

# Minutes of Lower Sapey Parish Meeting

## Held at St Bartholomew's Church on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Present:

Chair: Dot Milward Vice Chair Howard Rigby. Clerk: Sue Everitt  
Paul Cumins District Councillor, Jen and Nick Denniston, Paul Millward Margaret and Mark Griffiths, Steve Younge, David Richards, Susan. Rigby, Hilly and Alastair Tulloch.

1. Apologies Pam Cumins (District Councillor), Liz Younge, Marion West.
2. Parish clerk has resigned. Sue Everitt is temporary replacement (no pay).
3. Minutes for the meeting 13th July 2023 read by Dot. Agreed a correct record, proposed by Margaret Griffiths seconded by Paul Millward. The minutes were signed.
4. Matters arising. Lengthsman scheme not actioned as Rob never sends a bill despite doing good drainage and other work when requested by Dot.
5. Finance: Howard confirmed precept paid by Malvern Hills District Council. Donation for Teme triangle £75:00. Funding for use of church £200:00. Increase church costs to £300:00 annually proposed by Nick Denniston seconded by David Richards. Alpha course donation refused as cannot donate to Christian activity.
6. Water issues: water pressure low tonight. Hole in the road getting bigger (by Hollands Mill). The one in the village has been dealt with.
7. Try to get the road through Harpley swept. Water off the field makes the road like a river, corner needs grading as undergrowth growing -will have a form filled in for highways. Update sign at T junction and hedges need cutting back.
8. Planning explained by Paul Cumins. 145 houses approved at Astley. The neighbourhood plan submitted and should be in place by the end of 2024. Still no transport survey. 1100 houses have been built this side of the river and 2500 new houses in Lower Broadheath. River crossing will be a problem. Interviews are planned for new head of MHDC Planning Department.
9. Planning application from Bowridge. Valerie and Ashley have no objections. Danielle Connolly - direct neighbour has many objections- read out at the meeting. This has been sent to planning. It was noted that the footprint is not changing. The parish meeting discussed at length but neither party was present. The meeting wishes to make no comment.
10. Any other business. Dave Richards highlighted thefts of vehicles within a five-mile radius. Five guys were caught staking out the New Inn. Dave Richards has arranged a meeting with Boris and Rooftops.
11. Date of next meeting 8th February 2024.

Meeting closed at 20:16hrs.