

MINUTES OF THE CHRISTMAS RECESS MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2010

Present: The Mayor Cllr Jane Soni
The Deputy Mayor Cllr Andy Crump

In attendance: Mrs Debbie Carro

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

109. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that the payment of accounts dated December 2010 totalling £2296.64 be ratified

110. STAFF SALARIES AND CONFIDENTIAL PAYMENTS

RESOLVED:

To authorise payment of staff salaries and confidential payments dated December 2010.

111. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated December 10 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council.

112. HS2 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FROM CLLR RICHARD WALLER

Members considered correspondence from Cllr Waller requesting that he be allowed to ask HS2 Ltd for a FOI request for maps of the other proposed routes using Southam Town Council headed paper.

RESOLVED:

Taking into account what Graham Long said at the HS2 Public Meeting discouraging requests to HS2 Ltd, as it can block urgent requests from Action Groups. To respond to Cllr Waller advising that he is not authorised to make the request using Southam Town Council headed paper and that he should raise the matter with John Lee (Southam Action Group) as they may already have the information.

113. GRASS CUTTING TENDERS

The Clerk advised members that the current grass cutting contract comes to an end in March 2011. The Clerk took the decision to put the contract out to tender, as it has not been out to tender for 6 years. The closing date for tenders was Friday 17th December 2010 at 1pm and the council received 5 tenders.

RESOLVED:

i)That for the proposed budget the figure used should be based on the current grass cutting contractor's tender.

ii)That at the Precept Meeting the council should appoint 3 councillors to review the tenders and decide which contractor shall be awarded the new contract.

iii)At the January Town Council meeting this appointed working group should propose which contractor is awarded the contract and the budget adjusted if necessary

Meeting ended 09.50

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B

Southam Town Council December 2010

APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
10/02547/TREE	Mr Edward Tabor	Land located to the rear of 10 Warwick Road, Southam CV47 0HN	T1 Ash : Fell	Southam Town Council would like to see the tree replaced.	
10/02562/FUL	Governors of St James C of E Primary School	St James C of E Primary School, Tollgate Road, Southam, Cv47 1EE	Renewal of temporary planning permission for mobile classroom	The permission was granted with conditions 'the building hereby permitted shall be removed and the land restored to its former condition on or before 3 years form the date of the decision in accordance with a scheme of work to be submitted to and approved in writing by District Planning Authority'. Southam Town Council is concerned that no significant progress has been made to find a permanent solution .	THE ABOVE APPLICATION Southam Town Council objects to this application because of the significant deterioration of the building and the adverse effects of this on the environment and on the school children of Southam. The council suggests that permission should be for a shorter time than five years, only to allow time for a more permanent solution to be found. PERMISSION GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS the building hereby permitted shall be removed and the land restored to its former condition on or before 3 years form the date of the decision in accordance with a scheme of work to be submitted to and approved in writing by District Planning
10/02596/FUL	Mr & Mrs R Oram	1 Tollgate Road, Southam CV47 1EE	Single storey side extension	No representations	