

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

**Present:** Councillors M Gaffney (Chair), D Wise, L Tasker, L Hewer, C Worsh, A Forster, J Soni, L Smith, J Smith, J Ward & M Willoughby

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

**8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr P Thomas – Personal

Cllr J Ellard

**RESOLVED:**

**That apologies are accepted**

**9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared

**10. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs Sally Hunt, 12 Willes Road, Leamington Spa

Spoke concerning Wattons Lane, stating that she had attended a previous council meeting and wanted to know whether Severn Trent have responded regarding the possibility of having a cage installed over the pipe to stop youths sitting on it, if WCC have responded about the lighting and if the dispersal order has been renewed and whether the Police mobile numbers can be advertised.

Mrs D Smith, 20 Springs Crescent, Southam

Spoke regarding the town being littered with posters advertising events that have not been taken down after the event has taken place.

Mr D Thomas, 5 Abbey Lane, Southam

Spoke stating it was disappointing that there was no celebration in the town for the Royal Wedding and wanted to know if the town was going to celebrate the Jubilee as it would be nice for the town to have a street party

**10.1** Mr Thomas was advised that it is envisaged there would be Jubilee celebrations in the town under the Town Centre Partnership.

**11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.**

**12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

**That payment of accounts dated May 2011, totalling £53,478.83 be authorized.**

**13. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

i) There were no planning applications to consider

ii) Planning Application decisions dated May 2011

Noted

iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Noted

#### **14. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

##### **14.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

1) Mrs Hunt

###### **RESOLVED:**

- i) To contact the Police to ascertain if the Dispersal Order has been renewed and what the police strategy is to manage youths in the Wattons Lane vicinity over the summer holidays**
- ii) To contact Severn Trent to ascertain if they have made a decision about the pipe**
- iii) To contact WCC to ascertain if the new lighting contractor is in place in order to obtain a quotation for improved lighting along Wattons Lane**

##### **14.2 CONSULTATION RE: FUTURE OWNERSHIP OF PARCELS OF DISTRICT COUNCIL LAND**

Members considered correspondence from Stratford District Council (SDC) which stated that SDC had decided to dispose of some parcels of non operational land in the vicinity of the Mayfield Road Open Space and were requested to consider whether they wish to discuss with SDC the principal of taking a lease or acquiring land.

###### **RESOLVED:**

**To respond rejecting the offer to lease or acquire the land**

##### **14.3 FUTURE PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES WITHIN STRATFORD ON AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Members considered correspondence from SDC which stated that no conveniences have been identified for closure and they are reviewing the service to produce options that minimise the impact of the revised budget on front line services, one of the options being whether the facility could be run more economically at a local level. As such members are requested to consider the following:

- Would Southam Town Council be prepared to participate in this review?
- Would Southam Town Council wish to consider taking over the Public Conveniences in Southam depending on whether suitable terms can be agreed?
- Is Southam Town Council aware of any other organisations or businesses in Southam that could be approached to operate a Public Convenience service e.g. Community Centres & Pubs etc?
- Are there any other facilities that currently exist in Southam that could replace or be developed to replace the current Public Conveniences?

###### **RESOLVED:**

**To respond stating that Southam Town Council is willing to participate in the review**

##### **14.4 PLANNING SITE NOTICE**

Members considered correspondence from SDC advising that in future the Town Council will receive additional notices for the Town Council to display as appropriate

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond stating that the Town Council will not be displaying additional notices, as this is the responsibility of SDC as the Planning Authority and seek assurance that SDC will continue to display notices and that affected neighbours will also continue to be notified**

**14.5 SDC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – INVITATION TO ADDITIONAL CORE STRATEGY CONSULATION WORKSHOP**

Members considered correspondence from SDC inviting a maximum of two representatives to attend the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Workshop on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 6.30pm-8.30pm at Stratford District Council. Once complete, the Core Strategy will replace certain policies within the Districts saved Local Plan Review and will set the strategic direction for all future development for the next 15-20 years.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Town Clerk and Cllr A Forster attends**

**14.6 ANGELA GREEN – VAN PERMIT**

Members considered correspondence from a resident seeking the Town Council's support in obtaining a Van Permit to use at the Stockton Household Waste recycling Centre. Warwickshire County Council has refused a permit stating that "the Policy has been reviewed and Land Rover Defenders now generally fall outside the scope of vehicle concessions". The Town Clerk has spoken to Chris Moreton (WCC) and he has stated that WCC are tightening up their policy and that this vehicle falls outside the policy criteria and that nothing can be done to change the decision.

