

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

**Present:** In the Chair, Mayor, Councillor J Ward,  
Councillors T Bromwich, G Barratt, A Crump, M Cunningham

**Apologies:** Councillor D Hunter Holiday

**In Attendance:** Mrs D Carro, Mrs D Sanders

**17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Bromwich	Non Pecuniary Reason	Item 3 Confidential Complainant is related
Cllr J Ward	Non Pecuniary Reason	Planning 15/02076/FUL 15/01261/FUL Son attends school & applicant known
Cllr A Crump	Non Pecuniary Reason	Planning 15/02076/FUL Governor of the school

**18. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr Dave Isham 17 Holywell Road, Southam

For information, an outline planning application has been submitted to Stratford District Council for the Area of Restraint.

Mr Gary White 15 Holywell Road, Southam

Spoke against the proposed development in the Area of Restraint.

Mr Brian Bromwich 8 Mill Crescent, Southam

Spoke regarding the refurbishment of Market Hill and asked for information regarding the financing of the project.

Mrs Jane Soni 26 Springs Crescent, Southam

Asked if the Representation to the Public Bodies list would be reconsidered as more Councillors joined the Council

Mrs Daphne Smith 20 Springs Crescent, Southam

i) Spoke regarding the standard of grasscutting in the churchyard

ii) Requested copies of the Declarations of Interest of new Councillors

iii) Requested the name of the friend Cllr Bromwich referred to in his Members Item

Mr Gareth Oubridge 42 Hillyard Road, Southam

Spoke against the proposed development in the Area of Restraint and the timing of the application when people are away on holiday.

Mr Bransby Thomas 9 St Mary's Close, Southam

Spoke regarding the members item on street lighting and asked Council to consider the cost involved.

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19. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.
- ii) In relation to minute 13 invite the Stratford District Council Portfolio Holder for Housing and a representative from Orbit to attend an ENV meeting.

20. **POLICE**

**PC Jamie Cramp**

- i) Speed Watch are volunteers now trained and the project was being risk assessed. WCC had agreed to pay for the kit required
  - ii) The allotments have been ransacked again and several wheelie bins had been reported stolen
- Please contact PC Cramp with any information you may have regarding vandalism and anti-social behaviour

21. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That the payment of accounts dated June 2015, totalling £16,608.26 (details attached) be authorised.
- ii) That Mr B Thomas and Mr M Gaffney are requested to sign the payment and salary cheques for June on behalf of the Council and that the third signatory required should be Councillor J Ward. This was necessary as Cllr Bromwich had not attended the bank to prove his identity thus delaying the new mandates verification.

The vote for item (ii) was recorded and was unanimous

Cllr Bromwich	Yes
Cllr Crump	Yes
Cllr Ward	Yes
Cllr Barratt	Yes
Cllr Cunningham	Yes

22. **APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

- i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated June 2015 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council.
- ii) Planning Application decisions dated June 2015  
**Noted**
- iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates  
**Noted**

23. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

23.1. **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

Mr D Isham, Mr G White and Mr G Oubridge were advised the Southam Town Council would hold a public meeting if a planning application for the Area of Restraint should come before them to enable all residents to voice their opinions. The developer would be invited to attend and an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council would be held if necessary.

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Mr B Bromwich was advised that Southam Town Council was a consultee on the project to refurbish Market Hill; that Stratford District Council was the fund holder and the decision maker; the funds came from a Section 106 agreement with Tesco; that the funds had to be spent in a clearly defined town centre area and on regeneration of that area; Warwickshire County Council is the highways authority and had consulted Southam Residents on the project prior to the commencement of the works.

Mrs J Soni was advised that appointments to Outside Bodies would be reconsidered when the Council was complete

Mrs D Smith i) was advised that the Town Clerk would speak to the contractor regarding the churchyard mowing. ii) copies of declaration of interests would be sent to her iii) that details would be provided when the member's item was discussed.

