

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2012**

**Present:** Councillors: M Gaffney (Chair), D Wise, J Ward, A Forster, J Soni, L Smith, M Willoughby, R Barrington, D Williams & L Hewer

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

**146. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr J Smith – Work

Cllr L Tasker - Personal

Cllr C Worsh – Personal

Cllr J Ellard

**RESOLVED:**

**That apologies are accepted**

**147. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Ward	Personal	Town Clerk Report Item 2 Southam in Bloom
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Cllr A Forster	Personal	Town Clerk Report Item 2 Southam in Bloom
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Cllr L Smith	Personal	Town Clerk Report Item 2 Southam in Bloom
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**148. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs C Pratt, 10 Flying Fields, Southam

Spoke regarding the withdrawal of the Travel Tokens, did not believe that the Council reluctantly withdrew them, wanted to know what progress had been made regarding a new scheme, agreed that unused tokens should be given to charities in Southam but wanted to know what charities would receive them and how the council will decide and urged the Council to reconsider its position regarding withdrawal of the scheme

Mrs D Smith, 20 Springs Crescent, Southam

Spoke regarding parking in Springs Crescent on the corners and pavements, worst area is nearest the Coventry Street end, also spoke about the withdrawal of the Travel Tokens, disgusted in the way the Council has handled it

Mr Dave Constable, 42 Springfield Grove, Southam

Spoke regarding pedestrian access from Southam to Long Itchington, footways very poor, not wide enough in some areas and no dropped kerbs, the rubbish in this area is appalling especially between Southam and the petrol station

**149. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor**

**150. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

**That payment of accounts dated March 2012, totalling £6035.41 be authorized.**

**151. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated March 2012 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council

ii) Planning Application decisions dated March 2012

**Noted**

iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

**Noted**

**152. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**152.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

Mrs C Pratt

Town Clerk advised that the Council were still investigating a possible new scheme and the matter would be discussed later in the meeting under ENV

Mrs D Smith

Town Clerk advised that parking on pavements, causing obstruction is a Police matter, that the Clerk would report it to the Police, but also suggested that residents can go to the Community Forum and raise matters of concern directly to the Police. That Travel Tokens would be discussed later in the meeting

Mr D Constable

Town Clerk advised that Mr Constable had already made her aware of the issues and that these have been reported to SDC and WCC

**152.2 SOUTHAM IN BLOOM – GRANT**

Members were advised that at the February Town Council meeting Southam in Bloom were awarded a grant of £3000.00 for a trough and two brick built planters that would be installed in the Town. Since applying for the grant WCC have advised that they will not permit brick built planters to be installed anywhere inside the urban area of the town and the location of the trough have also been refused. In light of this information members considered withholding the grant money and asking Southam in Bloom to submit confirmation that their project can go ahead as per their grant application

**Noted**

**152.3 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION**

Members were advised that unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Mr Ken Romero has resigned as Councillor and as such a Casual Vacancy for the Merestone Ward is currently being advertised.

**Noted**

**152.4 WARWICK STREET, SOUTHAM**

Members were advised that they had previously considered correspondence from a resident complaining that parking along this stretch of road is an accident waiting to happen. As a result, WCC was requested to assess the situation and submit a report to Council as to what can be done. WCC responded confirming that Warwick Street has been added to the list of requests for future consideration but funding would have to be bid for at the Transport Seminar in January 2013. District and County Councillors have been made aware to ascertain if anything can be done any sooner.

**Cllr J Appleton advised that he would look out for funding opportunities**

**152.5 DECORATION OF THE GRANGE HALL FOYER**

At the request of the Council, Members considered quotations for the redecoration of the Foyer.

**RESOLVED:**

**That under the Local Government Act 1972, S133 (furnish Community Halls) the Town Council gives authorization for the Foyer to be redecorated which the Council will pay for including cleaning the carpets and curtains based on the following costs:**

**Quote 1 £380.00 redecoration**

**Curtains to be cleaned and repaired approximately £80.00**

**Carpet to be cleaned approximately £50.00**

**152.6 MEETINGS/TRAINING/EVENTS**

- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 – Dunchurch Silver Band - Mayor’s Charity Event in aid of Afghan Heroes – Tickets Cost £10.00
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012 – The Next Step – Making the most of your roles as Parish and Town Councillors, 10am – 4pm at Leek Wootton cost £45pp

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

**Noted**

**152.7 COUNCIL MEETING DATES                      ENV MEETING DATES**

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

**153. CORRESPONDENCE**

**153.1 SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – MINUTES**

**Noted**

- 152.2 **SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**  
Noted
- 152.3 **CARERS SUPPORT SERVICE– THANK YOU**  
Noted
- 152.4 **VASA – THANK YOU**  
Noted
- 152.5 **STRATFORD CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – THANK YOU**  
Noted
- 152.6 **WALC – LEGAL TOPIC MEMBERS CONDUCT AND THE REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS LTN 80**  
Noted
- 152.7 **WALC – LEGAL TOPICE GUIDANCE ON PRE-DETERMINATION LTN 81**  
Noted
- 152.8 **MELODY MAKERS – THANK YOU**  
Noted
- 152.9 **WCC – MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**  
Noted
153. **REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012**
- 153.1 **DRAFT CORE STRATEGY**  
Representatives from SDC presented the Draft Core Strategy to members  
**RESOLVED:**
- i) That a copy of the facilitator question sheet be sent to each councillor
  - ii) That members respond to the Core strategy paper (Southam part) via email to the Town Clerk
  - iii) Town Clerk to consolidate replies into a response and be put before the Town Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> March for approval
  - iv) Potential development sites for Southam as identified in the Draft Core Strategy were agreed as follows:
    - Site 1 – Acceptable
    - Site 2 – Not acceptable should be deleted
    - Site 3 - Not acceptable should be deleted
    - Site 4 - Not acceptable should be deleted
    - Site 5 - Not acceptable should be deleted
    - Site 6 – Acceptable for industrial only not housing
    - Site 7 -Acceptable for industrial only not housing
    - Site 8 – Acceptable
    - Site 9 - Not acceptable should be deleted
    - Site 10 - Not acceptable should be deleted
    - Site 11 - Not acceptable should be deleted

