

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 28TH APRIL 2016

Present: In the Chair, Mayor, Councillor J Ward,
Councillors M Brooks, S Exton, G Oubridge, M Connors, L Ellard, P
Jenkins, G Foster & K Geddes

Apologies: Cllr A Crump – Personal
Cllr G Barratt – Holiday
PC J Cramp

Absent: Cllr D Hunter

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

**164. APOLOGIES
RESOLVED:**

i) That the apologies are accepted

ii) That in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 s85(1) Cllr Declan Hunter ceases automatically to be a member of Southam Town Council. This is due to the fact that he has failed to attend any meetings of Southam Town Council throughout six consecutive calendar months and failed to give any apologies during this period.

iii) That the Town Clerk informs Stratford District Council and advertises a Casual Vacancy in the Southam Fields Ward.

165. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Ward	Non Pecuniary Reason	Town Clerk report – Item 2 That both applicants are known to him
Cllr P Jenkins	Non Pecuniary Reason	Town Clerk report – Item 2 That Mr Panton is known to him
Cllr M Brooks	Non Pecuniary Reason	Town Clerk report – Item 2 That Mr Gaffney is known to him
	Non Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 16/01098/FUL Neighbour

166. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

166.1 Mr B Thomas, 9 St Mary's Close, Southam

- Congratulated WCC regarding minute 157.3 and approaching schools with Councillor names to be considered as School Governors.
- That WCC unanimity regarding school academies can only be a good thing

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166.2 Mrs D Smith, 20 Springs Crescent, Southam

- Spoke regarding The Holy Well and why it is stated on the Southam Civic Ideas Minutes that the Holy Well is to be inspected when they are not responsible for The Holy Well.
- Southam College additional pupils and students parking in Springs Crescent/Mayfield Road

166.3 Mrs J Soni, 26 Springs Crescent, Southam

- Spoke supporting what Mrs Smith said regarding parking by Southam College Students and that having spoken to the Head of 6th Form the school do not seem to be bothered as long as they are parking safely

166.4 Mrs Cripps, 5 Rainsbrook Close, Southam

- Spoke regarding SOU3 and how disgusted she was with the Planning Committee, that committee members hadn't visited the site, didn't know where Southam was and wondered how legal it was to approve a planning application when members didn't know anything about the area

167. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2016, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor

168. POLICE

Town Clerk read out the police report regarding Anti-Social Behaviour around the Mill Close area and vandalism at Tithe Lodge.

169. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated April 2016, totalling £34,188.65 (details attached) be authorised.

170. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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

170.2 ii) Planning Application decisions dated April 2016

Noted

170.3 iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Noted

171. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

171.1. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Mrs Smith was advised that Dave Hewer was the appointed contractor to maintain The Holy Well and that SCIF had been inform that the Town Council were arranging an inspection.

Mrs Soni and Mrs Smith was advised that the Town Clerk has regular meetings with the Head teacher at Southam College and would raise the matter regarding car parking

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Mrs Cripps was advised that Council agreed with her comments

RESOLVED

i)To arrange a meeting with the SDC Executive Director to discuss the procedures at the Planning Committee and the impression that the Planning Committee is giving residents.

ii)that the Town Council will request a site visit for any planning application that has a significant detrimental effect on the community.

171.2. TOWN COUNCIL VACANCIES – MERESTONE WARD & MILL HILL WARD

Members were advised that they are now in a position to fill the vacancies in the Merestone Ward and Mill Hill Ward via co-option and therefore should consider the applications attached.

RESOLVED:

i)That Mr M Gaffney is co-opted to fill the Merestone Ward vacancy

ii)That Mr M Panton is co-opted to fill the Mill Hill Ward vacancy

171.3 NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND FLOOD RISK

Members considered correspondence from a resident concerned about increased flood risk as a result of new housing and the SDC response.

Noted

171.4 TREE REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE EAR MARKED RESERVE

RESOLVED:

That the £4100 remaining in the 2015/16 tree budget is moved to the Tree Replacement and Maintenance Ear Marked reserve.

171.5 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES

Noted

172. CORRESPONDENCE

None

173. REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY ON 14TH APRIL 2016

173.1 Proposal for 30 dwellings at Greenacres (off Coventry rd. adjacent to the Taylor Wimpey site)

Andrew Murphy of Stansgate Planning and Nick Funnel, Landowner addressed the Council regarding a proposed application for 30 dwelling along Coventry Road. The scheme would be 35% affordable housing and an application is to be submitted within weeks.

