

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 26th January 2017

Present: In the Chair, Mayor, Councillor M Brooks,
Councillors M Connors, K Geddes, G Foster, M Gaffney, A Crump, K Toner, P Jenkins,

Apologies: Cllr L Ellard - Personnel
Cllr J Ward – Work
Cllr G Barratt – Holiday

Absent: Cllr Bromwich
Cllr Oubridge
Cllr Exton
Cllr Appleton

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro, Mrs D Sanders,

139. APOLOGIES
RESOLVED:
That the apologies are accepted

140. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Crump Non-Pecuniary
Reason

All planning applications
Will not take part in any discussion or
resolution regarding any planning
application in order that it doesn't
compromise his position on the SDC
Planning Committee

141. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

141.1 Mr Hart, 24 Stowe Drive, Southam

Reported that a tree has fallen blocking the footpath behind the ATC building and that there are several plastic bottles in the River Stowe, collecting by the metal bridge.

Mrs P Palmer, 19 Oxford Street, Southam

Stated her objection to planning application 16/03663/FUL 17 Oxford Street, Southam, on the grounds that a 3-storey house was overbearing to the neighbouring properties, that the area is a flood plain, traffic assessment is not accurate as it has not been a commercial property since 1980, concerns over access, as it is a shared access and that the development does not preserve and enhance a Conservation Area.

Mrs H Barber, 4 Banbury Road, Southam

Stated her objection to planning application 16/03663/FUL 17 Oxford Street, Southam, supporting the comments made by Mrs Palmer and firmly believes that that development will increase the flood risk.

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Mrs A Keane, 16 Oxford Street, Southam

Stated her objection to planning application 16/03663/FUL 17 Oxford Street, Southam, that it would be detrimental to the street scene, does not enhance the conservation area, the access could not deal with 12 + vehicles and it would be dangerous coming onto the road.

Mrs V Beynon, 16a Oxford Street, Southam

Stated her objection to planning application 16/03663/FUL 17 Oxford Street, Southam, on the grounds of traffic and access as there will be more vehicle movements, overbearing on neighbouring properties and what will happen on bin day when the bins must be put out.

Mrs M Keane, 22 Oxford Street, Southam

Stated her objection to planning application 16/03663/FUL 17 Oxford Street, Southam, on the grounds of the loss of historic value, that it is a beautiful street that will be spoilt, there are boundaries and privacy issues and it is a flood plain.

Mrs S Forgan, 1 Abbey Lane, Southam

Stated her objection to planning application 16/03663/FUL 17 Oxford Street, Southam, on the grounds that the application is littered with alternative facts, such as the date of the property, the property is not out of keeping it has been there for 250yrs, it hasn't been a commercial property since 1980, it is habitable, many older houses in Southam are built onto the pavement and it is a flood plain. Also, registered her objection to the Stowe Valley Academy Trust Admissions Criteria, pupils living in Northamptonshire should not have not greater priority than pupils living in Southam.

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

Supported all the objections raised regarding 16/03663/FUL 17 Oxford Street, Southam, Stratford District Council would not entertain such a development in Stratford upon Avon and with regards to Highways, the development is more dangerous than the development on Woodbine Hill that WCC objected too. Also, stated his objection to the Stowe Valley Academy Trust Admissions Consultation, it is a disastrous policy, Southam pupils should be top priority. Also, spoke about the need for Unitary Authorities.

142. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

i) That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2017, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor

143. POLICE

No report

144. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated January 2017, totalling £4,808.04 (details attached) be authorised

145. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

145.1 i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated January 2017 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)

145.2 ii) Planning Application decisions dated January 2017

Noted

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145.3 iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates
Noted

146. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

146.1 **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

i)Mr Hart was advised that the fallen tree would be reported to Orbit Housing and the River Stowe issue would be reported to the Environment Agency.

ii)That the objections were considered when dealing with the planning application

iii) Cllr Crump discussed the issue of Unitary Authorities

146.2 **STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST – ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOUTHAM COLLEGE – 2018/19 PARENT CONSULTATION**

RESOLVED:

i)To respond stating the Town Council's objection, as the Council is of the opinion that pupils living in the priority area should be prioritised over and above those pupils attending a Designated Primary Feeder School and as such points 3 and 4 should change position.

146.3 **COUNCILLOR VACANCY – MILL HILL WARD**

There were no applications to consider

146.4 **THE HOLY WELL**

Members considered correspondence from a resident complaining about the work at the Holy Well and complaining about the way the Town Council is dealing with it. As the Holy Well is an Ancient Monument all work must be carefully considered and can only be carried out with the authorisation of English Heritage. Members were previously advised that Hewer Builders visited the site on the 16th August 2016 and suggested that further drainage was required behind the wall, a meeting took place in September with English Heritage and Members were advised that English Heritage and Hewer Builders were both of the opinion that further drainage work was required. Members have previously considered the proposed work and asked the Clerk to obtain a quote. The Council considered the budget quote of £2232 plus VAT.

RESOLVED:

i)That the Town Council is of the opinion that the matter is being dealt with correctly.

ii)That the Council accepts the budget quote of £2232 plus VAT

iii)That the Mayor will meet on site with English Heritage and Hewer Builders to discuss the work prior to the work commencing.

146.5 **RIVERSIDE WALK – REQUEST TO PURCHASE A PIECE OF TOWN COUNCIL LAND**

Members considered correspondence from a resident requesting to purchase a small piece of land in Riverside Walk.

