

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY 8th APRIL 2010

Present: Councillors J Soni (Chair), G Thomas, C Worsh
D Smith, A Crump, P Thomas, B Thomas, L Tasker & D Isham

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

174. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr L Hewer – Absent – No apologies given
Revd Cllr W Hawkins – Holiday
Cllr R Waller – Personal
Cllr P Caruana - Holiday

175. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Crump declared a personal interest in items raised relating to the Tollgate Road Lease

176. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

176.1 Ms R Hallam, 9 Banbury Road, Southam

Spoke regarding the proposed High Speed Rail Link stating that it would have a detrimental effect on the Town and blight the area. She asked what the Council were doing about getting the proposal stopped.

176.2 Mr G Long, Windmill Lane, Ladbroke

Was given special dispensation to speak regarding the proposed High Speed Rail Link, explaining the implications that the proposal will have on the area, asked the Town Council to take the lead and stop the proposal.

176.3 Mr S Shearsby, 6 Bascote Rise, Southam

Spoke regarding the Town Council Website, stating that he didn't know what time the Town Council meeting started, that when he went on the web it stated that the Town Council Website was under construction and there was nothing on the Warwickshire County Council website.

177. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th March 2010, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Deputy Mayor subject to the following amendment (i) that it should state under minute 166.4 “That the Council recognise the need for a traffic management scheme”.

178. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

That payment of accounts dated April 2010, totalling £17,189.43 be authorized

179. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

- i) There were no planning applications to consider
- ii) Planning Application decisions dated April 2010

Noted

- iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Noted

180. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

180.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Ms R Hallam and Mr G Long - High Speed Rail Proposal

Members of the public were informed that the Council had discussed the High Speed Rail proposal at a previous meeting and stated that the Council approved the introduction of an 'Exceptional Hardship Scheme' that the criteria should possibly include Sporting amenities that maybe affected and Small and medium business enterprise, include properties over tunnels, emigration and commercial criteria and that at the time of consultation in Autumn 2010, Southam Residents should have the opportunity to give their views.

RESOLVED

i)To publish details about the Ladbroke Action Group

ii)To keep Southam Residents informed

iii)That Cllr L Tasker and Cllr B Thomas represent Southam Town Council at the 'Action Group' meetings.

Mr S Shearsby – Town Council Website

Members of the public were informed that it is envisaged that the Town Council Website will 'go live' in the first week of May.

180.2 SOUTHAM CARNIVAL

Members considered correspondence from the Carnival Committee requesting help towards the cost of insuring the toilets

RESOLVED

That Southam Town Council pay the total cost of £60.00 + 5% tax to insure the toilets

180.3 STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION CORE STRATEGY – FEBRUARY 2010

RESOLVED

i)To send Southam Town Council's original observations and comments to Paul Harris at SDC

ii)To supply Paul Harris with a copy of our most recent Housing Needs Survey and a statement that the Town Council would like to participate in the Local Choice initiative in one or both of these locations to ensure that sufficient housing remains available for local people for the future

iii)To supply Paul Harris with a "statement of requirement" for infrastructure projects, recreational and other needs e.g.:

- Additional recreational land west of Mayfield Road SOU2**
- Recreational land at SOU1 to be at the north of the development**
- Protection of the Holy Well's water source during the SOU2 development**
- Consideration of the potential cycle route through the SOU2 development**

iv)To confirm Southam Town Council's desire to protect other potential sites from development including the River Stowe corridor and land east of the bypass

v)To state that Southam Town Council has concerns over what impact the potential High Speed Rail link will have on Residential Development on SOU1

180.4 ENDORSEMENT OF WARWICKSHIRE'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY BY WALC

Members considered correspondence from WALC.

RESOLVED

To respond to WALC stating the following:

- i) That 'Partnerships' were not working as they should
- ii) The Council was surprised that there was no reference to 'Total Place' although there was reference to sub-regions which was good
- iii) That Southam Town Council believe that all young people and families should have the same degree of Recreation and Open Space available to them e.g. equality across the county, and as such would refer WALC to the article below that was in the last edition of D.I.S
"731/7 – Clever councils will invest in great green space, says CABE"

180.5 P3 (FOOTPATH GROUP)

Members considered the correspondence from Nigel Chapman stated that he was resigning from the P3 Committee

RESOLVED

- i) To write to Ian Merrivale to ascertain whether there is finance available for Southam and how it is obtained
- ii) To write and thank Nigel Chapman for all of his voluntary efforts over the years on the P3 Committee and invite him to attend an ENV meeting along with Mike Stanley to talk about what the group does and whether it can be continued in anyway

180.6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSIONS AT MEETINGS AND PARAGRAPH 12 (2) OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

Members considered the correspondence and were informed that the Council have already adopted paragraph 12 (2)

Noted

180.7 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - SOUTHAM

Further to the proposals made at the previous ENV meeting regarding the above, WCC requested evidence/reasons to back up the additional requests.

