

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

**Present:** In the Chair, Mayor, Councillor L Ellard,  
Councillors M Connors, M Gaffney, A Crump (arrived 8.30pm), A Walster, K Mullen, G Oubridge, Cllr Stone, Cllr Foster, Cllr Brooks, Cllr Toner, Cllr Jamieson & Cllr Jenkins

**Apologies:** Cllr G Barratt – Holiday

Cllr T Bromwich

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

**124. APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the apologies are accepted**

**125. 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
Cllr A Walster	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 16/03707/FUL Director at Combe Abbey Hotel
Cllr K Mullen	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 18/00038/FUL Knows the applicant
Cllr G Foster	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Town Clerk Report Item 2 Bloor Homes Work connection
Cllr K Toner	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 17/03131/OUT Owns a property on Insight Business Park

**126. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

Spoke advising that there was missing information on the planning decisions sheet. Also spoke about the problems in the town regarding Anti-Social Behaviour, stating that the matter should be raised at the next Community Forum so that it can be a Police Priority.

**127. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.**

**128. POLICE**

Not in attendance

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**129. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

i) Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

**RESOLVED:**

**That the payment of accounts dated January 2018, totalling £4,891.83 (details attached) be authorised**

**130. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

**130.1** i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated January 2018 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)

**130.2** ii) Planning Application decisions dated January 2018  
**Noted**

**130.3** iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates  
**Noted**

**Cllr Crump arrived at the meeting**

**131. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**131.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

i) Mr Thomas was advised that the missing pages regarding the planning application decisions will be sent to him and that there will be representation from the Council at the next Community Forum to raise the Anti-Social Behavior issues

**131.2 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING – DEVELOPMENT OFF BANBURY ROAD, SOUTHAM**

**RESOLVED:**

**To advise Stratford District Council that the road should be named Lark Road**

**131.3 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SOUTHAM**

Members considered Warwickshire County Council's request regarding the Town Council being the lead organisation to take this initiative forward.

**RESOLVED:**

**i) To advise WCC that Southam Town Council will be the lead organisation**

**ii) That Cllr Foster is the lead Councillor and Cllr Toner is the reserve Councillor**

**131.4 VARIATION TO STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLVED:**

**To consider the variation at the February meeting**

**131.5 THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**RESOLVED:**

**The Town Council support the actions of the Neighbourhood Plan Working party, the appointment of the consultant Neil Pearce and were pleased that the grant application has been approved.**

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**131.6 CURRENT LEVELS OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE IN SOUTHAM**

Members discussed the issues currently taking place in Southam

**RESOLVED:**

**That a multi-agency meeting should take place with the Police Crime Commissioner, the Police, Southam Town Council. Southam College Head Teacher and SDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer in order to discuss what is happening and action is to be taken**

**131.7 NOMINATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE ROYAL GARDEN PARTY**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Town Mayor and Consort are nominated**

**131.8 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR MUNDAY – BURIAL GROUND**

**Noted**

**131.9 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES**

**Noted**

**132. CORRESPONDENCE**

i)Mrs S Beard

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond advising that the issues relating to Manders Croft are in hand and are being dealt with by Planning Enforcement, that the barn in the field is not under the control of Southam Town Council and that she should contact the Coventry Diocese**

ii)Mrs A Walley

**Noted**

iii)Mr T Lorimer

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond advising that the Town Council are currently investigating whether it is possible to have a gritting regime in and around the town, that grit bins are being surveyed and if necessary, will be replaced and grit bins must be placed adjacent to the highway.**

**133 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

**133.1 CCTV MINUTES – 7/11/17**

**Noted**

**133.2 RIGHTS OF WAY WORKING PARTY**

Cllr Brooks advised that they have 11 active members, all rights of ways have been surveyed apart from 4 and they will be meeting with Ladbroke PC as they are keen to work in partnership with Southam.

