

## **Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of the Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council Meeting held at Tirril Reading Rooms, on Monday 7 September 2015 at 5.30pm**

Present: Cllr Phil Ruston chaired the meeting with Cllr Sam Broad, Cllr Colin Jackson, Cllr David Owens & Cllr Ian Chambers (EDC) attended

#### Members of Public

Approximately 55 Members of the Parish

Prior to the commencement of the Parish Council Meeting, Cllrs Phil Ruston, Sam Broad and Colin Jackson informed the meeting that at the end of the meeting they would be resigning as Parish Councillors, and their respective roles.

#### **1. Apologies**

- Cllr Richard Relph

#### **2. Minutes**

- The minutes of the Council meetings held on 6 July 2015 were agreed for signing and initialling as a true record (Circulated prior to meeting).

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

- None

#### **4. Democratic Half Hour / Public Question Time**

- Members of the Parish attended the meeting to discuss the Key Hub Consultation with Eden District Council to voice their concerns about the Parish Council's decision to support Sockbridge & Tirril being classified as a Key Hub. The members of the public were disappointed that the Parish Council had not consulted with them, and disagreed with the Parish Council's interpretation of the key services identified by Eden District Council, namely the inclusion of the shop, as the members of the parish disagreed with classifying the service as a shop. Elements of the Eden Local Plan, Proposed Changes to the Draft Settlement Hierarchy Update Paper, July 2015, were discussed. Due to the level of concerns raised, the Parish Council agreed that the Clerk would contact Eden District Council with the following comment: The general attitude of the approximate 55 members of public who attended the Parish Council meeting, was that they are wholly against Sockbridge & Tirril being classified as a Key Hub, due to believing that the Parish does not qualify, as it does not meet the criteria needed.

#### **5. Eden Local Plan**

- It was decided due to the resignation of 3 Parish Councillors this should be carried forward to the new Parish Councillors.

#### **6. Upcoming Grass Cutting Renewals**

- The tenders received for the grass cutting contract were discussed, and it was decided to proceed with the most cost effective contractor, there is extra land included in the

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tender, and the price was cheaper than currently paid. The Clerk to contact the successful contractor, and the unsuccessful contractor.

### **7. Parish Plan**

- It was decided due to the resignation of 3 Parish Councillors this should be carried forward to the new Parish Councillors.

### **8. Good Neighbours Scheme**

- It was decided due to the resignation of 3 Parish Councillors this should be carried forward to the new Parish Councillors.

### **9. Footway Lighting Update**

- The sub-committee held a meeting on 27 July, the minutes of which were discussed, and Martin was thanked for his help with the Footway Lighting. It was agreed to proceed as the minute's state. The minutes are attached.

### **10. Bus Shelter**

- Cllr David Owens informed the Parish Council that the bus shelter is still leaking, the matter was discussed, and it was agreed for Cllr David Owens to contact the contractor who replaced the roof. Cllr David Owens to also get a second opinion of the problem. The Clerk to contact the insurance company to see if this is something which the Parish Council are covered for.

### **11. Highways Update**

- Cllr Colin Jackson said there had slow progress on Highways issues. He is waiting for the Highways Agency to arrange a meeting to discuss the current issues.
- Cllr Colin Jackson informed the Parish Council he is happy to finish the items he has initiated with the Highways Agency.

### **12. Clerks Salary**

- The Clerks hours and rate of pay were discussed, in line with the contract of employment. It was agreed that an average of 13 hours a month was suitable, and it was agreed to pay the Clerk on the NALC Scale Point 15. The Clerk's salary to be reviewed annually.

### **13. Clerk's Update**

#### **• Correspondence**

- **Defibrillator** – The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the insurance company had stated that 'You will have property damage cover for the defibrillator under the street furniture section of your policy. With regards to the liability, you can only be responsible for something you have control of. For instance, if it is not secured to a wall properly and it falls and hits someone, you would be responsible for any injury that occurred to the person it fell on. If someone does not use it correctly, this is something you cannot be held responsible for as it is out of your control.'

