

Lower Sapey Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2023 commencing at 7:30pm
Held in St Bartholomew's Church, Harpley

Present: D Millward (Chair), H Rigby (Vice Chair), S Everitt (Clerk)
H Tulloch, S Younge, A Jones, J Jones, S Rigby, D Richards, P Millward

Apologies: Mark Griffiths, Margaret Griffiths, Marion West

1: Minutes of the meeting 22/9/2021: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Ashley Jones seconded by David Richards; all agreed.

2: Welcomed Paul and Pam Cumming - district councillors. Due to boundary changes we will be part of the Baldwin Ward.

3: Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes:

The footpath issue has been sorted by D Richards – thankyou.

4: Notice boards:

These are now in very poor condition and need replacing. How many legally do we need in the parish? Mr Paul Cummings kindly agreed to ask at higher authority as replacing all four will be very costly.

5: Precept:

These will be no change to the precept this year.

6: Grit bins:

These have not been filled for several years and the recent freezing conditions is causing concern in the parish. The parish clerk will make enquiries with County Highways. It may be necessary for the parish to buy some grit/salt to cover the needs for the remainder of this winter.

7: Parish Website:

The Parish Website was previously hosted with an advertising supported and therefore free provider but the advertising has become unacceptable. The site has been transferred to a "paid for" hosting service with a dedicated URL (lowsapey.net). The cost (£84.67 covering two years) of running this needs to be covered by the parish. This was proposed by S Younge and seconded by P Millward. The email address of lowsapey@btinternet.com is also available for parish use. It is important that this new Website name and email address are published widely. As part of the parish input to Teme Triangle, Margaret Griffiths will be asked to ensure this information is entered into her report each month.

8: District Council Report:

A written report from David Chambers (Tenbury division) was read out.

Mr Paul Cummings will enquire if there is any money available to enhance the facilities at St Bartholomew's church as it is the only publically available meeting place within the parish.

9: Parish Lengthsman Scheme:

Some work has been completed but we are still waiting for an invoice from Rob Wilks. The grass has been cut around Pitchard Close. Notification has been made about the flood outside Rosefurlong. County Highways will also to be notified about this as it is water trailing off the Bromyard to Stourport (B4203) road. After a report was submitted, one pothole has been partially filled by County Highways on Harpley road.

10: Issue with Harpley sewage:

This has been monitored and it appears that the issue has been resolved.

11: Planning Matters:

No planning issues were brought to the meeting.

12: Policing Matters:

There were no issues reported from community policing.

13: Any Other Business:

Coronation of King Charles III. There is a plan being developed to hold a party at the church during the first weekend in May.

The derelict property known as Margo's Henhouse continues to be an eyesore but being located on private property the parish is powerless to act on this issue.

There was an enquiry about the carbon sequestration available in the churchyard after the removal of the yew trees. Although this is not within the remit of the Parish Meeting, being within the church boundary, it was explained that the report to the diocesan chancellor included a replanting scheme to offer a carbon neutral solution to the tree removal.

14: Date of next meeting:

Thursday 27th April 2023 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed 20.20hours

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