

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**

**Present:** Councillors Revd W Hawkins (Chair), G Thomas, P Caruana,  
D Smith, A Crump, P Thomas, B Thomas, L Hewer, J Soni, D Isham  
R Waller, C Worsh

**In attendance:** Mrs D Carro, Mrs D Sanders, Cllr J Appleton

Prior to the start of the meeting Mr Robert Weeks of Stratford District Council sought the views of Councillors regarding the misuse of recycling facilities in Wood Street car park and the continuation of provision of the facility

**147. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr L Tasker – Work Commitments  
Cllr J Griffin – No apology received

Dist Cllr D Wise

**148. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Paul Caruana declared a personal interest in planning item 10/00086/FUL  
Cllr Bransby Thomas declared a personal interest in planning item 10/00086/FUL  
Cllr Glesni Thomas declared a personal interest in planning item 10/00086/FUL  
Revd Cllr Wayne Hawkins declared a personal interest in the grant application for the Grange Hall  
Cllr Daphne Smith declared a personal interest in the grant application for the Grange Hall  
Cllr Jane Soni declared a personal interest in the grant application for Voluntary Action Stratford on Avon

**149. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**149.1 Mrs S Threlfall, 6 School Street, Southam**

Mrs Threlfall thanked the Council for its letter and for being included in the photographs that were sent to the press with the Mayor's statement concerning the proposed closure of Victor Hodges House. She then went on to speak against the proposal made by the Civic Ideas Forum that yellow lines should be painted along School Street. Her correspondence with WCC indicated that the proposal would be to protect the dropped kerbs with yellow lines but that residents would be consulted before this could go ahead

**150. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
**RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor subject to the following amendments (i) that the word 'Deputy' should be inserted in item 136 before 'Town Mayor' (ii) that item 142 Grange Hall Capital Works Programme should read £6000**

**151. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED that payment of accounts dated February 2010, totalling £10058.02, be authorised**

**152. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated January 2010 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council

ii) Planning Application decisions dated February 2010

**RESOLVED (i) to check if permission for 09/02332/TREE was for one tree or two (ii) to ask the Enforcement Officer if the sign referred to in planning decisions 09/02301/ADV had in fact been installed despite the consent being refused**

**153. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**153.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

**RESOLVED (i) to bring forward item 6 correspondence (ii) that Cllr Bransby Thomas should take Mrs Threlfall's view about yellow lines in School Street to the Civic Ideas Forum meeting**

**153.2 RECYCLING FACILITY – WOOD STREET CAR PARK**

**RESOLVED to consult residents as to their views on the need for the recycling facility at Wood Street car park through the town newsletter**

**153.3 STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE 2010/11**

**RESOLVED (i) to advise residents of the cessation of night patrols and to give contact information for reporting faults through the town newsletter**

**(ii) to accept the street lighting maintenance quotation**

**153.4 COVENTRY DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE LTD SOUTHAM GLEBE LAND OFF COVENTRY ROAD (MAYFIELD ROAD OPEN SPACE)**

**RESOLVED (i) to write to Harriet Wood at Orbit Housing inviting her to attend the next ENV meeting to discuss the possibility of Orbit Housing providing financial support for the provision of play equipment at a site on the Mayfield estate in return for the Council adopting the site and taking responsibility for its future maintenance (ii) to defer responding to the letter from Countrywide Estates until the meeting with Orbit has taken place**

**153.5 WELSH ROAD EAST FEASIBILITY**

Noted

**153.6 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

**RESOLVED (i) to change the date of Town Council meetings to the fourth Thursday of the month starting in June 2010 (ii) to circulate a list of new dates and to advertise the change in the town newsletter**

**154.7 NOMINATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE AT A ROYAL GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE ON THURSDAY 22ND JULY**

**RESOLVED to nominate Councillor J Soni**

**154.8 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members considered grant application from six organisations and

**RESOLVED (i) to award grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as follows:-**

Butterfly Conservation Warwickshire Branch	£200
Friendship Project for Children	£500
Volunteers Services Stratford on Avon District	£700
The Grange Hall Management Committee	£0
Craven Lane Hall	£0
St James Church Southam (churchyard maintenance)	£3518