**153.2 NEW MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

**RESOLVED**

To be deferred until the April ENV

**153.3 REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members reviewed the current list

**RESOLVED:**

That the representatives remain the same subject to the following amendments:

Southam First – Cllr John Smith is the reserve rep

CAB – Cllr Ralph Barrington

Chief – Cllr Dave Williams

Stockton to Southam Cycle Route – Town Clerk to establish if still in operation

Civic Ideas – Cllr Ann Forster to replace Cllr Les Hewer

St Mary's Governors – Town Clerk to establish to representation is still required

**153.4 ACTION FOR MARKET TOWNS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**RESOLVED:**

That membership is renewed

**153.5 VASA**

Members considered a report from VASA that stated with more financial support VASA could provide a much better service for Southam

**RESOLVED:**

To invite VASA to the next ENV meeting to discuss further what opportunities there are for a targeted assisted travel scheme?

**153.6 CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL**

**RESOLVED:**

i) That the Council continues to try and establish another system that will direct travel assistance to those residents in need of help e.g. transport for the disabled

ii) That unused Travel Tokens maybe surrendered back to the Town Council for charity use, but when the cash is given to charity it is to be used for transport to events /activities

**153.7 WOOD STREET – PEDESTRIANISATION**

**RESOLVED:**

To inform WCC that Southam Town Council would like Wood Street to be pedestrianised with only authorised vehicles allowed

**153.8 WOOD STREET CAR PARK NOTICE/INFORMATION BOARD**

**RESOLVED:**

Contact Southam First and advise that Southam Town Council supports the proposal of an information board being installed in Wood Street Car Park

**153.9 BENCH MARKING OF THE TOWN**

Members considered the correspondence

That the report is noted; await the revised report due in April/May and consider both reports and compare results

**153.10 SOUTHAM IN BLOOM – NEW PLANTERS**

**RESOLVED:**

**Southam Town Council supports the location of the proposed planters (Market Hill, Craven Arms and Market Tavern) and agrees to adopt them should that become necessary in the future**

**153.11 FIELDS IN TRUST – PROPOSAL FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Clerk takes no further action**

**153.12 CCTV**

Members considered Cllr Barrington's report.

**RESOLVED:**

**i)Southam Town Council agrees to financially support the monitoring of CCTV initially for one year at a cost of £3851.85**

**ii)That the £3851.85 is taken from budget line 31(Repairs, Inspections & Replacements)**

**iii)That Cllr Barrington represents the council at future CCTV meetings**

**153.13 QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Request support for Wood Street

**154. REPORT OF A MEETING WITH SOUTHAM COLLEGE SCHOOL COUNCIL ON 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012**

Present Miss R Donovan (teacher co-ordinator), 10 students, Cllrs A. Forster, L. Smith and J. Soni

Cllrs. A. Forster and L. Smith gave a short update on the present position of the HS2 debate. They explained the meaning and implications of a Judicial Review. They gave a hand-out and offered to help by supplying speakers if the College decided to have a debate on the subject. Arguments for and against the HS2 vision were expressed by the students.

Miss Donovan introduced a national competition to design the 'perfect classroom of the future'. The competition, Rebuild and Refurbish, is promoted by the Business Design Centre Partnership with Schools. Students brainstormed their ideas and then in pairs sketched them out. The winning school will have a new futuristic classroom built for them.

During this exercise the Head Teacher, Mr Samra, joined the group. Mr Samra took the 3 Cllrs to see a newly refurbished lab and then took the whole group to see the new building housing the changing room facilities to service the new All Weather Pitch. Both additions were very impressive.

**Noted**

**155. QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr J Appleton advised the following:

- That the Community Forums are for residents, that they should go to the forums to raise matters such as parking problems

- The police informed the last Community Forum that they have been targeting parking issues on Market Hill regarding the abuse of disabled spaces and bus bays and as such issued 26 tickets
- Spoke about HS2 and the HS2 Ltd Community Forum
- That the Bus Shelters on Warwick Road have now been installed and the cost of the roundabout was £30k
- Endorsed the Core Strategy remarks made by the Mayor and mentioned travellers sites

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

None

**157. 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

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

**RESOLVED:**

**To authorise payments of staff salaries dated March 2012**

**Meeting closed 08.50pm**

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B					
SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MARCH 2012					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
12/00351/LDE	Molloy Property Partnership	Holt Farm, Welsh Road East, Southam	Use of building and associated land to a mixed B2 & B8 Use	29th March 2012	No Representations
12/00589/FUL	Mr & Mrs R Bagshaw	Napton Fields Farm, Daventry Road, Southam, CV47 1NN	Erection of a stable building and creation of outdoor riding arena for private/recreational use	3rd April 2012	Southam Town Council has no objection to this proposal but would like to see a private use only condition attached.
12/00551/ADV	Image Works	W of Kineton Road Land Off, Northfield Road	Non illuminated post sign	30th March 2012	Please ensure the sign is positioned well back so as not to obstruct vision of motorists at the junction of Northfield Road.