

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 24TH MARCH 2016

Present: In the Chair, Mayor, Councillor J Ward,
Councillors M Brooks, M Connors, L Ellard, P Jenkins, G Barratt, G Foster
A Crump & K Geddes

Apologies: None

Absent: Cllr D Hunter
Cllr S Exton
Cllr G Oubridge
Cllr T Bromwich

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

149. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Ward	Non Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 15/04002/FUL In the vicinity of home address
	Non Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 16/00732/FUL Applicant Known

150. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

150.1 Mr P Munday Snr. 27 Glebe Road, Southam

Requested an update on the provision of a burial ground in Southam

150.2 Mr A Birch 12 Cherry Tree Walk, Southam

i) Spoke regarding the need for traffic calming measures on Coventry Road
ii) The use of mobile football goal posts on the highway and asked which was the enforcement authority.

150.3 Mr N Morris 6 Coventry Road

Spoke regarding the need for traffic calming measure on Coventry Road and the difficulty in crossing the road on Market Hill.

150.4 Mr A Crompton 46 Orchard Way, Southam

Spoke regarding the need for traffic calming measures on Coventry Street and said there was money available for this purpose. He also complained about the type of road surface in use because of the noise it generated.

150.5 Mr P Kelly 2 Coventry Road, Southam

Spoke in support of other speakers regarding the need for traffic calming measures on Coventry Road and the noisy road surfaces.

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150.6 Mrs D Smith, 20 Springs Crescent, Southam
Thanked the Town Clerk for providing the information she had requested on the conservation work on the bypass.

150.7 Mr R Oram 1 Tollgate Road, Southam
Spoke regarding the need for traffic calming on Coventry Road but said that this should not be speed cameras but physical measures such as chicanes and a roundabout at the entrance to Tollgate Road.

150.8 Mr L Wright 1 Coventry Street, Southam
Spoke in favour of traffic calming measures on Coventry Street but against chicanes.

151. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th February 2016, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor

152. POLICE

Not in attendance

153. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated March 2016, totalling £2385.36 (details attached) be authorised.

154. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

154.1 i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated March 2016 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)

154.2 ii) Planning Application decisions dated March 2016

Noted

154.3 iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Noted

155. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

155.1. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Mr Monday was advised that the Council was in negotiation regarding a piece of land that may be suitable for a burial ground but this is still at an early stage, that any further information is commercially sensitive and cannot be discussed at this time.

Mr Birch, Mr Morris, Mr Crompton, Mr Kelly Mr Oram & Mr Wright

Were advised by the Mayor of the Community Speed Watch Scheme and to contact the Town Clerk to obtain further details if they wished to be involved. Councillor Appleton agreed to talk to Highways to investigate the possibilities of flashing signs.

Mr Birch was advised that WCC Highways were the enforcement authority

Mr Crompton was advised that the monies he referred to were part of a legal agreement for specific purposes and could not be diverted for other uses.

Mrs Smith's comments were noted for action.

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155.2. COMPLAINT REGARDING RUBBISH SM29

RESOLVED:

To write to the resident thanking her for the work she has done and advising her of Stratford District Council's responsibility for litter picking the rights of way and of the rules regarding replacement of bins and the disposal of dog waste.

155.3 TREE WORKS AT SYCAMORE GROVE (ADJACENT TO 29 LIME

ROAD) Councillors Ward and Crump declared an interest in this matter as the complainant is known to them

RESOLVED:

That because of concerns regarding the effect on the environment, a decision will be delayed until after the next annual inspection giving the ivy that has been severed time to die back.

155.4 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES

Noted

156 CORRESPONDENCE

John Turner Festival of Arts and Crafts – Thank you

Noted

157. REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY ON 10TH MARCH 2016

157.1 Lengthsman Scheme Trial

Town Council had expressed an interest in having a Lengthsman Scheme and as such considered the guidance pack.

RESOLVED

The Council has decided not to join the scheme at his time

157.2 Coventry Road Speeding

Members considered again the correspondence from a resident complaining about speeding on Coventry Rd/Street and the request for traffic calming

RESOLVED

That the Clerk contact both the resident and PC Cramp regarding the community Speed Watch Scheme

157.3 Appointment of School Governors

Members gave further consideration to Cllr Jenkins proposal regarding School Governors. Members were advised that the officer at WCC who deals with nominating School Governors would welcome nominations from the Town Council and suggested that if the Council wish to take this matter forward and have Councillors willing to put themselves forward then the Council should write to the schools expressing our interest

RESOLVED

That the Clerk contact the schools below and ask if the stated Councillors could be considered for School Governors:

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Cllr Geddes Southam Primary School
Cllr Jenkins St Mary Catholic School
Cllr Bromwich Southam College
Cllr Barratt St James C of E School

157.4 Manders Croft Planning application

At the last Town Council meeting it was resolved to consider the outcome of the Manders Croft application following its endorsement at the planning committee

RESOLVED

There will be no further action regarding the decision by the Town Council, however the Council does morally support any civil action but will not financially support civil action.

