

## SANDFORD ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL 2018

**Approved Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sandford St. Martin Parish Council held on 4 October 2018, at Sandford St. Martin Parish Hall.**

**Meeting Commenced at 7pm.**

**Councillors Present:** Ian Hames (Chair), Emily Wheeler-Booth, Jo Miles, James Rowe, Clive Hill

**Public:** 10

**County Councillor:** None present

**District Councillor:** Dave Jackson

**Clerk:** Not Present

### **AGENDA    ISSUES DISCUSSED ITEM**

443.    **To receive apologies for absence.** Rachel Johnson (Clerk ), Ian Hudspeth ( County Councillor)

444.    **Declarations of Interest.** No further issues were raised.

**Minutes and matters arising of the last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were presented and approved.

Matters arising

Parish communication – the councillors were asked when it is planned to issue the communication to the Parish regarding the Ledwell Village Green dispute. The councillors advised that the communication is at an advanced draft, and it should be possible to issue it within the next week or two.

It was further noted that the councillors had agreed to give Mr & Mrs Simpson an advanced copy of the communication.

Pledges – the PC confirmed that the total amount of pledges made towards the Village Green dispute is £15,500, of which £10,500 has been received into the PC's bank account.

#### **Reports**

445. **Dissolution of the Executive Committee on the Ledwell Village Green Dispute**

Action postponed to next meeting.

#### 446. Settlement Planning

£10,000 has been paid by the PC to Mr & Mrs Simpson.

A lengthy discussion was held with regard to the execution of a legal agreement drafted by Mr Simpson.

**RESOLVED: THAT** to execute the document provided by Mr Simpson, subject to taking further advice and incorporating any agreed amendments on or before 8 October.

#### 447. Tree of Remembrance

As part of the nation's commemoration of the Centenary of the Armistice of WW1, Oxfordshire County Council is partnering with [The Woodland Trust](#) for a project of lasting remembrance.

The Woodland Trust has donated young native species tree saplings ("whips") and the county council is offering a commemorative plaque to go alongside these to all town and parish councils in Oxfordshire to be planted by local councils on sites they identify within their communities.

SSM Parish Council have applied for a tree and plaque and liaised with the PCC and 1st Barton Scout Group to arrange a formal planting in SSM churchyard after the Remembrance Sunday Service on 11th November 2018

#### 448. Budget

A preliminary discussion was held concerning the budget for the Precept for 2019-20.

The major cost items, relating to the Ledwell Village Green dispute, were identified.

#### Public Comment

Mr Simpson raised the issue that the PC had agreed at some time past to contribute a plaque for the trees planted opposite The Pits for the Diamond Jubilee.

#### Items for next agenda

None raised

Next meeting

Thursday 22 November, 7pm (subject to hall availability)

