Clerk was asked to go through the budget to see where cutbacks could be made. It was proposed that the general reserves be made up to 50% of precept as per policy by sweeping it from the earmarked reserves. Remaining earmarked reserves to be CIL money and for election expenses.
- 174/18 PARISH PLAN UPDATE**  
This was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- 175/18 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**  
It was proposed by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Soothill and **RESOLVED** that the cheques to the value of £10,042.55 as attached to these minutes be approved.
- 176/18 ENVIRONMENT REPORT**  
There was no report.
- 177/18 LITTER PICKING WORKING GROUP**  
Councillor Groom presented a graph showing the amount of litter that he had picked up during his walks around the village, there were a huge 1304 items including bottles and cans. It was agreed to put an article in spotlight about this and set up a working party to do regular litter picks around the parish. Posters would also be placed on the footpaths. Councillor Groom was thanked for his work.

- 178/18 PANIC ALARM UPDATE**  
Panic alarms are presently being fitted, the administration work had been carried out by the Sarratt & Chipperfield Community Foundation. A cheque would be raised for the Parish Council's contribution to the scheme.
- 179/18 GREENS / FOOTPATHS**  
All kissing gates had been ordered. The Clerk was asked to find out the delivery date.
- 180/18 HIGHWAYS REPORT**  
Councillor Gell update the Council on current highways work. Patching has been done in Deadmans Ash Lane and Bucks Hill. Phil Williams is the new County Councillor, it was agreed that he should be invited to the January meeting. It was reported that the bus would not be running 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November due to road works.
- 181/18 CORRESPONDENCE**  
There was none.
- 182/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**  
There were none.
- 183/18 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**  
Councillor Dobson sent her apologies for the next meeting.
- 184/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018.  
The meeting closed at 10.22pm

## SPC response to TRDC's Consultation on Potential (development) Sites

Sarratt Parish Council acknowledges that Three Rivers District Council has to identify additional potential development sites to comply with changes to national government planning policy and the increased demand for new homes. SPC will constructively engage with TRDC to support appropriate development in meeting those demands and addressing specific local needs whilst recognising the very special nature of Sarratt within the district.

Encompassing an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the rural parish of Sarratt is entirely Green Belt with approximately 27 miles of public footpaths in open countryside. It is a resource not only enjoyed by those lucky enough to live here, but by all those within Three Rivers district and beyond who visit Sarratt to walk in the beautiful countryside and appreciate the local pubs. It therefore is a resource worth protecting for future generations of the entire district to enjoy.

Sarratt Parish Council has recently completed its own consultation in updating its Parish Plan (Nov 2018), sent to every one of the 800 properties within the entire parish. It was clear that whilst a significant minority didn't want any more housing at all (36%) nor thought we could support any more housing (34%), a sizeable minority (46%) thought Sarratt does need more housing, albeit at significantly lower volumes than perhaps is being contemplated by the new Local Plan.

There was however alignment on the mix of housing required with strong preferences for affordable houses and flats, small houses (starter and downsizers) and social rented housing, reflecting a desire to help the young and old stay in the parish. There was also a significant majority (70%) of people who didn't see a need for any more large family houses (4+ beds).

We also got feedback on the locations that we would prefer in order to minimise the impact of any development on such a small community, including the rural infrastructure, with clear favourites being brown field and infill sites, compared to new developments in agricultural areas.

It is too early to comment on the individual sites identified in the consultation, although clearly some sites would better meet the local needs and preferences as outlined above.

Finally, given that Sarratt is entirely Green Belt, it is formally requested that should any or all of the proposed development sites be adopted that they should be properly classified as Rural Exception Sites.

**New Applications Received Between 01/11/2018 and 30/11/2018**

Item No :

Ref No :

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
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**New Application**

**18/1969/LBC**

09/11/2018 Scott Volker

K &amp; N W

Bucks Hill Bottom House  
Bucks Hill  
WD4 9AE

**Proposal :** Alterations to flooring including the provision of a suspended stone floor above existing joists in dining room

**Observations :** The Parish Council had no objection to this application

**18/2096/FUL**

09/11/2018 Katy Brackenboro

Mr W W

The Old Butchers Shop  
The Green  
WD3 6AT

**Proposal :** wo storey rear extension, demolition of single storey outbuildings behind the old slaughter house and removal of existing conservatory

**Observations :** The Parish Council had no objection to this application

**18/2116/FUL**

09/11/2018 David Heighton

Ms L M

Calipers Cottage  
Penmans Green  
WD4 9AY

**Proposal :** Part first floor, part two storey side extension, extension to rear dormer, alterations to existing rear projection and use of roof as a balcony, front porch canopy, alterations to fenestration and construction of swimming pool |

**Observations :** The Parish Council had no objection to this application

**Applications Received :- 3**

**NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Three Rivers District Council**

**Minute Ref**

**Fri 9 November 2018**

**District Ref**

' C ' Contrary to District 'CD' Contrary Delegated  
' D ' Delegated  
' E ' Endorsed by District 'ED' Endorsed Delegated

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18/1762/LBC	Approved	Little Callipers
18/1767/FUL	Approved	8 Church Lane
<b>E</b> 18/1874/FUL	Approved	Little Winch

List of Payments made between 01/10/2018 and 31/10/2018

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
16/10/2018	VIKING DIRECT	101049	115.49		stationery
16/10/2018	came and company	101050	2,583.79		Insurance
16/10/2018	S Bass	101051	590.00		Electrical work
16/10/2018	SARRATT VILLAGE HALL	101052	62.37		hall hire
16/10/2018	B WHITEWOOD LTD	101053	4,022.40		B WHITEWOOD LTD
16/10/2018	Eon	101054	66.33		electricity
16/10/2018	TBS Hygiene	101055	132.00		dog waste removal
16/10/2018	P Thorp	101056	210.18		Youth group
16/10/2018	W Kent	101057	43.20		wages
16/10/2018	J Dawes	101058	267.99		expenses
16/10/2018	J Dawes	101059	1,948.80		wages
		<b>Total Payments</b>	10,042.55		