157.5 SOU 3

It was agreed that members would come to ENV with some ideas as to what they would want the developer to provide by way of Community Infrastructure should SDC be minded to grant this application

RESOLVED

That the Town Council would request the following, should the much opposed development go ahead:

- **Fully Funded CCTV for Subway for minimum 50 years**
- **A Town Centre Community Space/Town Hall to be built, possibly former police station or former HSBC Building**
- **Amenity space like Merestone Park on the Development**
- **No need for addition sports pitches**
- **Cycle links from the development to each school in the town**
- **A fully funded School bus for minimum 50 years from new development to all schools**
- **Additional parking for minimum 75 cars at Southam College**
- **Additional parking and major fully funded extension to leisure centre in Southam**
- **A pedestrian/cycle bridge over the bypass, as subway is regularly impassable and a pedestrian crossing would be unsafe and disrupt the traffic flow**
- **Funds to help improve the town centre**
- **Fully funded maintenance of the Daventry Road Roundabout for 50 years**
- **Flashing speed signs on all arterial routes in and out the town**

157.6 Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Members discussed who would be interested in putting themselves forward for Mayor and Deputy Mayor, only Cllr Ward meets standing orders although he would prefer not to stand, therefore, standing orders would need to be suspended to appoint these positions, which has been normal practice for a number of years

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RESOLVED

Cllr Bromwich and Cllr Brooks put their names forward to be considered for the position of Mayor, Cllr Crump proposed Cllr Bromwich, Cllr Bromwich decided to withdraw as he was happy for Cllr Brooks to be Mayor, Cllr Brooks was nominated by Cllr Oubridge and seconded by Cllr Bromwich, this was voted on unanimously.

Cllr Ellard was the only volunteer for Deputy Mayor, she was nominated by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Geddes and was voted on unanimously.

157.7 Outside Bodies

Members reviewed the list

RESOLVED

The following changes are to be made

- Cllr Geddes to be added to Play area Committee
- Cllr Marlowe to be removed from all committees
- Cllr Oubridge be added to Southam/Stockton Cycle path and Cemex Liaison
- Cllr Jenkins to be added to HS2
- Cllr Ellard to replace Cllr Geddes on Grange Hall Management Committee
- Cllr Ellard to be added to Southam First

157.8 Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications

16/00445/FUL

16/00344/FUL

RESOLVED

16/00445/FUL – No representations

16/00344/FUL – No representations

157.9 Foyer PA System

The Town Council requested that a PA system is investigated for Town Council meetings. Mr John Gwillam BSc(Hons), CEng, MIET, MInstSCE. Has advised the following:

“I've had a chance to check the prices for a PA System in the Foyer. These are only "ball park" figures but will give you an idea of the overall costs.

I believe the equipment costs will be around £1200, this assumes inclusion of an anti-feedback device. I would estimate installation to cost around £250. In order to meet legal obligations, we would need to add a deaf loop, I estimate the cost to provide this cost approximately £350 to £400.

The overall cost would be of the region of £1850.

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I still have reservations about the effectiveness of a system in the foyer, especially with respect to microphone usage and feedback, due to the size of the room.

If you want me to pursue it further, I will provide a breakdown of the equipment recommended”

Members are requested to consider this information and advise if they want Mr Gwillam to provide a breakdown of the equipment recommended

RESOLVED

That the PA system which Cllr Bromwich has offered to donate to the Town Council will be trialled in the first instance

**157.10 Replacement Headstone
See confidential**

157.11 Southam Sign

WCC advised the following:

“Warwickshire County Council will carry out S278 scheme along B4451 Kineton Road, part of the works is to renew the road signs within the S278 scheme boundary.

we are proposing to renew the existing Southam Gateway sign and posts on B4451, photo attached.

the proposed new sign would be the same as the existing one, same words. please let me know, if you have any objection to renew the existing sign or if you would like to use different words on the sign

RESOLVED

The council would prefer the same wording but with the addition of “Welcome to” at the top

158. WALC

The Mayor gave a verbal report on the WALC meeting he attended. He said that the Monitoring Officer had described himself as a ‘toothless tiger’ as no complaints had been upheld over a number of years.

159. HS2 PETITIONING

RESOLVED

i)Town Clerk to supply Councillors with a copy of STCs petition to the House of Commons Select Committee

ii) Southam Town Council, through its Role B Agent Mr Bransby Thomas, to join with SAAG in petitioning the House of Lords.

160. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

160.1 WCC Councillor John Appleton spoke about the following:

i)WCC budget now finalised. 2.99m extra funding to be spent mainly on social care, some on libraries, a contingency fund and payment of debts.

ii) Agricultural Holdings to be disposed of to reinvest in the smallholding programme

iii)Advised he will follow up on the highways matters discussed and school governors

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160.2 SDC Councillor Crump spoke about the lack of support from WCC highways regarding Southam planning applications he said too many desk top surveys were being used and a more coordinated approach was required.

161. 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

162. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated March 2016

163. HEADSTONE REPLACEMENT

Appendix A

Meeting closed at 9.17

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B					
SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - MARCH MEETING 2016 ISSUE 2					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
16/00732/FUL	Mrs and Mrs Mark Kermode	72 Stowe Drive, Southam, CV47 1NP	Two storey front and side extension, porch and external alterations(facing brick, render and weather boarding)	4th April 2016	No representations
16/00843/TREE	Mr Matthew Freeman	Worcester House 4 Masters Orchard, Warwick Road, Southa CV47 0JD	T1 (A) Willow : Fell T2 (B) Sycamore : Fell T3 (C) Ash : reduce height and crown by up to 10m G1 (D) 6 x Sycamore : reduce height and crown by up to 10m	11th April 2016	Please refer this application to the Arboricultural Officer
15/04002/FUL	Ms Suzannah Moore	12 Market Hill, Southam, CV47 0HF	Retrospective change of use from A1 to A3, retrospective improvement to existing windows and front door.	18th April 2016	No representations
15/04232/OUT		Land North of Leamington Road, Southam	Council resolution that it agrees with the planning officers grounds for refusal of this application is required.	29th April 2016	Southam Town Council supports the objections as detailed by the Planning Officer.

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