Cllr Phil Ruston informed the Parish Council that an anonymous contributor had offered to pay for the cabinet and fitting of the defibrillator. The Parish Council thanks the anonymous contributor for this donation. The Parish Council agreed that the works should be completed by a qualified and competent electrician, who can provide certificates if necessary.

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### **14. Planning**

- None

### **15. Finance**

- The Cash Book for August & September 2015 was approved for signing by the Chairman

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>INCOME</b>
12/08/2015	EDC - Grant		£ 331.16
18/08/2015	H & H	£ 174.00	
07/09/2015	R Kelly - August / September	£ 120.00	
07/09/2015	HMRC	£ 30.00	
07/09/2015	R Kelly Expenses	£ 30.70	

### **16. Date of the next meeting**

- The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2 November 2015. Location TBC, this meeting may be subject to change due to the Vacancies of Councillors.

The meeting was closed at 19.15

## **Item 8 - Minutes of a meeting of the Lighting Sub-committee at Ladybeck, Tirril at 4.00pm on 27 July 2015**

**Present :** Colin Jackson, David Owens, Martin Ratledge

### **1. Background information**

There was a review of events leading to the current situation, in particular:

- Requests at Parish Meetings in the late 1980s for improved street/footway lighting, which led to the drafting and implementation of a lighting scheme by EDC Technical Services for 20 lights
- A recent decision by Electricity North West to phase out the use of electric poles for lighting purposes
- A declared intention by EDC to reduce substantially (to perhaps a half or less) the number of lights maintained by them and which are predominantly in rural areas. This is motivated by economic reasons
- A meeting on 9 Oct 2014 with members of an EDC Working Group to consider the status of the 20 lights in the village
- A subsequent interim report dividing the lights into 3 categories:
  - “Agreed”, being 7 lights which EDC would replace in due course and continue to maintain. These comprised 2 on the B5320 and 5 of the 7 on Sockbridge Estate
  - “Pending”, being 4 lights attached to electric poles where there were electric supply and other problems to their replacement with standalone columns. 3 are on the B5320 and

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one adjacent to the Stone House. These are to be surveyed by Amey to determine what options might be available and whether EDC will take them over

“Not Approved”, being the remaining 9 lights which EDC will not take over. 2 are attached to third-party buildings and the remaining 7 (although in good condition) are considered to be too remote from village amenities to be replaced in the long term. EDC have said however that they will continue to replace bulbs and pay for electricity for the remainder of their working life

### 2. On-site lighting inspection

All the lights on B5320 and one attached to an electric pole on Sockbridge Estate were visited to see the problems faced by some of them.

### 3. Recommendations for action

(i) It was agreed that all of the lights in the “Pending” category were of vital importance to the village, but nothing further could be considered until the Amey report was available.

(ii) It was also agreed that of the lights in the “Not Approved” category, priority should go to lights 14, 15 and 20, situated on the Sockbridge road, as they were mostly sited on dangerous corners and also because collectively they created a built-up area (30mph). Light 13 by the TASCAs turning circle was also favoured.

(iii) It is clear from EDC’s stated intention and from their interim report that the village will not be able to keep all its lights without a cost to the Parish Council. Any we wish to keep in the “Not Approved” list will need funding in the long term, and any not taken over by EDC in the “Pending” category may need funding in the short term.

A sum of £300 was included in the 2015/16 precept towards possible lighting costs. It was suggested that £600 be included for 2016/17 and £900 for 2017/18, by which time the funding requirement should be much clearer.

(iv) Immediate actions which need to be taken by the Parish Council are:

- to find out when light 5 (on the “Agreed” list and at the corner of Quaker Lane) is to be replaced. The light was removed by ENW some 3 years ago, and our subsequent requests for action have not been answered
- to find out when the Amey report is going to be available. This is becoming a pressing issue, as light 9 (Stone House) has also been removed by ENW and there is currently a problem with light 4 (Chambers Garage). Both are on the “Pending” list.