

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2013

Present: Councillors: J Ward (Chair), M Gaffney J Soni, L Tasker, V Shepherd, E Thornley, M Willoughby, B Thomas, C Worsh, & C Pratt

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

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr L Hewer Personal
Cllr L Smith Holiday
Cllr A Forster Personal

Cllr J Ellard
Cllr A Crump

9. NO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Smith

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Pratt	Personal Interest Reason	Town Clerk's Report item 3 Owns a plot in St James Churchyard
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Cllr J Soni	Personal Interest Reason	Accounts for payment item 2 Reimbursement of Travel Expenses
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11. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs Daphne Smith 20 Springs Crescent raised three items

- i) Asked will the Mayfield Road play area signs be installed before the summer holidays?
- ii) Asked if anything could be done about the debris from the roof of the Acorn Stores building falling on to the pavements making it look very scruffy and dangerous to walk on?
- iii) When will the new cycleway and footpath on Welsh Road East be built?

12. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

i) That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor subject to the following amendment: that it was noted that Cllr Appleton was in attendance at the meeting

13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That payment of accounts dated May 2013, totalling £7756.04 be authorised.

Town Mayor signature _____

14. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated May 2013 Issue 2 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council.

ii) Planning Application decisions dated May 2013 Issue 2

Noted

iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Noted

15. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

15.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Mrs D Smith

Was advised by the Town Clerk that

i) the Mayfield play area signs were on order and should be in place prior to the summer holidays

ii) a letter would be sent to the owners of the Acorns Stores building asking for the gutters to be cleared

iii) an enforcement case had been opened by SDC as the development on Welsh Road East should not have been occupied until the highway works were complete

15.2 HIDDEN BRITAIN- INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDER TOURISM WORKSHOP 18th JUNE 2013

RESOLVED: i) that Cllr V Shepherd is to represent the Council at this workshop

ii) that Cllrs L Smith and A Forster will be asked if they would wish to attend

15.3 ST JAMES TOWN CHURCHYARD

RESOLVED: i) to amend question 3 of the survey to include the repayment of the loan costs which would need to be added to Precept ii) clarify the position regarding interment of ashes iii) send the survey out to residents via the Express Advertiser, STC website, STC emailing list, Survey Monkey and place hard copies in the library and post office.

15.4 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MARKET AUTHORITIES MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED: to join NABMA at a cost of £318.00

15.5 MEETINGS/TRAINING/EVENTS Saturday 15th June 2013 Awareness of Employment Responsibilities and Encouraging a Good Employment Relationship Briefing Event

Noted

15.6 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV MEETING DATES

Thursday 27th June 2013

Thursday 13th June 2013

Thursday 25th July 2013

Thursday 11th July 2013

August Recess

Thursday 26th September 2013

Thursday 12th September 2013

Thursday 24th October 2013

Thursday 10th October 2013

Thursday 28th November 2013

Thursday 14th November 2013

December Recess

Noted

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16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

16.1 **SOUTHAM IN BLOOM – THANK YOU**

Noted

16.2 **SOUTHAM FIRST – TOWN IMPROVEMENT SUB – GROUP MINTUES**

Noted

16.3 **SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

RESOLVED to obtain a complete copy of the minutes and put to the June TC meeting

16.4 **SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – GRANT THANK YOU**

Noted

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

District Cllr D Wise advised that SDC were re-appointing committees following the elections

County Cllr J Appleton advised the following:

- that no party had overall control of the council following the election
- that administration would be shared – Conservative taking cabinet posts and Labour the Scrutiny Committee Chairmanships
- that he had been appointed Vice Chairman of the Adult Health and Social Care Committee

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

None

19. **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

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

RESOLVED:

To authorise payments of staff salaries dated May 2013

Meeting closed 8.09pm

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SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B
SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MAY 2013 Issue 2

APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
13/01046/FUL	Mr & Mrs S Rawbone	31 Barkus Close, Southam CV47 1GB	First floor side extension to dwelling	29th May 2013	No representation
13/01062/FUL	Mr David Coles	The Hermitage, 42 Warwick Road, Southam CV47 0HW	Removal of outbuildings and erection of a dormer bungalow	5th June 2013	No representation
13/00971/ADV	The Original Factory Shop	Budgens, Oxford Street, Southam CV47 1NS	Proposed replacement signage (3no. Wall mounted signs to be externally illuminated)	4th June 2013	Southam Town Council objects to the illumination of this or any other sign in the Southam Conservation Area as it wishes to protect the amenities of the area. The sign is large and can be seen easily without illumination. To permit this sign would set an unwelcome precedent. Southam is a small market town and its main street is well illuminated, therefore, illumination of signs is not necessary.
13/00672/TREE	Mrs Gloria Fox	Cuttle Beck, 22 Banbury Road, Southam CV47 1HL	T1 Birch - Fell T2 Poplar - Fell T3 Conifer no 2 - Fell T4 - Fell T5 Fir - 30% crown reduction T6 Poplar Canadensis - 30% crown reduction	10th June 2013	Southam Town Council would like this application to be referred to the tree officer
13/00813/ADV	China Hall	15 Market Hill, Southam	Illuminated sign, reconsider objection		Southam Town Council confirms its objection to the illumination of this or any other sign in the Southam Conservation Area as it wishes to protect the amenities of the area. To permit this sign would set an unwelcome precedent. Southam is a small market town and its main street is well illuminated, therefore, illumination of signs is not necessary. Southam's three representatives on the Stratford District Council and the Planning Office have previously supported this policy. All previous applications of this type have had a condition imposed upon them that the sign may not be illuminated by any method' Reason give 'to protect the amenities of the conservation area'

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