173.2 Farmers Market

Diane for 19 Gales Farmhouse foods attended to seek assistance regarding the dwindling farmers market.

RESOLVED:

i)To discuss Southam Town Council Becoming a Market Authority and relaunching both Tuesday and Farmers Markets at the April Town Council meeting.

ii)That a Market Working Party is set up

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iii)Members of the Market Working Party are Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Geddes, Cllr Ellard and Cllr Exton

iv)To investigate the possibility of CJ's Events running the market on behalf of the Council

173.3 Proposal for South Holt Farm, Welsh Road East

Removed from the agenda

173.4 Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Foster joins the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

174.5 Planning Applications

Members are requested to consider the following Planning Application:

16/00880/LBC

16/00992/FUL

RESOLVED:

16/00880/LBC No Representations

16/00992/FUL No Representations

174.6 Planning Consultation

Members were requested to considered the 'Technical consultation on implementation of planning changes' consultation.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors respond individually to the consultation due to the short deadline

174.7 Foyer PA System

RESOLVED:

Members decided not to pursue a PA system, but Councillors will be encouraged to speak up in Full Council Meetings.

174.8 Consultation on Main Modifications to SDC Submission Core Strategy 2014

RESOLVED:

To respond on the following matters

- **An additional clinical room for 2200 additional residents is insufficient**
- **There is no provision for infrastructure work around Southam College to mitigate the additional traffic and "drop-offs" that will take place with an additional 400 Students attending from Southam.**
- **There is no provision for an extension to the Southam Leisure Centre which does not currently meet the needs of the existing population, let alone an additional 2200 people.**

174.9 Trees for the Park Lane Recreation Ground

Members considered the quotation and recommended works proposed by the Town Council Tree Surgeon, as stated below:

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“That a two tier linear planting scheme is adopted / undertaken on the boundary with Watton's Lane / Watton's Lodge. The plantings would consist of 16 trees, largely made up of Silver Birch all size 6-8 standards (total 12) and 4 x Scotts Pine.

The reasons for mainly using Birch are quite simply that they are a proven species and are known to be effective to combat atmospheric pollution (i.e. traffic and fuel carbons etc.) and also are obviously visually attractive on the landscape. The Scotts Pine would be used to continue the mature plantings of Pine that exist and they are also a good companion for Silver Birch”

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Town Council support the proposal and authorise for the tree planting to go ahead at a cost of £1088.00 + VAT**
- ii) That the £1088.00 to be taken from the Tree Replacement and Maintenance Ear Marked Reserve**

174.10 Question for District and County Councillors

Can the County Councillor hurry up the work to repair the wall on Market Hill?

175. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

WCC Councillor John Appleton spoke about the following:

- i) That he is able to get flashing 30 signs for Coventry Road and additional signage in the Town Centre to encourage HGVs to use the bypass
- ii) Car Parking at Southam College, suggested that complaints are made to Steve Smith at WCC
- iii) Has heard no more re: HS2
- iv) Social Services Family Information Service
- v) That the Market Hill steps has gone out to tender again and the tender process is still on-going