**133.3 SOUTHAM VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT SERVICE**

**The Town Clerk advised that Bishops Itchington PC, Harbury PC, Napton PC and Prior Marston PC have all financially contributed to join the scheme**

**134. QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr T Bromwich

The following report was tabled:

Here is my report which I would like to be read out at the meeting and attached to the printed minutes.

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I held a meeting with the Chief Inspector responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Team. At the meeting it was confirmed that for three months Southam was without any police cover other than PCSO'S. I discussed obviously the crime spike which happened not just in Southam but across South Warwickshire along with the perennial problem of antisocial behaviour in the town and parking around the schools.

We also discussed the re-establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, as Councillors we should be pushing hard for this.

Regards to What I did take away from the meeting, and I think we as Councillors should be working together on this is that with the increase in the size of Southam and the revenue coming from these properties there are no plans to change the current structure. I would suggest inviting both Phil Seccombe and Martin Jellie to a public Q&A session.

Manders Croft continues to rumble on with no decision on whether to revoke the planning permission or not and the submission of the reserved matters. Some observations and information about the reserved matters for Councillors to consider.

1) Hayfield need to provide evidence of access through Wattons Lane. According to the estate rules, it appears there's no right of way along the public footpath area. I've currently asked for this to be checked out and despite attempts from the planning department, Hayfield have not responded.

2) The recently revised layout plan. It is my opinion that the Council should object to this on the following Highways grounds and layout grounds. Firstly, the turning points demonstrate on the new traffic plan for refuse wagons is at an absolute minimum. Having spoken to drivers, they feel that the layout based on a computer model is questionable and that they would almost certainly be mounting the pavement.

Secondly, there's not enough parking provision on the estate. It's reasonable to assume one parking space per bedroom and and that garages are rarely used for car parking. Given this and observations from the existing Manders Croft development, I can see high levels of on street parking and making the roads unsafe.

In general, I find the current layout designed to minimum standards and unacceptable for Southam.

Social Housing.

Over the past few months it has been brought to my attention that the Housing Department may not be adhering to District Council policy regarding allocating social housing. As a result, I have now started asking each week about allocation of social housing in Southam bearing in mind the levels of new builds coming available.

I would request that in each newsletter this year the Town Council runs an article encouraging people who are in need of social housing to register on the Home Choice Plus website or via the Housing Department to insure the up most priority for these homes are given to local residents.

I went on Sunday to observe the unauthorised tree felling up at Merestone and arrived at the same time as two police officers. I have liaised with Councillor Crump about this situation and as soon as we get any updates, we will inform the Council.

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Finally, I have had discussions with teenagers in our community about what they would like to see of benefit for them in our community. Top of the list by a long way is a skate park. I feel we should now as Town, District and County Councillors be prioritising this in identifying a suitable site and securing funding. This may require a working party to be proactively work in achieving this aim.

The second most requested facility was a youth drop in centre, again I would suggest that we work together in trying to achieve this aim.

The benefits I see in trying to achieve these aims would be a fall of antisocial behaviour.

## **Noted**

### Cllr A Crump

Advised the following:

- SDC tax rise likely to be 1% WCC 5% police approximately 7%.
- Liaison Group re: Sou3 agreed and CCTV, lighting and drainage for underpass too.
- I met with Mark Ryder from WCC re Wood St last week. He says it will go ahead, hopefully this financial year. I read the riot act about the whole issue, he very apologetic.
- Have been asking for more parking enforcement
- Patch is dealing with many requests and involving other experts from WCC too e.g. Forestry, PROW etc.
- Major strains on WCC budget, especially adult and children social care, special needs school transportation
- WCC full council 6/2/18
- Housing application in Pendicke Street causing concern for neighbours.
- Will speak to the SDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
- Advised Stockton also have a Right of way Group
- Community Payback for the Ash Path has been organised, SDC will litter pick every four weeks

### **135. 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**

### **136. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

**RESOLVED:**

**To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated January 2018**

### **137. MARKET WORKING PARTY**

Members considered Cllr Gaffney's report

**RESOLVED:**

**i) That the report is adopted**

**ii) That the market operator is required to put in place the following as soon as possible in January 2018**

**The market requires more promotion with advertising in the Southam area including local villages. Glossy leaflets and adverts in the local free papers should be provided and social media should also be used**

