

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**Present:** Councillors J Soni (Chair), G Thomas, C Worsh  
A Crump, B Thomas, L Tasker, R Waller, P Caruana  
L Hewer, T Spence, P Thomas & D Isham

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

**74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr W Hawkins - Personal  
Cllr D Smith - Personal  
Cllr D Wise – Work Commitments  
Cllr J Ellard - Personal

**RESOLVED:**

**That apologies are accepted**

**75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr G Thomas declared a personal interest in the Credit Crunch item that will be raised under 'Urgent Business'

**76. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms S Threlfall, 6 School Street, Southam

Spoke regarding the 'Anti HS2 Group' stating that she was not in favour of the high speed railway going ahead and asked if it was possible to have a stall at the Christmas Lights Festival to inform people what is proposed.

Mr T Gallehawk, Abbey Lane, Southam

Spoke stating that he was concerned about the proposed HS2, that he has yet to see the economic benefits and supported Mrs Threlfall.

Mr J Taylor, Brooke House, Warwick Road, Southam

Spoke concerning the Tesco planning application regarding signage, that there was a noisy air conditioning fan that is started late at night, that there is a lot of Tesco rubbish piling up in the vicinity of the Tesco store and that there are also abandoned trolleys.

Mr N Chapman, 9 Warwick Road, Southam

Spoke stating that since Tesco has opened there is a significant increase in litter between Tesco and the Park Lane Recreation Ground. He suggested whether Southam College could get involved and join the 'Tidy Up Campaign'.

**77. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**i) That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.**

**78. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That payment of accounts dated October 2010, totalling £12387.49 be authorized.
- ii) To investigate whether Mrs Gwillam's eye test should be partly paid by the Grange Hall Management Committee.
- iii) That payment relating to item 6 (Southam & District Children's Centre) be held until evidence has been received regarding the 'Toy Amnesty'.
- iv) To make enquires regarding the cost of replacing the 5 trees in the Park Lane Recreation Ground, which had to be removed because they were dead.

**79. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

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

ii) Planning Application decisions dated October 2010

**Noted**

iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

**Noted**

**80. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**80.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

i) Mrs Threlfall was advised to contact Val Steel regarding a stall at the Christmas Lights Festival

ii) Mrs Threlfall and Mr Gallehawk were advised that Cllr Waller was opposed to HS2 and that the council were of the opinion that the Library should be displaying information about HS2 and should be encouraged to do so.

iii) Mr Taylor and Mr Chapman were advised as follows:

**RESOLVED:**

**To contact Mark Harrison in order to arrange a meeting to discuss the noisy fan, litter, disabled access from Leamington Road and youths that congregate in Tesco car park.**

**80.2 WOOD STREET RECYCLING FACILITIES**

Members considered correspondence from SDC regarding relocating the recycling facility from Wood Street Car Park to the Tesco Car Park.

**RESOLVED:**

**To write and advise SDC that the Council are in favour of the recycling facility relocating, to request that Textiles are added and that the bins are located in the vicinity of CCTV so usage can be monitored.**

**80.3 TESCO S106 (S278) BUS PROVISION AND BUS SHELTERS**

Members considered correspondence regarding the above.

**RESOLVED:**

i) To write to WCC to ascertain when the decision will be made as to whether or not they will be installing bus shelters.

ii) To put this item on unresolved matters

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

Cllr J Appleton

Thanked the Council for their good wishes  
Spoke about the forthcoming budget and spending review stating that it was unclear what money will be available over the next four years  
SDC may gain and WDC may lose  
Substantial savings are expected and the council will be kept informed  
Stated that he was opposed to HS2 and when he is given the opportunity will be voting against it  
Grass cutting was discussed  
Reminded members about the VASA Big Society meeting  
Wattons Lane S106 was discussed and the Clerk was asked to forward Trevor Askew's email to Cllr Appleton.

