

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2012

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

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

118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr K Romero – Personal
Cllr L Tasker - Personal
Cllr L Hewer – Personal
Cllr J Ellard

RESOLVED:

That apologies are accepted

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Soni	Personal	Item 6 Concessionary Travel
Cllr M Gaffney	Personal	Item 6 Concessionary Travel
Cllr J Ward	Personal	Item 6 Christmas Lights, Southam in Bloom
Cllr L Smith	Personal	Item 6 Southam in Bloom, HS2
Cllr A Forster	Personal	Item 6 Southam in Bloom, HS2
Cllr D Wise	Personal	Item 6 Southam in Bloom, Concessionary Travel, District Councillor

120. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

121. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2012, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor

It was noted that minute 105 should read “Cllr L Smith declared a personal interest in Southam in Bloom”

121. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

i) That payment of accounts dated December 2011, totalling £2,514.06 be ratified

ii) That payment of accounts dated January 2012, totalling £16,915.44 be authorized.

iii) That item 24 (Southam College - £10,000) is authorised in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (S19) Recreational Facilities

122. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

i) Planning observations made during the Christmas Recess dated December 2011 be ratified

ii) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the

schedule dated January 2012 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council

iii) Planning Application decisions dated January 2012

Noted

iv) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Noted

123. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

123.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

None

123.2 LIBRARY OPENING HOURS CONSULTATION

Members were informed that Warwickshire County Council has decided that the opening hours for Southam Library will be as follows:

Monday	0930 – 1730
Tuesday	0930 – 1730
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	0930 – 1730
Friday	0930 – 1730
Saturday	0930 – 1230
Sunday	Closed

Option A received 428 votes

Option B received 97 votes

No preference 28votes

Noted

123.3 COUNCILLOR VACANCY – MILL HILL WARD

Members considered applications for the Councillor position from Mr R Barrington QPM and Mrs C Pratt

RESOLVED:

That Mr R Barrington QPM is co-opted on to the Council

123.4 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT LINKS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Members' considered correspondence from SDC that stated the suggested financial contribution for Southam of £624.00 to support the Community Links Transport Service. The matter had been discussed previously by the Town Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council would contribute the requested amount of £624.00 and that this money would be taken from the Concessionary Travel budget

123.5 NOMINATIONS FOR ATTENDNANCE AT A ROYAL GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE ON TUESDAY 22ND MAY 2012

Members' were requested to consider nominating a Councillor past or present to attend the Royal Garden Party

No nominations were put forward

123.6 MEETINGS/TRAINING/EVENTS

- **Free Event** – WALC & CPRE are inviting both members of the public and Town and Parish Councils to the following event to be held on three separate occasions, details are follows:

Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning

Saturday 28th January 2012- Fillongley Village Hall

Saturday 11th February 2012 – Dunchurch Village hall

Saturday 24th March 2012 – Ettington Community Centre

Agenda Items

Communities and Their Role in Planning

Workshop – Complexities of A large Scale Development

Neighbourhood Development Plans and Community Led Planning Tools

Neighbourhood Development Plans

- Saturday 3rd March 2012 – WALC One Day Briefing to include the following items:

National Policy Planning Framework

Localism Act

Importance of Correct Insurance Cover

Data Protection

Essential Local Council Documents & Polices

Clustering and Collaboration between Local Locals

Cost £39.00 pp

- Saturday 31st March 2012 – Dunchurch Silver Band - Mayor's Charity Event in aid of Afghan Heroes – Tickets Cost £10.00

