

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL 2015

Present: In the Chair, The Mayor, Councillor Mark Willoughby,
Councillors J Ward, D Smith, L Tasker, C Pratt, B Thomas, J Soni, T
Bromwich C Worsh, & V Shepherd

Apologies: Cllr M Gaffney - Personal
Cllr Thornley - Holiday

Cllr A Crump - Meeting

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

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That the apologies are accepted

183. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D Smith	Non Pecuniary Reason	Payment Item 4 Christmas Lights Committee Member
Cllr J Soni	Non Pecuniary Reason	Payment Item 4 & 12 Christmas Lights Committee Member VASA Volunteer Driver

184. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

185. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th March 2015, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor, subject to the following amendment:

Minute 165 should read “expenses”

185a. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That payment of accounts dated April 2015 totalling £19669.86 (details attached) be authorised.

186. POLICE

To be discussed later in the meeting

187. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated April 2015 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council.

ii) Planning Application decisions dated April 2015

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Noted

iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Noted

188. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

188.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

None

188.2 TESCO S106 MONIES – DEADLINE FOR EXPENDITURE

Members considered correspondence from SDC confirming that the money needs to be committed by the end of June 2015 but not necessarily spent.

Noted

188.3 TOWN CENTRE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Members were advised that it is envisaged that contractors will start on the 11th May 2015, but final costs are still to be confirmed. The proposed work relating to Market Hill and Wood Street are definitely going ahead, but future funding may need to be sought for other items such as street furniture.

188.4 TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 7TH MAY 2015

Members were advised that due to only four people being nominated to stand for Town Councillor, it means that after the 10th May 2015, the Town Council is not quorate and as a result a new election will need to be called in order to try and fill the remaining vacancies. In order for Town Council to continue to function after the 10th May 2015, the Chief Executive (SDC) will by order appoint as many councillors as he considers appropriate until other councillors are elected and take up office.

188.5 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Noted

189. POLICE

PC Jamie Cramp arrived at the meeting at 8.15pm and advised the following:

- Police presence has been increased in Southam and the surrounding areas due to an increase of burglaries from an organised crime group stealing high powered cars
- The Community Speed Watch initiative has hit a brick wall due to difficulties in organising the training and obtaining funding from the PCC, but he will do all he can to get it resolved
- That he is due to meet the organisers of the forth coming Stretcher Race to discuss the arrangements
- There is an ongoing issue between a group of teenagers from Southam and Daventry that is being monitored

190. CORRESPONDENCE

190.1 SCAN – GRANT FEEDBACK FORM

Noted

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191. REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE SOUTHAM & DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CENTRE BY CLLR JANE SONI

Noted

192. QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr J Appleton advised the following:

- That he has visited the Orbit Development
- That he is monitoring the state of the roads around the development and any issues should be reported to John Grant (WCC)

Cllr T Bromwich advised the following:

- Continuing with Orbit complaints
- Continuing with Dog Fouling issues and working with the Dog Warden on an awareness campaign

193.. 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

194. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise payments of staff salaries dated April 2015

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

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SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B					
SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - APRIL 2015 ISSUE 2					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
15/01083/TREE	Mr J Smith	1 Warwick Place, Southam, CV47 0JL	T1-T6 Conifer hedge - remove to ground level	1st May 2015	Please refer this application to the Arboricultural Officer
14/01165/FUL	Dr D Burston	Dallas Burston Polo Grounds, Stoneythorpe, Southam CV47 2DL	Change of use of grazing land for the purposes of a camping site, including touring caravans and campervans, yurts and tents and as a static holiday caravan site, together with ancillary building comprising sanitary facilities, reception office and site security overnight accommodation and associated works and landscaping. This application has been amended the Amenity /Service Building reduced in height, reduced in scale, amended design and appearance. Revised Landscape Masterplan & Revised HS2 Ecological Mitigation Plan		As previously, Southam Town Council would support this application if i) the construction of a roundabout, a condition attached to the previous hotel application, also applied to this application. ii) tight control applied to the siting and number of static caravans, no more than 50. iii) that the access gate was moved back into the site and a slip road provided to prevent caravans queuing to access the site on the A425 Consideration should also be given to how HS2 would affect this site. Southam Town Council is concerned that proposal did not form part of the original master plan.
15/00740/FUL	Mr & Mrs Lane	2 Welsh Road West, Southam, CV47 0JN	The erection of a new dwelling with associated works	6th May 2015	Southam Town Council objects to this application. It is on an extremely busy junction. Previous plans to widen the junction were refused because of the location of services. The trees bordering the site are subject to TPOs and would be damaged by construction.
14/03407/REM	Mr Ian Davies	Southam Glebe, Coventry Road, Southam	Application for approval of reserved matters relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 165 dwellings in association with outline planning permission 13/02947/OUT Amended Plans and information to address Officer comments	29th April 2015	Southam Town Council supports the amended plans.
14/03058/FUL	Oscar Homes Ltd - Mr Neil Crabb	Bull Inn, Bull Street, Southam, CV47 1PQ	Amended floor plan received, an alternative use report has been received exploring other potential uses for the building, a building regulations report has been submitted.		Southam Town Council reiterates is previous objections to this application.
15/00831/TREE	Mrs Ann Spencer	Yew Tree House, 90 Coventry Street, Southam CV47 0EA	T1 Yew: Fell	30th April 2015	Please refer this application to the Arboricultural Officer
15/00897/OUT	Tompkins Construction Ltd	Insight Park, Welsh Road East, Southam CV47 1NE	Outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings with some matters reserved (appearance and landscaping)	15th May 2015	Southam Town Council objects to this application. The developer is resisting WCC efforts to provide the cycleway which is part of the previous planning conditions on this site and STC believes no further permission should be granted until previous conditions on this site have been met. Also the Town Council would like to see a continuation of the live/work units rather than just housing.