RESOLVED

- 1. That parking for Disabled Badge Holders have no time restrictions – Reason A (avoiding danger to persons or traffic)*
- 2. Oxford Street opposite Budgens No Waiting – Make it No Parking at Any Time and extend it so it is in line with the footpath that leads from Oxford Street to Warwick Street – Reason A & C (avoiding danger to persons or traffic and facilitating the passage of traffic)*
- 3. Park Lane – make it No Waiting at Any Time instead of No Waiting Mon – Sat 8am – 6pm – Reason C (facilitating the passage of traffic)*
- 4. Coventry Street – To request that it is Limited Waiting for 2 hours and not 1 hour and no return 2 hours – Reason F (preserving or improving amenities of the area through which the road runs)*

- 180.8 FORMER GARDEN CENTRE SITE ON WELSH ROAD EAST**
Members considered correspondence from ‘Bromley Planning’ regarding the future development of the site
RESOLVED
To invite ‘Bromley Planning’ to the May Town Council meeting at 7pm
- 180.9 WARWICKSHIRE’S RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – A REVIEW**
RESOLVED
That the item is considered at the next ENV
- 180.10 MEETINGS, TRAINING AND EVENTS**
RESOLVED
That Cllr D Isham attends the Induction day for new Councillors at Alderminster – Cost £45.00
- 180.11 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2010, ENV MEETING DATES 2010**
Noted
- 181. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 181.1 MAINTENANCE OF POSTS AT THE HOLY WELL, SOUTHAM - SDC**
Noted
- 181.2 HOLY WELL – MRS J FRITH**
RESOLVED
To write to Mrs Frith thanking her for her letter and advising that, as she was on the committee who placed the order for the works on the path, she should be aware of any guarantees
- 181.3 VICTOR HODGES HOUSE – ORBIT HEART OF ENGLAND**
RESOLVED
To write to Orbit Heart of England and ask what the timescales are for the feasibility study
- 181.4 VICTOR HODGES HOUSE – 10 DOWNING STREET**
Noted
- 181.5 REVIEW OF SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL’S STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**
RESOLVED
To respond stating it is the opinion of Southam Town Council that representatives should be nominated by Parish/Town Councils
- 181.6 SPEEDAWARE – TEMPORARY FIXED FLASHING SIGNS**
Members considered the correspondence from WCC which stated that WCC has suspended the use of temporary posts due to Health & Safety reasons. In future, Parish/Town Councils would need to pay for a permanent fixed post at a cost of £400.
RESOLVED
To respond stating that, as a matter of principle and on the grounds of ‘Double Rating’, Southam Town Council will not be purchasing any posts

181.7 SOUTHAM LIBRARY GROUNDS

Noted

182. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

**REPORT ON A JOINT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL I & II
WORKING PARTY ON 25TH MARCH 2010**

**182.1 TOLLGATE ROAD LEASE AND GRANT
RESOLVED**

i) That the Town Clerk is authorised to go ahead with grant expenditure to replace the Trim Trail at the Tollgate Road Play Area as set out by the company supplying the equipment, which utilises land space to best advantage those using it

ii) To advise WCC that Southam Town Council want to renew the lease as it is for 25 yrs, allowing St James Primary School and St Mary's Primary School use of the field as outlined in the existing lease

182.2 ORBIT HOUSING – MAYFIELD ROAD ESTATE PLAY AREA

Members considered the survey that is to be sent out to residents on the Mayfield Road Estate.

RESOLVED

To respond to Orbit Housing as follows:

i) Identified possible areas cannot be clearly seen

ii) Suggest black & white street map not satellite picture

iii) Springfield Grove wrongly named Linley Road

iv) That the text is fine

182.3 HIGH SPEED RAIL LINK BETWEEN LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM

Members considered the correspondence

RESOLVED

i) Southam Town Council approve the introduction of an Exceptional Hardship Scheme (EHS)

ii) Possibility to include in the criteria

a) Sporting amenities that may be affected

b) Small and Medium business enterprises (SMEs)

iii) Include properties over tunnels

iv) Include emigration in allowed criteria

v) Commercial criteria

vi) At the time of consultation in Autumn 2010 Southam residents should have the opportunity to give their views

182.4 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, SOUTHAM

Members considered the proposals from WCC

RESOLVED

i) Oxford Street

Park Lane No Waiting 24/7

Opposite Budgens No Waiting – Make it no parking at any time and extend it so it is in line with the footpath that leads from Oxford Street to Warwick Street

ii) Coventry Street

To request that it is Limited Waiting for 2 hours and not 1 hour and no return 2 hours, ask for time restrictions on disabled parking to be removed i.e. have it 24/7, extend the green line from Meadow Road around in front of the Fire Station

iii) Northfield Road

Extend all the way along Northfield Road to Tesco entrance

iv) School Street

Make sure the Proposed No Waiting at Any Time on Pendicke Street extends over both dropped kerbs