## **82. TOWN CLERK REPORT**

### **82.1 INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF WARWICKSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY**

Members considered correspondence from Bob Malloy.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**i) To write and request a meeting with Chief Inspector Whiting to discuss the issues.**

### **82.2 46 PENDICKE STREET**

Members considered correspondence from a resident regarding the state of the above mentioned property and the response from the Empty Homes Officer at SDC.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To advise the resident what the Empty Homes Officer has said regarding the matter and state that the council is of the opinion that it is being dealt with appropriately.**

### **82.3 PARKING OUTSIDE SOUTHAM COLLEGE**

Members considered correspondence from a resident complaining that drivers dropping off students at Southam College have no regard for pedestrians using the footway that cars are mounting the footway without the drivers looking and sometimes blocking the footway so that pedestrians have to go on the road to get by.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**i) To write to Graham Stanley (WCC) to ascertain if it is possible for bollards/fencing to be installed to stop cars mounting the pavement.  
ii) To discuss the matter again with Southam College**

### **82.4 CHARITY FUN DAY – 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011**

Members considered correspondence requesting permission from the council to use the Park Lane Recreation Ground to hold a Charity Fun Day

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To respond stating that the Town Council is in favour of Charitable Events but require more detailed information before permission can be given.**

### **82.5 YOUTH VOLUNTEERING EVENING**

Members were advised that on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010, 6.30pm at the Grange Hall, Southam (Foyer) a 'Working with Young People Information Evening' will take place. The Youth and Community Service (WCC) have organised the meeting in conjunction with Southam Town Council and VASA.

**Noted**

**82.6 SYSTEMS THINKING PARISH COUNCIL WORKSHOP RELATING TO PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

Members were invited to attend the above mentioned workshop on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Stratford District Council.

**RESOLVED:**

**i) That Cllr L Tasker represent the Council at this workshop.**

**ii) That the Town Clerk provides Cllr Tasker with the relevant information**

**82.7 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS – PENDICKE STREET**

Members considered a report from Graham Stanley (WCC) advising that following a meeting he had with members of the council, he would be recommending to the Stratford Transport Seminar in January 2011, for

A proposal to make the length of Pendicke Street towards Daventry Road a 'One Way' system to be considered. This proposal would require support of the Local County Councillor as he would have to bid for the project at the Seminar. Mr Stanley also advised that if all the residents/businesses agreed to the 'One Way' System then funding would be requested at the Transport Seminar in 2012

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond stating that Southam Town Council is in favour of the proposal.**

**82.8 FRIENDS OF BEN LEE**

Members considered correspondence from a resident requesting that a tree be planted in Merestone Park in memory of Mr Lee.

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond stating that a tree may be planted subject to advice being sought from the Town Council's Tree Surgeon.**

**82.9 GROUNDSMAN/HANDYMAN CONTRACTOR**

Mr R Carro has been appointed the new Town Council Groundsman/Handyman Contractor

**Noted**

**82.10 MAYORAL REPORT**

The Mayor, Cllr Jane Soni, informed members of the functions she had attended over the last month:

\*Attended the AGM of the Warwickshire Carers Support Service

\*Attended the AGM of the Warwickshire Pre-School Learning Alliance and took part in their IT Workshop

\*Attended a Champagne Banquet hosted by the Mayor of Kenilworth

\*Attended a service at Galanos House to mark the start of the 90<sup>th</sup> year of the British Legion

\*Attended the Showcase of the Heart of England Community Foundation

\*Attended the Legal Service of the High Sherriff of Warwickshire at St Mary's Warwick

\*Opened the MOP Fair in Southam

\*Spoke to a group of German exchange students at Southam College about the town and being Mayor. Took them for a walk to Holy Well via a Trina Gulliver bench

**82.11 MEETINGS, TRAINING AND EVENTS**

- o Mayor Cllr Jane Soni Civic Dinner – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Grange Hall, Southam

- Remembrance Day Service – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010 – Meet at Wood Street Car Park for parade at 10:30am
- Briefing for Chairmen National Training Programme Modules 5 – 6 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Bourton on Dunsmore, Village, 10am – 1pm – Cost £30.00 pp
- Briefing on Employment Law for Parish and Town Councils – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Berkswell Reading Room, 10am – 1pm - Cost £30 pp

**82.12 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2010**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Noted**

**ENV MEETING DATES 2010**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**82.13 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2011**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January (Precept)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May (Town Meeting & Mayormaking)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July