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APRIL 2015 CHEQUE PAYMENTS ISSUE 2						
Item No	Budget Line	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT (to be reclaimed)	Gross/Cheque Amount
1	20	<u>NALC</u>	One year subscription for Direct Information Service	90.00	18.00	£108.00
2	ER	<u>CAB</u>	Grant made under LGA1972 2A power to provide information and advice	750.00	0.00	£750.00
3	48	<u>Southam Carnival Committee</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant for provision of free activities at the carnival	1000.00	0.00	£1,000.00
4	51	<u>Southam Christmas Lights Association</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant towards the purchase of LED bulbs and latex cables	2500.00	0.00	£2,500.00
5	48	<u>Southam & District Lions</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant to meet the costs of the poetry competition	1000.00	0.00	£1,000.00
6	48	<u>Southam & District Lions</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant towards the costs of the Southam Triathlon 2015	1000.00	0.00	£1,000.00
7	48	<u>National Childbirth Trust Southam</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant towards the costs of a family activities leaflet.	550.00	0.00	£550.00
8	48	<u>Southam First</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant towards the costs of promoting a traditional annual flower, baking and handicrafts show.	1250.00	0.00	£1,250.00
9	8	<u>Mrs Debbie Carro</u>	Eye Test	38.50	0.00	£38.50
10	48	<u>Southam Cricket Club</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant towards the cost of expanding the junior section of the club	1000.00	0.00	£1,000.00
11	52	<u>Southam in Bloom</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant towards the purchase of plants for hanging baskets, troughs and planters in the town and to provide watering of those containers	2250.00	0.00	£2,250.00
12	48	<u>VASA</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant to help with the provision of the service in Southam	850.00	0.00	£850.00
13	20	<u>NABMA</u>	Annual subscription 2015/16	318.00	63.60	£381.60
14	39,37,ER	<u>MR RICHARD CARRO</u>	April contract E688.46, Holy Well Strimming E25, Play Area (s) Maintenance E115			£828.46
15	18	<u>Express Press</u>	April Newsletter	345.00	0.00	£345.00
16	44	<u>E-on</u>	Unmetered supply - street lights 01/01/2015 to 31/03/2015	1401.52	280.30	£1,681.82
17	20	<u>WALC</u>	Annual subscription 2015/16	921.00	0.00	£921.00
18	6	<u>Dealer Systems</u>	FTTC Internet Line Rental	135.00	27.00	£162.00
19	46	<u>CDG Contractors Ltd</u>	2 cuts & maintenance E198 Tollgate Rd & 2 cuts Churchyard	585.00	117.00	£702.00
20	48	<u>2nd Southam (Open) Scout Group</u>	LGA 1972 Section 137 grant towards the costs of supporting scouts to attend the Haarlem Jamborette - see attached correspondence for Councillors only	500.00	0.00	£500.00
21	6	<u>Inside IT Solutions Ltd</u>	Trend Micro Hosted Email Security (12 months)	199.00	39.80	£238.80
22	47	<u>VASA</u>	March volunteer driver reimbursement	445.05	0.00	£445.05
23	18	<u>Express Press</u>	Front Page Banner	25.00	0.00	£25.00
24	46	<u>Limebridge Rural Services</u>	Grass Cutting 7th April 2015	952.19	190.44	£1,142.63
		TOTAL		£18,105.26	£736.14	£19,669.86

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