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond to Angela Green stating that unfortunately the Town Council cannot support her request as the matter has been dealt with correctly in accordance to the WCC policy**

**14.7 PARK LANE RECREATION GROUND**

Members were advised that following the refurbishment of the Park Lane Recreation Ground, Coventry Contract Services, who carry out quarterly play ground inspections on behalf of the Town Council, has suggested that the council have an independent playground inspection.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Town Clerk is authorized to arrange for an independent inspection to be carried out**

**14.8 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

**RESOLVED:**

**That a Casual Vacancy advertising the two vacant positions be displayed and if no response the Town Council will fill the vacancies via co-option.**

**14.9 ANNUAL DUCK RACE**

**RESOLVED:**

**That Southam United Bowls Club is authorized to hold the Duck Race on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011 in the Park Lane Recreation Ground subject to the normal letting conditions**

**14.10 MEETINGS/TRAINING/EVENTS**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011 (11am – 1pm) at Elizabeth House, Stratford on Avon District Council – Planning Training + Cost FOC  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 (2pm -4pm) at Elizabeth House, Stratford on Avon District Council – Planning Enforcement Training + Cost FOC  
 Saturday 18 June 2011 at Ettington, Village Hall - Being A Good Councillor and Clerk – Induction Day = Cost £50.00  
 Saturday 16 July 2011 at Wolston, Community & Leisure Centre - Being A Good Councillor and Clerk – Induction Day = Cost £50.00  
 Saturday 17 September 2011 at Fillongley, Village Hall - Being A Good Councillor and Clerk – Induction Day = Cost £50.00  
 Saturday 08 October 2011 at Leamington Spa, Town Hall - Being A Good Councillor and Clerk – Induction Day = Cost £50.00

**RESOLVED:**

**At the July ENV consider having a Southam Town Council Induction training session at a cost of £300.00**

<b>14.11</b>	<b><u>COUNCIL MEETING DATES</u></b>	<b><u>ENV MEETING DATES</u></b>
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2011	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2011
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2011
	August – Summer Recess	
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2011	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2011
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2011
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2011
	December – Christmas Recess	
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 – Precept	
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2012	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2012
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2012	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2012
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Annual Town Meeting & Mayormaking)	
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	

**14.12 UNRESOLVED MATTERS**

**MINUTE      SUBJECT**  
**2010/2011**

**80.3              Tesco S106 Bus Shelters**

**Cllr Appleton advised that he instructed WCC to install the Bus Shelter as soon as possible**

**15.      CORRESPONDENCE**

**15.1      SOUTHAM & DISTRICT CHILDREN’S CENTRE – GRANT THANK YOU**  
**Noted**

**15.2      REVISION TO BUS SERVICES IN SOUTHAM - WCC**

**RESOLVED:**  
**To advertise Community Links and Volunteer Drivers in the Newsletter**

**15.3      FRIENDSHIP PROJECT FOR CHILDREN – GRANT THANK YOU**  
**Noted**

**15.4 FUTURE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND – NALC BRIEFING**

**Noted**

**15.5 SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AGM MINUTES**

The Clerk stated that the previous council had resolved to give Christmas Lights £1000 towards LED lights, however the Clerk has been advised that they need money to run the event, therefore it has been requested that Christmas Lights submit a grant application as soon as possible with detailed information on how much money they need and what it is needed for, in order for this year's event to go ahead.

**16. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Appleton advised the following:

- That WCC, as part of the savings targets are carrying out a property review
- That there are various highway issues i.e. sunken drains etc which have been reported

Cllr Wise advised that Cllr J Ellard now holds the SDC portfolio regarding budget

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

**None**

**18. 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

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

**RESOLVED:**

**To authorise payments of staff salaries dated May 2011**

**Meeting closed 8.43pm**

**MAY 2011 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

11/00531/FUL	Mr Brian Moore	Starbold Farm, Banbury Road, Southam CV47 2BL	Installation of 180no. 33.3kw photovoltaic panels to an existing farm building	No representations
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