Please inform the Clerk should you wish to attend any of these events

Noted

123.7 COUNCIL MEETING DATES	ENV MEETING DATES
Thursday 26 th January 2012	
Thursday 23 rd February 2012	Thursday 9 th February 2012
Thursday 22 nd March 2012	Thursday 8 th March 2012
Thursday 26 th April 2012	Thursday 12 th April 2012
Thursday 10 th May 2012 (Annual Town Meeting & Mayormaking)	
Thursday 24 th May 2012	
Thursday 28 th June 2012	Thursday 14 th June 2012
Thursday 26 th July 2012	Thursday 12 th July 2012
August Recess	
Thursday 27 th September 2012	Thursday 13 th September 2012
Thursday 25 th October 2012	Thursday 11 th October 2012
Thursday 22 nd November 2012	Thursday 8 th November 2012
December Recess	
Thursday 10 th January 2013 (Precept)	
Thursday 24 th January 2013	
Thursday 28 th February 2013	Thursday 14 th February 2013
Thursday 28 th March 2013	Thursday 14 th March 2013
Thursday 25 th April 2013	Thursday 11 th April 2013
Thursday 9 th May 2013 (Annual Town Meeting & Mayormaking)	
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December Recess

Thursday 13th June 2013
Thursday 11th July 2013

Thursday 12th September 2013
Thursday 10th October 2013
Thursday 14th November 2013

124. CORRESPONDENCE

124.1 PROPOSED 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT – A426 BETWEEN SOUTHAM AND KITES HARDWICK

RESOLVED:

To respond stating that the Town Council is in favour of the proposed 50 mph speed limit

124.2 CONSULTATION PERIOD FOR THIRD DRAFT OF THE SDC CORE STRATEGY

Noted

124.3 11/00390/VARY - COMPLAINT REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION CONCERNING OPENING HOURS AT TESCO SOUTHAM AND SDC RESPONSE – MR R WALLER

RESOLVED:

i) To respond to Mr Waller updating him on the situation regarding the roundabout and advising him that the Town Council are still of the opinion that the store should not be open after 10pm and will see if there is anything that can be done to stop it from happening

ii) Cllr Wise will look into the conditions of sale regarding alcohol

124.4 ORBIT HEART OF ENGLAND PROPOSALS – MR R F HOLROYD

It was noted that the correspondence has been forwarded to Orbit Heart of England

124.5 THE FUTURE OF STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND UPDATE

RESOLVED:

To adopt the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 including paragraph 12 (2) in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

124.6 SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ASSOCIATION – MRS V STEELE

Noted

124. REPORTS WORKING PARTIES

124.1 SOUTHAM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Noted

125. MEMBERS ITEM – CLLR M GAFFNEY SPEED AWARE SCHEME

Cllr Gaffney proposed that the Town Council considered a speed aware package for four sites in Southam provided by WCC. There is a fixed fee of £250. The package includes covert and overt speed surveys, Smiley SID work (illuminated display sign), installation of anti-speeding posters, delivery of wheelie bin stickers door to door and installation of a temporary fixed flashing sign. The work is

carried out by two Speed Aware officers over two days. The suggested sites to be used are Coventry Road, Warwick Street, Oxford Street/Banbury Road and Daventry Road. The proposal will give the Town Council important information to help manage speeding issues and highway management in the future.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council conduct a Speed aware initiative at a cost of £250 taken from the Traffic Calming Ear Marked Reserve

126. ISSUES FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr J Appleton

Advised the following:

- That WCC will be deciding soon whether to take part in a judicial review in relation to HS2

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

127.1 POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHAM

Cllr J Ward and Cllr C Worsh to update members on a meeting they attended

128. 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

129. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

- i)To ratify payment of staff salaries dated December 2011
- ii)To authorise payments of staff salaries dated January 2012

130. POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHAM

Cllr Ward and Cllr Worsh updated members

Meeting closed 8.47pm

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B					
SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL JANUARY 2012					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
11/02661/FUL	Miss D Hartshorne	21 The Furrows, Southam CV47 1TA	Single Storey extension to rear and porch to front	31st January 2012	No representations
12/00065/Tree	Mrs Gloria Fox	Cuttle Beck, 22 Banbury Road, Southam CV47 1HL	T1 Blue Cedar - Fell	6th February 2012	Withdrawn