August – Summer Recess

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

December – Christmas Recess

**ENV MEETING DATES 2011**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**82.14 UNRESOLVED MATTERS**

**MINUTE SUBJECT**

**1997/98**

123.6 Mountfield Gardens

**2000/2001**

133.3 Adoption of footway below flue, Market Hill

**2002/2003**

305.8 SWHA - Parking Problems - Mill Crescent/Mill Close

**2003/2004**

110.1 Safety on the Bypass

**2004/2005**

113 Traffic Calming Projects

**2009/2010**

101.3 Planning Committee – Stratford District Council  
(Meeting times and Venue)

**Noted**

**83. CORRESPONDENCE**

**83.1 PROPOSED STOCKTON-SOUTHAM CYCLE ROUTE MEETING – 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**SEPTEMBER 2010 MINUTES**

**Noted**

**83.2 TURNING OFF STREET LIGHTS – MR L GALE**

**Noted**

**83.3 2020 VISION FOR SOUTHAM – 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010 MINUTES**

Noted

**82.4 STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL TO ASK RESIDENTS – YOUR MONEY, MONEY DECIDE**

Noted

**83.5 SEPTEMBER 2010 PARTNERSHIP BRIEFING NOTE – WARWICKSHIRE POLICE**

**RESOLVED:**

To respond stating that the Council would like to make the point that the PCSOs in Southam have been successful in dealing with problems and would not want to see them being the first to go in the cost saving measures.

**83.6 FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS FRAMEWORK FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND – NALC LEGAL BRIEFING**

Noted

**84. WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

**REPORT ON A EXTRAORDINARY JOINT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL I & II WORKING PARTY ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2010**

**84.1 AREA COMMITTEE – 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010**

Wattons Lane S106

The Town Clerk updated members on the discussion that took with Mr Samra regarding the College's interest in this money. A discussion also took place regarding what the Town Council would say at the meeting

**RESOLVED:**

i) That Cllr A Crump speaks on behalf of Southam@Play, Cllr L Tasker speaks on behalf of Southam Town Council and Cllr B Thomas will speak if any important information has not been stated

ii) That the Town Clerk provides Cllr Crump with enough copies of the proposals for the Park Lane Recreation Ground with the S106 statement printed on top, in order for these to be distributed to the committee members

iii) To advise Mr Samra that the Town Council want all of the money

Tesco S106

A discussion took place regarding the S106 and also the proposed development of the Library site, Police Station and Victor Hodges, as discussed at a previous meeting with Trevor Askew

**RESOLVED:**

i) That Cllr B Thomas speaks on behalf of Southam Town Council

ii) That although the Town Council supports some of Katherine Geddes's proposals to do with the regeneration of the Town Centre, they consider the priority needs to be the Community Hub and that money should not be spent on other things until costs for the proposed development are considered

iii) That the development of the Town Centre needs to be based on community need and not budgetary restraint

iv) That the council prefer Option 1, which is the proposal put forward by a developer

v) That the S106 money should assist with the Option 2 (development of a One Stop Shop at the Library site) but it should not finance the whole project

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Cllr A Crump left at 8.10pm

**85. WORKING PARTY REPORTS**  
**REPORT ON A JOINT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL I & II**  
**WORKING PARTY ON 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**85.1 HIGH SPEED RAIL HS2**

Mr John Lee (Southam Area Action Group HS2) and Mr Graham Long (HS2 Action Alliance) attended the meeting to update members on the current situation.

The time table has slipped and public consultation will not take place until early 2011. There will be 3 separate consultations:

- \*By the DFT on principle of a high speed rail line
- \*By HS2 Ltd on specific proposals concerning the route
- \*An extra consultation about compensation issues.

An environmental assessment not likely to be published until well into the consultation period

If there is a decision to proceed, a safeguarding order on line likely to be made in 2012 (this prevents planning permission for development near to or on line)

Following this a Hybrid Bill will be put through Parliament. Objectors would then have the opportunity to petition Parliament over The Bill

Jeremy Wright, our MP cannot ask questions in the House nor sit on the Steering Committee to steer bill through Parliament. This will be the case for all MPs who have constituencies on the route.