Mr B Thomas was advised that his points would be considered when the member's item was discussed

## **23.2 ANNUAL REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

### **PROPOSAL**

That Standing order 33 should be revoked and that the Council should set up an official Facebook page and a Twitter account for a trial period of 6 months. That these should supply information but not accept return comments.

### **RESOLVED:**

**i) to refer the proposal to the next ordinary meeting of the Council in July**

**ii) that Standing Orders should be reviewed annually and on recommendation from NALC**

## **23.3 ANNUAL REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL POLICIES**

### **RESOLVED:**

**To place this item on the ENV agenda for further discussion**

## **23.4 COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

Noted

## **24. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **24.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY AMBASSADOR**

Noted

### **24.2 RESIGNATION FROM POSITION OF APPOINTED COUNCILLOR MR B THOMAS**

Noted

### **24.3 SOUTHAM CARNIVAL COMMITTEE – THANK YOU**

Noted

### **24.4 VASA GRANT FEEDBACK FORM**

Noted

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**25. REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY ON 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

**25.1 PLANNING PROPOSALS FOR HOME FARM, WELSH ROAD EAST, SOUTHAM**

Debbie Farrington attended the meeting acting for a developer (the Kler Group) who is in the process of formulating planning proposals for this site. An outline planning application is likely to be submitted to Stratford on Avon District Council for residential development within the next few months. They are keen to work with the Town Council who they appreciate will represent local views and concerns.

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond to Debbie Farrington advising that the Council support development as stated in the proposed Core Strategy for Southam**

**25.2 OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED:**

**To appoint representatives as stated on the attached form, save for the Southam in Bloom representative which is to be reconsidered.**

**25.3 DEPUTY MAYOR**

Members were requested to discuss nominations. In accordance with Standing Orders, Cllr Tony Bromwich should be appointed

**RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr T Bromwich is appointed Deputy Mayor**

**25.4 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW ON THE A423**

Members considered correspondence from Warwickshire County Council regarding a reduction in the speed limit on the Banbury Road and Southam Road.

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond stating that the Town Council support the proposals**

**25.5 HS2 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – IDEAS FOR PROJECTS**

Members considered correspondence from Warwickshire County Council which is gathering ideas as to what ‘community benefit’ projects the Council would like to see as part of the Government’s mitigation for HS2.

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond stating the following:**

- 1. Amenity/Activity Park for Youth and Adults adjacent to the Bloor Homes Development that is in close proximity to the HS2 line, the project could be supplemented by S106 money and would involve the purchase of land**
- 2. Health Trail around Southam that has outside gym equipment installed in various locations**
- 3. Implement a Cycle Infrastructure in and around Southam, as Southam and the hinterland currently has no cycle ways**

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**25.6 KEEP DOGS ON LEADS SIGNAGE and INCIDENT IN RIVER STOWE**

Cllr Bromwich advised that he has had a number of requests for additional 'Keep Dogs on Leads' signage in the Park Lane Recreation ground. Members also considered a complaint regarding a dog being injured while being in the River Stowe

**RESOLVED:**

- **To install additional signage on all entrances to the Park Lane Rec (duplication of the sign that is currently installed at the main entrance) 4 signs required**
- **To install the same type of sign at the Tollgate Road Play Area**
- **Obtain 2 quotes**
- **To put on Website and in the Newsletter to contact the Town Clerk if the public see any rubbish in the River Stowe at the Park Lane Rec that needs removing or witness people throwing rubbish in**

**25.7 TOWN COUNCIL VACANCIES**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Town Council advertise the vacancies, requesting that people apply in writing stating why they want to be a Councillor The closing date for applications would be Monday 13th July 2015 in order for the applications to be considered at the Town Council meeting on 25th July 2015.**

**25.8 QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**WCC Questions**

- i) There should be a moratorium of signage until WCC have carried maintenance on their existing signage, signage is currently dirty, damaged or obscured by overgrown vegetation
- ii) To assist in arranging to get the relevant WCC Officer to meet with the Town Council regarding their response to planning applications and securing funding. The Town Council is of the opinion that WCC do not appreciate local planning issues, give poor planning responses and not secured funding required

