

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY 11th MARCH 2010

Present: Councillors Revd W Hawkins (Chair), G Thomas, P Caruana,
D Smith, A Crump, P Thomas, B Thomas, L Tasker, 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 Phil Ward, Rural Housing Enabler (Warwickshire Rural Community Council) and Mr John Gordon, Development & Enabling Officer (Stratford Council) attended the meeting to discuss with members the results of the Housing Needs Survey that was carried out in 2009 as well as how a Local Choice Scheme could be developed alongside the current allocated sites and the proposed allocation sites.

160. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr L Hewer – Absent – No apologies given

161. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andy Crump declared a personal interest in items to be raised under Urgent Business – Southam @ Play loan and Tollgate Road Lease

Cllr Richard Waller declared a personal interest in item 2 on the Town Clerk's report

Revd Cllr Wayne Hawkins declared a personal interest in planning item 10/00272/FUL

162. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

162.1 Mrs S Threlfall, 6 School Street, Southam

Mrs Threlfall asked what the latest situation was with regard to Victor Hodges House and read out a letter that she sent to Orbit Heart of England Housing Association.

163. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th February 2010, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor subject to the following amendment (i) that it should state under minute 156 "That the Council were made aware of a meeting regarding a proposed pedestrian crossing on Market Hill".

164. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
RESOLVED

i) To consider item 3 in correspondence prior to resolving payments

ii) That payment of accounts dated March 2010, totalling £10598.75 be authorized

165. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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

ii) Planning Application decisions dated March 2010

Noted

iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

RESOLVED

That Cllr D Isham was not required to attend the Committee Meeting on 17th March 2010

166. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

166.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Mrs S Threlfall – Victor Hodges House

Southam Town Council thanked Mrs Threlfall for keeping up the pressure.

166.2 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

RESOLVED

i) To request written information regarding ‘Local Choice Schemes’

ii) To invite Phil Ward and John Gordon to the ENV meeting in April to further discuss a ‘Local Choice Scheme’

iii) That Cllr L Tasker and Cllr B Thomas will attend the Core Strategy (drop in) session on Monday 29th March 2010 between 4pm – 7pm at The Grange Hall

166.3 VICTOR HODGES HOUSE PETITION

Noted

166.4 PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – MARKET HILL, SOUTHAM

Members considered correspondence from Sallie Hall (WCC) regarding the above proposal and Cllr B Thomas updated members on the meeting he had attended.

RESOLVED

To respond to Sallie Hall stating the following:

i) That the Town Council recognise the need for a pedestrian crossing, but considers the proposal is not the only potential solution and therefore request that WCC put forward a more sophisticated scheme

ii) The Zigzags should be consistent i.e. the same length on both sides of the road

iii) People using the crossing would be crossing into a car park which would then have to be negotiated

iv) There is no room to pass the bus, thus bringing cars to a standstill.

v) There has been a lack of consultation with businesses

vi) Loss of car parking space

166.5 FURTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

RESOLVED

That a Stakeholder Meeting is arranged involving WCC, Police, Youth Service Area Manager etc, to seek more provision for Southam

166.6 WELSH ROAD EAST SCHEME

The Town Council is pleased with the outcome and thanked Cllr Appleton for his efforts.

166.7 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Mr Jim Griffin’s resignation was noted.

166.8 STRATFORD ON AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION CORE STRATEGY RESOLVED

i) To purchase a hard copy of the document for each Councillor

ii) To put the item on the Agenda for the April Town Council Meeting and respond to the consultation following this meeting

166.9 MEETINGS, TRAINING AND EVENTS
Noted

166.10 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2010, ENV MEETING DATES 2010
Noted

167. CORRESPONDENCE

167.1 CVS GRANT – THANK YOU
Noted

167.2 SOUTHAM/FELDON COMMUNITY FORUM – WCC
Noted

167.3 AIR CADETS 2028 (SOUTHAM) SQUADRON
Dealt with under minute 164

168. WORKING PARTY REPORTS
REPORT ON A JOINT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL I & II
WORKING PARTY ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2010

168.1 STREET LIGHTING – BOB YARWOOD (WCC)

Bob Yarwood attended the meeting to discuss with members the situation regarding bringing the street lights, which the Town Council are responsible for, up to standard in order for WCC to adopt them.

Bob Yarwood advised the following:

That WCC have taken over 240 lights

The remaining street lights are 40 – 50 yrs old

Currently saving £12k - £15k per annum

Some people believe that white lights make people feel safe

249 lights to be replaced – Cost £300,000 - £400,000 (we will need 300 – 400 columns)

WCC's schemes have to comply with British Standard (more lights with street lighting than footpath lighting)

Pendicke Street to be done next (WCC already have it on their inventory)

Saving is £20 per column on maintenance, plus electricity

From 2015 – no mercury lights (STC has one)

We could turn off our lights:

1. Turn off altogether
2. Off 11.30pm on 5.30am
3. Dim through 11.30pm – 5.30am

RECOMMENDATION

Bob Yarwood to do a detailed survey so that the Town Council can plan how they

progress. The survey is to be carried out in April and Bob Yarwood will meet with the Town Council again to discuss it.