176. 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

177. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated April 2016

Meeting closed at 9.07pm

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SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B					
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APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
16/01001/FUL	Mr Peter Eustace	South Warwickshire Business Park, Kineton Road, Southam CV47 0AL	Construction of car park extension (resubmission of application 15/0141/FUL)	5th May 2016	No representations save for asking for a condition that the bund be reinstated.
16/01098/FUL	Mr Mat Cefai	31 Windmill Way Southam CV47 0LF	Single storey garage extension including dormer to loft storage space over including adjacent car port	4th May 2016	Southam Town Council objects to this application as it considers it to be overdevelopment of the plot and detrimental to the street scene.
16/01228/TREE	Edwards	10 Banbury Road, Southam CV47 1HL	G1 X3 Sycamore Tree - Fell - All 3 trees are relatively low amenity value in a streamside setting with several other trees close by. They dominate the area at the end of the garden recently developed for food production over which the trees have a significant negative influence	6th May 2016	Please refer this application to the Arboricultural Officer
16/01124/S106	Orbit Homes	Tithe Lodge, Little Park, Southam	Deed of variation to existing planning obligation dated 25 March 2013 to amend clauses relating to the expansion of the definition of Local Connection, Order of Preference, Close Relative to enable flexibility in the occupation of the dwellings approved under planning permission 12/02602/FUL	9th May 2016	No representations
Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request		Dallas Burston Polo Grounds, Southam	See attached	11th May 2016	Southam Town Council would like to see the following reports 1 Historic England - Report on the effect on heritage assets and their settings. 2 Noise and vibration and its impact on the rest of the valley. 3 Impact on Southam's infrastructure. Also, the Town Council would like those compiling these reports to visit Southam and not rely solely on desktop surveys.
SDC/16CC004	Warwickshire County Council		Change of use of land from a redundant highway to an emergency stopping place (transit provision) for up to 12 touring caravans and towing vehicles (Renewal of Application SDC/13CC021)	12th May 2016	attached
15/03537/FUL	Brian Impey	32 Springs Crescent Southam Cv47 0JU	Proposed new two bedroom dwelling and associated works	Appeal	Nothing to add to previous comments

SDC/16CC004

Temporary permission was given to application 13/02428/COUNTY in order that the suitability of this site for such a facility could be trialled and assessed. The conditions attached to the permission have not been complied with and the site has not been used thus indicating that such a facility is not needed in this location.

Southam Town Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

- It states in the 'The Department for Communities and Local Government' Fire Safety for Gypsies and Travellers document that caravans should be kept 6m apart, the application for 12 Touring Caravans only allows the caravans to be 3m apart as such the proposed site is too small.
- The Planning Application states 12 cars and the plan is marked out for 12 cars. There is no mention of possible low loader Lorries or transit vans more commonly used by Travellers and Gypsies. When towing, these

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vehicles can be up to 15 metres long! (Reference Communities and Local Government Designing Gypsy and Travellers Good Practice Guide).

- The proposal will have a significant impact on the A425, and will put both users of this highway and users of this proposed facility at great risk.
- The site is not suitable; there is no electricity, no lighting, and no green space for children to play.
- As stated in the Communities and Local Government, Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites, Good Practice Guide the same Health and Safety considerations are the same as for permanent sites, the guidance states that when considering sites adjacent to main roads careful regard must be given to the Health and Safety of children and others who will live on the site and the greater noise transference through the walls of trailers and caravans than through walls of conventional housing. This site is located adjacent to the A425 which is an extremely busy road with a high percentage of HGV traffic, the noise generating from this road will have a major impact on the quality of life and health for the users of this proposed site and the access and egress will be dangerous.
- In accordance with the Communities and Local Government, Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites, Good Practice Guide it states there must be a clear barrier around the emergency stopping place to discourage unauthorised expansion of the site, there is no evidence in the planning application that a clear barrier will be installed.
- That contrary to what is stated in the Design and Access statement the adjacent land is arable not pasture, so heavy farm machinery will be using the same access, crops will be sprayed and farmers will be working throughout the night, which puts the users of the adjacent land at risk. • It states in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites that early engagement with the community should take place prior to a planning application being submitted; this has not taken place.
- The Town Council has seen no robust evidence that an Emergency Stopping Place is required in Southam.
- Southam Town Council is not convinced that the site will be monitored adequately.
- There is no pedestrian access in or out of the proposed site or for walking from the site to the outskirts of the town putting site users and highway users at risk'.
- Additional pressure will be put on the local Health and Education services
- There is no evidence that an environmental study has been carried out and the Town Council is led to believe that there is a badger sett on the proposed site.
- There is no evidence in the planning application that the water stand pipe will have a suitable design to ensure that the waste water therefrom is discharged into a trapped gully with a suitable drainage system
- There is no evidence in the planning application that the water authority has been consulted about the arrangements for the disposal of water likely to be contaminated.

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- The Town Council is of the opinion that there is a culvert under the proposed site, this is not stated in the planning application and therefore Southam Town Council are concerned that the Environment Agency have not been consulted regarding risk of possible contamination.
- The Town Council is led to believe that vehicles would not be allowed to use the western entrance to the site for access or egress and the eastern entrance would need to be widened and a turning circle installed in the interests of safety. This demonstrates that this site is unsuitable for the purpose proposed.
- Since the original permission was given planning permission for 535 houses and associated community facilities and shops has been granted for a site adjacent to the proposed emergency stopping place.