**25.9 NEWSLETTER, EMAIL & APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED**

- i) **To include an item on the website and in the Newsletter encouraging the public to report anti-social behaviour and vandalism to either the Town Clerk or the Police**
- ii) **To investigate if it is possible for Councillors to have secure, official email addresses for Town Council business**
- iii) **Cllr Hunter gave his apologies for the June Town Council meeting – reason Holiday**

**26. MEMBERS ITEM CLLR J WARD - STREETLIGHTING**

It is proposed that the Council write to WCC asking them to start adopting street lights again in order to reduce cost to STC and the residents of Southam and that the Town Council continue the adoption programme until it is no longer responsible for any lights and thus no longer a lighting authority.

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**RESOLVED:**

that information is sought i) from the police regarding the movement in crime levels since the introduction of restricted hours lighting ii) from the RFO regarding costs and potential savings ii) level of budget and earmarked reserves

27. **MEMBERS ITEM CLLR T BROMWICH – COUNCIL REFORM**

**RESOLVED:**

To put this item on the agenda for the next ENV meeting

28. **MEMBERS ITEM CLLR T BROMWICH – WEBSITE REVIEW**

Cllr Bromwich had sought an opinion from Calum Brannan of Click Hello Booking Solutions Ltd, a company formed in 2015, regarding the efficacy of Southam Town Council's website.

**RESOLVED:**

i) to consult Southam residents on the usability of the website via the website, email list and notice boards

ii) to seek advice on funding and advice regarding the website from Stratford District Council

iii) to seek advice from current provider Arrowscape on modernisation of the site

iv) to reconsider the matter at the November Council meeting with a view to setting a budget to complete any necessary works

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

SDC, Cllr T Bromwich advised the Council that the 'offending' cockerel in Linley Road had been reported to Stratford District Council and that he is continuing to deal with dog fouling issues with the Dog Warden.

SDC, Cllr A Crump advised the Council that approval has been given for a factory destroyed by fire in Southam to be rebuilt and that he had reported the rubbish bags left out on Market Hill to Stratford District Council.

30. **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

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

**RESOLVED:**

To authorise payments of staff salaries dated June 2015

32. **ORBIT DEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES**

Noted

33. **COUNCIL COMPLAINT**

**RESOLVED**

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i) That the matter would be investigated by a working party consisting of of Cllr Ward, Cllr Barratt and Cllr Cunningham

ii) That due to Mr K Bromwich not accepting office his seat is declared vacant and a Casual Vacancy will be advertised

**The meeting closed at 9.27pm**

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B					
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APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
15/01701/FUL	Taylor Wimpey(Midlands) Ltd	Access way to pumping station Coventry Road Southam	Installation of temporary access for new residential development	26th June 2015	Subject to approval by WCC Highways
15/02079/TPO	4 Grange Close Southam CV47 0JR	The Owner/Occupier	T1: Chestnut : 20% crown reduction and minor crown thinning to rebalance	14th July 2015	Subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer
15/02076/FUL	Mr Andy Mason	Southam College, Welsh Road West, Southam CV47 0JW	Erection of two temporary classroom blocks for a period of three years	14th July 2015	No representations
15/01261/FUL	Miss Kerry Hazlewood	Silvertone Builders Ltd Brewsters Corner Pendicke Street Southam CV47 1PN	Proposed change of use from B1/B8 (workshop/warehouse) to D2 (dance /leisure)use	10th July 2015	No representations
15/00897/OUT	Tompkins Construction Ltd	Insight Park, Welsh Road East, Southam CV47 1NE	Amendment - Parking areas moved to the rear of the dwellings	6th July 2015	Southam Town Council wishes its previous objections to this application to stand.(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.)
15/02112/TEL 28		Warwick St Southam	1x DSLAM equipment cabinet in olive green	6th July 2015	Information only

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