168.2 APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Members considered the vacancies

RECOMMENDATION

- i) That Cllr J Soni is the appointed representative for Age Concern**
- ii) That Cllr C Worsh is the appointed representative for Southam Primary Governor**
- iii) That the Personnel Working Party is to remain at 3 members**
- iv) That Cllr D Isham is the appointed representative for The Grange Hall Management Committee and the Town Council Website**
- v) The Civic Ideas Forum remains vacant**

168.3 ORGANISATIONS INVITED TO TOWN MEETING

Members considered the list of organisations that are invited to the Town Meeting and made a few changes.

RECOMMENDATION

- i) That a data base of email addresses be gathered**
- ii) Eligible groups are informed that they can apply for grants and give out the cut off dates**

168.4 GRASS COLLECTION PARK LANE

Members considered quotations from two contractors to pick up the grass cuttings from the cut prior to the carnival.

RECOMMENDATION

- i) To accept the Philip Cook Maintenance quote**

168.5 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 CONSULTATION

Members considered the questionnaire

RECOMMENDATION

- i) That Councillors will respond individually.**

168.6 SACHA BARNES ASSOCIATES – WHAT HAVE TREES, CARBON REDUCTION AND THE QUEEN’S DIAMOND JUBILEE IN 2012 GOT IN COMMON?

Members reviewed and noted the correspondence

168.7 PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – MARKET HILL

RECOMMENDATION

- i) That the item is put on the agenda at the next Town Council meeting for discussion and that a copy of the proposed plan is included in the papers.**
- ii) To advise Sallie Hall (WCC) of the situation**

168.8 TOWN PLAN ACTION PLAN

Members considered the plan and the amendments are attached

168.9. ORBIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION – PLAY AREA MAYFIELD ROAD ESTATE

RECOMMENDATION

- i) Orbit confirmed that they are happy to go ahead with funding a new Play Area**
- ii) SDC might be approached for funding**
- iii) Orbit will submit a Grant Application in April**
- iv) Orbit will send out a survey to residents by the end of March, so that local children can be consulted on the type of equipment they would like to have. Town Council to approve the survey before it is sent out**
- v) Cllr G Thomas & Cllr J Soni will lead on the project and be the point of contact**
- vi) The Play Area to be installed by the start of the School Summer Holidays**

169. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Appleton informed the Council

- (i) that most housing need has been satisfied through existing development
- (ii) that it is Paul Harris the council will need to speak to regarding the Core Strategy and it is envisaged that the consultation end date of 8th April 2010 will be extended
- (iii) SDC have decided to go back to having 2 Planning Committees – venues yet to be decided
- (iv) that the whole £25k funding has been secured for the Welsh Road East improvements, including the Gateway
- (v) that SDC have not yet received S106 payment from Banner Homes
- (vi) that the high speed railway line which will affect parts of Stratford District was announced today
- (vii) reminded Council of the SDC event taking place at Gaydon on 12th March 2010

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

170.1 TOLLGATE ROAD PLAYBUILDER GRANT

The Town Clerk advised that the Grant Application to replace the Trim Trail at Tollgate Road had been successful and the Town Council have been awarded £15,489. The Clerk advised that the design will need to be scaled down, as the application was for £21,956. The Clerk went on to explain that the project needed to retain the planting and stone items to fulfill the grant criteria, but the cost can be reduced by not having the Talk Tubes and not having as much Safagrass. In order not to lose anymore equipment the Council were asked to contribute a further £500

RESOLVED

That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will meet with the Town Clerk and finalise the design and any additional Town Council contribution before the order is placed.

170.2 TOLLGATE ROAD LEASE

RESOLVED

To be discussed under confidential

170.3 SOUTHAM@PLAY – LOAN REQUEST

Cllr A Crump advised that the fence at Park Lane Recreation Ground has been replaced and the invoice needs paying, but Southam @ Play have not yet received the grant money from SDC. Therefore, Cllr Crump requested that the Town Council loan Southam @ Play £4000 which will be repaid to the Council as soon as the grant money has been received.

RESOLVED

- i) That Southam Town Council loan Southam@Play £4000
- ii) That Southam@Play is discussed at the next ENV meeting

170.4 GRANGE HALL CHARITY STATUS

A letter from Liam Nevin SDC was considered.

RESOLVED

That Cllr L Tasker and Cllr D Isham work with the Town Clerk to provide SDC with the information they require.

171. 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

172. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED

- (i) to authorise payments of staff salaries dated March 2010
- (ii) to authorise payment of 'Confidential Accounts' dated March 2010

173. TOLLGATE ROAD LEASE

RESOLVED

That Cllr B Thomas, Cllr J Soni and the Town Clerk will attend the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Southam Town Council – March 2010 Issue 2

| Application Number | Applicant Name | Site | Proposal | Observation Date / Comment |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| 10/00258/FUL | Mr Gavin Wrightman | Myer Bridge Farm, Daventry Road, Southam CV47 1NN | Erection of building to house 'biomass boiler' and associated equipment | Southam Town Council asks that the Environment office is asked to comment on the suitability of this boiler for this area and on the implications of the transport of fuel to the site. |
| 10/00272/FUL | Mr & Mrs S Adams | 6 Sycamore Grove, Southam CV47 1EY | Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear | No Representations |
| 10/00378/FUL | Mr G Aris | 23 Springs Crescent | Erection of a single storey | No Representations |

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| | | Southam CV47 0JT | extension to side and rear | |
| 10/00209/FUL | Mr Ade Adenuga | Newstead Lodge Nursing Home, Warwick Road, Southam CV47 0HW | Erection of part first floor, part two storey side extension and erection of conservatory | No Representations |

Meeting closed 10.45pm