182.5 116 LINLEY ROAD

Members considered correspondence regarding a request for a disabled parking space outside 116 Linley Road

RESOLVED

No Objections

182.6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the attached planning applications

182.7 SOUTHAM@PLAY

Members considered the future of Southam@Play. Cllr Crump advised that he was willing to continue but looking for help and that he would go along with what ever the Council decided

RESOLVED

i) Explore possibilities/advantages/disadvantages of future status. With particular reference to legality of existing awards specific to Southam@Play

182.8 SOUTHAM – CONSERVATION AS RISK

Members considered the report put forward by Cllr Tasker

RESOLVED

i) To approach WCC to improve the quality of works undertaken on pavements and consider the “Streets for All” website

ii) That Southam Town Council writes to Stratford District Council to request that, in order to have appropriate designs of doors and windows within a Conservation Area, they exercise their powers under Article 4 Direction of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – General Permitted Development Order 1995 to restrict permitted development rights to property owners within the Conservation Area

iii) To send a copy of the report to Katherine Geddes to see if she can help/look into it

182.9 COMMA, THE COMMUNITY AGGREGATES FUND 2010-2011

Members were asked to consider the correspondence as a possible funding opportunity for the Park Lane Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that it would be helpful if a few Councillors could be appointed to work with the Clerk on this project due to timescales

RESOLVED

i) That the Clerk leads this project and puts in an application relevant to the past

needs of the plan for the Recreation Ground e.g Skate park

ii) That Cllr A Crump is willing to assist the Clerk

iii) That, in principle, the Town Council will match fund up to £20k

iv) That Cllr Crump and the Clerk are authorised to agree a design and supplier for play equipment improvements in Park Lane

183. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Appleton informed the Council

(i) that he had noted the discussions which had taken place regarding the High Speed Rail Link

(ii) highway works for Wattons Lane to add the lower end is going to Cabinet and hopefully all the works (Wattons Lane, St James Road and Park Lane) will be done seamlessly in one contract

(iii) major traffic disruption on the Fosse Way by the Harbury Lane junction due to a serious road traffic accident

(iv) left the Council some new Evening Bus Timetables

(v) that Head of Planning Pat Reid has left SDC and the new acting Head of Planning is Tony Perks

(vi) informed the council of the Climate Change bulletin that has been sent by Dr Jacky Lawrence

Cllr J Appleton was thanked for the work he had done regarding the Tollgate Road lease

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

184.1 INTRODUCTION TO REGENERATION SEMINAR

Members were reminded about the above, very useful seminar organised by Katherine Geddes that is to be held on Thursday 29th April 2010, 1.30pm – 4.30pm at the Graham Adams Centre

185. 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

186. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED

(i) to authorise payments of staff salaries dated April 2010

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

187. TOLLGATE ROAD LEASE

RESOLVED

i) To respond to WCC stating that, at this moment the Council is not minded to vary any aspects of the existing lease apart from an increase in the term

ii) That the Town Clerk is not to chase WCC regarding this matter

Meeting closed 9.45pm

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

If you wish the Town Council to consider your views on these applications please write to the Town Clerk at The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1QA
 Stratford District Council is the Planning Authority so any objections to these plans should be sent to the Planning Department, Stratford District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6HX by the stated observation date.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B Southam Town Council - March 2010 Issue 2

APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
10/00441/FUL	Mr & Mrs Densham	2 Old Road, Southam CV47 1HP	Erection of two storey side extension	No Representations	
10/00404/FUL	Mr Webster	4 Grange Close, Southam CV47 0JR	Erection of conservatory to rear and porch to front	No Representations	Permission with conditions 1st April 2010
10/00396/REM	Tesco Store Limited	W of Kineton Road Land Off, Northfield Road, Kineton Road Industrial Estate, Southam	Erection of new foodstore with petrol filling station, car parking, servicing area and associated landscaping	Southam Town Council would like light pollution to be kept at a minimum	
10/00477/FUL	Fennes Estates	Stoneythorpe Hotel, Warwick Road, Southam, CV47 0HN	Alterations to existing fenestration, Erection of metal estate railings to south boundary and Erection of new Porte Cochere entrance to south elevation	Southam Town Council would like this application to be subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer	
10/00533/LBC	Mr R Harrison	Stoneythorpe Hall, Leamington Road, Southam CV47 2DL	Erection of a conservatory	12th April 2010	
10/00477/FUL	Fennes Estates	Stoneythorpe Hotel, Warwick Road, Southam, CV47 0HN	Proposed description of works has been amended to include 'the change of use of agricultural land to a wedding garden with associated works'	Southam Town Council objects to the change of use of this agricultural land to a wedding garden. It has received insufficient detail of what is proposed and what hard landscaping may be involved in the 'associated works'. This land forms part of the Stowe Valley corridor which is a beautiful part of Southam and should be preserved.	