(ii) to write to the unsuccessful applicants outlining the conditions under which a future application would be considered

**154.9 MEETINGS, TRAINING AND EVENTS**

Noted

**154.10 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2010, ENV MEETING DATES 2010**

Noted

**155. CORRESPONDENCE**

**155.1 WALC/WCC FOCUS GROUP MEETING – HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

Noted

**155.2 POLICE SOUTHAM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

Noted

**155.3 TOWN AND COUNTY PLANNING (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 – Warwick Minerals Core Strategy; Revised Spatial Options**

Noted

**155.4 WARWICKSHIRE POLICE (RIDE ALONG SCHEME) WALC**

Noted

**155.5 MRS BYATT -PARK LANE RECREATION GROUND AND TOWN CLERK'S RESPONSE**

Noted

**155.6 MRS THRELFALL – DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, SCHOOL STREET, SOUTHAM**

Dealt with under item one Town Clerk's Report

**156. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Appleton informed the Council

(i) that he would regret residents being denied the Wood Street car park recycling facility and reminded Council that the Tesco detailed plans had yet to come and there might be an opportunity to consider recycling when they did

(ii) he had objected to the Harp Farm planning application, as he did not think it was in an appropriate part of the town

(iii) he would present the Victor Hodges petition to the Chair of SDC prior to the Council meeting and invited the Mayor to attend

(iv) a request had been received from a resident for a pedestrian crossing near St Mary's School

(v) of £10million of cuts in WCC budget this year which would include a reduced subsidy to the County Music Service

(vi) that Katrina Pedlar is working on a Road Traffic Order which includes yellow lines opposite Budgens, restricted parking on Coventry Street and yellow lines on the bend in Pendicke Street

On the subject of the Core Strategy Consultations, he advised that Council should invite an officer to brief them on the implications for Southam as the number of houses was a government directive but that the phasing and location was not.

**RESOLVED**

**(i) that Cllr B Thomas and Cllr L Hewer would attend the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February to discuss a revised proposal for the crossing on Market Hill**

**(ii) to invite an officer to brief Council on the implications for Southam of the Revised Core Strategy**

**157. BUSINESS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE MAYOR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**

**157.1 TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Town Clerk updated Council on the progress of the new Town Council website and said that it was hoped to go live in May 2010

**157.2 PLAYBUILDER GRANT**

The Town Clerk updated Council on the progress of the application for a Playbuilder Grant

**RESOLVED to pay £2500 towards removal of old equipment and provision of safety surface**

**158. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING**

It was moved and

**RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public be excluded from the meeting because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted**

**159. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

**RESOLVED**

**(i) to authorise payments of staff salaries dated February 2010**

**(ii) to authorise payment of ‘Confidential Accounts’ dated February 2010**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Southam Town Council – February 2010**

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Observation Date / Comment</b>
10/00090/FUL	Mr & Mrs S Oliver	48 Warwick Road, Southam, CV47 0HW	Proposed single storey extension to side and rear of property and two storey rear extension	No Representations

1000128/TREE	Mr Ken Graham	Beechloft, 5 Warwick Road, Southam CV47 0HN	Proposed Tree A conifer: fell, Tree B Holly: fell, Tree C Apple: prune to reshape and encourage fruiting. Tree D Walnut: shorten back lateral branches only by approximately 15% back to suitable growth points	Southam Town Council would like this application to be subject to the approval of the Forestry and Landscape Officer.
10/00086/FUL	Mr & Mrs S Barnes	14 St Mary's Close, Southam CV47 1EW	Single storey extensions to front and rear and both sides of the property. Change of fenestration.	No Representations
10/00179/TREE	Mrs Gloria Fox	Cuttle Beck, 22 Banbury Road, Southam CV47 1HL	T1 poplar : fell T2 - T12 fell to thin out group	Southam Town Council would like this application to be subject to the approval of the Forestry and Landscape Officer.

**Meeting closed 10.25pm**