Department for Communities and Local Government Planning Policy for Traveller Sites says

13 Local planning authorities should ensure that traveller sites are sustainable economically, socially and environmentally. Local planning authorities should, therefore, ensure that their policies promote peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community.

To place such a large development of new homes in such close proximity to an emergency stopping place will not promote cohesion but will be a recipe for conflict.

- Southam Town Council is of the opinion that WCC is proposing this site because it owns the land and has not fully considered whether the proposed site is suitable. The Town Council are of the opinion that the proposed site is clearly not suitable for an Emergency Stopping Place for up to 12 Touring Caravans.

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APRIL 2016 PAYMENTS						
Item No	Budget Line	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT (to be reclaimed)	Gross/Cheque Amount
1	48	<u>Southam First</u>	Local Government Act 1792 S137 Grant - hire of venue and contribution to stationery and incidentals - Southam Produce Show	750.00	0.00	£750.00
2	48	<u>Southam Carnival Committee</u>	Local Government Act 1792 S137 Grant - Free activities at Southam Carnival	1140.00	0.00	£1,140.00
3	51	<u>Southam Christmas Lights Association</u>	Local Government Act 1792 S137 Grant - Purchase of LED bulbs and latex cables	2250.00	0.00	£2,250.00
4	48	<u>SAAG HS2</u>	Local Government Act 1792 S137 Grant - Preparation and legal advice to petition House of Lords ref review of effects of construction phase on Southam Area Community and mitigation for damaging activities	2000.00	0.00	£2,000.00
5	48	<u>Southam & District Lions</u>	Local Government Act 1792 S137 Grant - running costs of poetry competition	500.00	0.00	£500.00
6	48	<u>Southam Gymnastics Club</u>	Local Government Act 1792 S137 Grant -50% of the cost of replacing safety mats	1250.00	0.00	£1,250.00
7	48	<u>Grange Hall Management Committee</u>	Local Government Act 1792 S137 Grant - redecoration of the rear entrance hall	500.00	0.00	£500.00
8	52	<u>Southam in Bloom</u>	Local Government Act 1792 S137 Grant - to assist with the provision of plants for containers in Southam and watering of same.	2250.00	0.00	£2,250.00
9	ER & 49	<u>Citizens Advice Bureau</u>	Grant made under Local Government Act 1972 S2A power to provide information and advice - rental of a town centre room for CAB to continue the provision of an outreach service in Southam	1500.00	0.00	£1,500.00
10	21	<u>Warwickshire Training Partnership</u>	Training of new Councillor	90.00	0.00	£90.00
11	8	<u>Inside IT Solutions Ltd</u>	Broadband FTTC internet service & security updates	135.72	27.00	£162.72
12	20	<u>Nabma</u>	Annual membership subscription	318.00	63.60	£381.60
13	45	<u>Warwickshire County Council</u>	Column replacements Sycamore Grove, Orchard Way, Ash Grove, & Craven Lane	15205.69	0.00	£15,205.69
14	46	<u>Limebridge Rural Services</u>	Grasscutting as per contract visit 1 of 16	952.19	190.44	£1,142.63
15	19	<u>Viking</u>	Stationery	314.82	62.97	£377.79
16	37	<u>ESPO</u>	Litter picking supplies	38.43	7.69	£46.12
17	44	<u>E-on</u>	Street Lighting electricity Jan to 31st March	£1,767.16	£353.43	£2,120.59
18	18	<u>Express Advertiser</u>	April Newsletter - printing and delivery	£370.00	£0.00	£370.00
19	47	<u>VASA</u>	Reimbursement of volunteer drivers Feb & March 2016	£1,097.05	£0.00	£1,097.05
20	46	<u>4 Counties Ground Maintenance</u>	Churchyard & Tollgate Road mowing	£255.00	£51.00	£306.00
21	39,30,37 ER	<u>Richard Carro</u>	April Contract 666.79, Holywell strimming 30 Mayfield 31.67 Merestone Park Glass 10.00 Shepherds Hill Glass 10.00	£748.46	£0.00	£748.46
						£34,188.65
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