Some local authorities, including Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire have already decided to oppose HS2. WCC says it does not have enough information to make a decision

Meetings called by Warwick District Council for late October and Kenilworth TC in November. SDC is not hurrying to respond. Action group keen that towns and parishes in South Warwickshire make a response.

Action group can provide information about why HS2 should be opposed and the arguments for HS2 are in the public domain. The Command paper is available on line and is a good place to start discovering the rationale for HS2.

Other areas touched upon included property blight, the business case for HS2, freight traffic and the Action Group's strategy.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) Southam Town Council is minded to oppose the present proposals for a high speed rail link and desire to seek the views of residents to support its decision making**
- ii) To hold a public meeting before Christmas and invite our MP Jeremy Wright, Graham Long, John Lee to put their views. Also invite County and District Councillors to the meeting**
- iii) HS2 Action Group are invited to submit a contribution to the Town Newsletter**
- iv) That the Public Meeting takes place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 after the Town Council meeting that is starting at the earlier time of 6pm**

**85.2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

See Attached



**85.3 WELSH ROAD EAST, FORMER GARDEN CENTRE – PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT**

Cllr R Waller updated the council on the proposed development

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Town Council supports the proposals**

**85.4 TOLLGATE ROAD LEASE**

**RESOLVED:**

**i) Seeking legal advice about whether the Council can discuss in public domain, as this is a matter of public interest**

**ii) Through ‘Freedom of Information’ seek copies of school governor minutes for 2010 and correspondence (including emails) relating to this matter**

**iii) That the matter is discussed in the public part of the meeting**

**iv) That the Town Council accepts the invitation of a meeting and that Cllr B Thomas and Cllr J Soni will attend with Cllr C Worsh in reserve**

**85.5 INVITATION TO ‘SYSTEMS THINKING’ RELATING TO PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

The Town Council has been invited to attend a workshop on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010, 6pm-8pm at Stratford District Council to assist with identifying common issues that the Council has with the enforcement process at SDC and to identify areas for improvements

**RESOLVED:**

**To include on the October agenda**

**85.6 ATTENDANCE AT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The matter of Southam Town Councillors not attending the Planning Committee meetings was raised by Cllr Wise at the last TC meeting

**RESOLVED:**

**i) Request information in good time**

**ii) Request the time scales from our District Councillors**

**iii) Ask if attendance from other villages is at a similar level?**

**THERE WERE NO ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR ENVI OR ENVII TO DISCUSS**

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

Cllr D Wise

**i) On behalf of Cllr Wise, members were informed that the Coffee Cup is being opened on a Thursday evening from 7.30pm – 9.30pm for 11 – 17 year olds and it is being run by the volunteers who run the ‘Granny Wagon’.**

**ii) That he had been approached by various people asking for the Tuesday Market to be held on Market Hill and as such wanted to know what the Council’s opinion was on the matter.**

**Noted**

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

**87.1 VASA TRUSTEE**

Members were advised that Cllr L Tasker had to resign as trustee because she has been



on the board for 4 years, in order for her to be reappointed the Town Council needed to resolve that they want Cllr Tasker to be the Town Council representative

**RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr L Tasker is the appointed representative**

**87.2 CREDIT CRUNCH**

Cllr G Thomas left the meeting during this discussion

**RESOLVED:**

**i) That £190.00 to advertise Christmas Events in Southam is taken from the Credit Crunch Budget.**

**ii) That in future any financial requests from the Credit Crunch Group come to council via a 'Members Item' or 'Credit Crunch Minutes.'**

**88. 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**

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

**RESOLVED:**

**i) to authorise payments of staff salaries dated October 2010**

**ii) to authorise payment of 'Confidential Accounts' dated October 2010**

**Meeting closed 10.25pm**

Planning details below

## 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 October 2010

APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
10/02062/FUL	Mr H Bourne	71 Banbury Road, Southam	Two Storey side and rear extension	No Representations	
10/02081/FUL	Southam College	Southam College, Welsh Road West, Southam CV47 0JW	Erection of extension to existing main school entrance	No Representations	