RESOLVED:

To respond to the resident advising that their request has been refused. The Council must follow strict rules regarding the disposal of Council land and the request does not comply, also it would set a precedent.

146.6 **ST JAMES C.E. (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL -ACCESS OVER TOLLGATE ROAD PLAY AREA**

Members considered correspondence from St James Primary School requesting access over the Tollgate Road Play Area to take new equipment on to the school site. The school advised that the largest vehicle is an 18-tonne rigid body truck.

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RESOLVED:

- i) To respond stating the Town Council authorises St James C.E. (VA) Primary School to have access over the leased Town Council land, subject to the following conditions:
ii) That St James C.E (VA) Primary School indemnify Southam Town Council against all liabilities, cost, expenses and damage caused by vehicles crossing Southam Town Council land for the purpose of delivering equipment to the school.
iii) That the maximum weight of any vehicle crossing this land is 3 tonnes.

146.7 ROYAL GARDEN PARTY – COUNCILLOR NOMINATION

RESOLVED:

That Cllr L Ellard is nominated

146.8 WARWICKSHIRE MINERAL PLAN (2017-2032)

RESOLVED:

No representation as it doesn't affect Southam

146.9 S106 CONTRIBUTIONS

Members considered the information compiled by the Town Clerk

RESOLVED:

A vote of thanks was given to the Town Clerk for collating this useful information

146.10 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES

Noted

147. CORRESPONDENCE

147.1 SOUTHAM AND AREA TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Noted

147.2 SOUTHAM FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW 2016 – GRANT FEEDBACK

Noted

148. HS2 – REPORT FROM ROLL B AGENT & WCC MINUTES

- i) Mr B Thomas – Roll B Agent was invited to update Members on the HS2 meeting that he attended on behalf of the Council.
ii) That as SDC will be responsible for monitoring noise levels, Cllr Crump will meet with Mr Thomas to discuss the issue in order that Cllr Crump can raise the matter with SDC

149. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Crump advised:

- VASA AGM
- Issues regarding speeding in Banbury Road & Warwick Road
- Queries to do with recent power cuts – they are not associated with the housing developments
- Grateful for comments from the public regarding planning applications
- SDC Council Tax increase 2%

150. 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

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151. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated January 2017

Meeting closed at 9.11 pm

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Item No	Budget Line	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT (to be reclaimed)	Gross/Cheque Amount
1	20	<u>Campaign to Protect Rural England</u>	Membership subscription	36.00	0.00	£36.00
2	37 & ER	<u>Mrs Denise Sanders (Safety Signs & Services)</u>	Flood warning signs x 3	76.62	15.32	£91.94
3	44	<u>E-on</u>	Street lighting electricity	1710.28	342.06	£2,052.34
4	ER	<u>4 Counties Ground Maintenance</u>	Grass cutting Southam Churchyard prior to Remembrance Service	210.00	42.00	£252.00
5	37	<u>The Play Inspection Company</u>	Annual inspection of 7 play areas	315.00	63.00	£378.00
6	8	<u>Inside IT Solutions Ltd</u>	FTTC internet & Monthly support December	140.25	28.05	£168.30
7	20	<u>Open Spaces Society</u>	Annual subscription	45.00	0.00	£45.00
8	42	<u>Adrian Sparkes (Sparkes Electrical Services)</u>	Replacement of all 33 existing MCBs within the 3 electrical boards in the Grange Hall with RCBO equivalent circuit protection devices. (SDC to be invoiced for half cost.)	850.00	0.00	£850.00
9	ER	<u>County Waste Limited</u>	Churchyard skip exchange	205.00	41.00	£246.00
10		<u>Mr Richard Carro</u>	January contract	688.46	0.00	£688.46
			TOTALS	4276.61	531.43	£4,808.04

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SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - MEETING 26th JANUARY 2017

APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Comments
16/03434/FUL	Mr Anthony Shuttleworth	Jackies Pantry & Tea Room, 1A Daventry Street, Southam CV47 1PH	Eatery/tea room	3rd February 2017	Southam Town Council has no representation to this application subject to the Conservation Officers approval and the applicants compliance with Policy CS.9 D regarding compromising amenity and highway safety when displaying A board advertisements.
16/03548/LBC	Miss Julie Smith	Black Dog, Market Hill, Southam CV47 0HF	Erection of canopy to the front elevation	2nd February 2017	Southam Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that it does not comply with Policy CS.8 and AS.7 . This is a listed building in a prominent position in the Southam conservation area and to allow this application would cause harm to the 'distinctive character of the market town its setting and townscapes' and would harm not 'protect and enhance the historic environment of Southam'.
17/00102/FUL	Mr Nick Funnell	Greenacres, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1BG	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling in an alternative location, including the change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage (amendment to 14/03112/FUL	6th February 2017	No representations
16/03663/FUL	Mr Peter O'Brien (O'Brian Contractors Ltd	17 Oxford Street Southam, CV47 1NS	Full application for 6 houses and associated access and parking	7th February 2017	Southam Town Council objects to this application. The site is not identified in the Core Strategy nor in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan as a preferential development site. It is sited in the conservation area and would be in contravention of Policies AS.7 It would not protect and enhance the character of a rural market town CS.8 it would not protect and enhance the historic environment CS.9 section B. The bulk and scale of the development would constitute over development and contrary to the application's flood assessment, it is a site which has a history of flooding. The safety of the access to this site is also of significant concern. The visibility splays are insufficient and again contrary to what is stated in the application the development would result in an increase in traffic using the access as the rear of the site has not been used commercially since the 1980s.

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