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**Free transport funded by the market operator from and back to local villages on market days with a published timetable**

**Expansion to once a month Farmers Market on a Saturday**

**Regular donations (quarterly) to the Mayors Charity as agreed in the Licence**

**iii) Further review to be carried out in June 2018**

**Meeting closed at 9.33 pm**

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SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - JANUARY 2018 MEETING ISSUE 2					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Comments
17/02614/REM	Mr Mark Gay - Hayfield Homes	Land off Manders Croft, Southam	Reserved matters application for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 51 dwelling residential development and associated provision of public open space (in association with 15/02047/OUT)	29th January 2018	Southam Town Council repeats its previous comments. Council is aware that the permitted access is from Manders Croft and that this is far from ideal. Suggestion has been made that it would be possible for an alternative access to be arranged from Wattons Lane by opening up the field gateway and closing the public footpath to the Holy Well. Southam Town Council has extreme concerns about this proposal, both on safety grounds and on the grounds of preventing accessibility by all residents to the Holy Well; it would expect both the Council and residents to be formally consulted should this proposal be considered.
17/03505/FUL	Johnson Bros (Coventry) Ltd	Land at Pendicke Street, Southam	Full application for a dwelling	29th Jan 2018	No representations
17/03131/OUT	Tomkins Construction Ltd	Insight Park, Welsh Road East, Southam	reserved) for up to 24 dwellings informal open space and all necessary ancillary and enabling development (resubmission of application 16/00691/OUT	26th January 2018	Southam Town Council objects to this application for the same reasons which 17/03131/OUT and 16/00691/OUT were refused as this application does not differ significantly from those application.
17/03468/OUT	Ms Hinton & Ms Mundy	1 Pendicke Street, Southam CV47 1PN	Outline application, with some matters reserved for 2 dwellings (Matters of appearance and landscaping reserved)	2nd February 2018	Southam Town Council objects to this proposal for the following reasons. Pendicke Street is a difficult street to negotiate. Parked cars create a one track road and an additional access with potentially six cars and service vehicles entering and leaving would be dangerous despite visibility splays. Also, this development of back garden land contravenes Policy CS9 design and distinction as being set back it is not sensitive to the existing street scene and is not in context with the locality, it is overdevelopment.
18/00038/FUL	Mr John Lee	22 Barkus Close, Southam CV47 1GB	The proposal is for the construction of a single storey, pitched roof, rear kitchen/dining room extension. Materials are to match existing.	6th February 2018	No representations
16/03707/FUL	Dr Dallas Burston	Stoneythorpe Estate, Southam Road, Stoneythorpe CV47 2DL	Amendments to Erection of two storey steel portal frame building for staff and visitor accommodation (up to 54 beds, use class c1) and storage of vehicles (upto 614 square metres, use class B8) including all necessary ancillary and enabling works.	8th February 2018	Southam Town Council repeats the objections made for the 130 bed hotel application for this planning application. The detrimental visual impact it would have on the countryside, that it would create excessive light and noise pollution, that it would increase traffic on the A425, that the height and scale of the buildings would be overdevelopment of the site, the detrimental effects on wildlife, of construction traffic on local roads and would like to see a limitation on helicopter flights. The Town Council also supports the Environment Agency objections regarding non mains foul drainage and the risk of pollution of rivers. In addition, the Core Strategy says 'for schemes involving large scale hotels or similar accommodation in rural locations, the accommodation should be directly associated with the existing use which has to be of such a nature and scale that it can justify the provision of overnight accommodation in its own right. It must be genuinely ancillary to the needs of that use and it will be a requirement for all applicants to justify why the accommodation proposed is appropriate in relation to the particular existing use. Southam Town Council also considers the access to be totally inadequate to cope with increased traffic which would be generated by this development and suggests that an island on the A425 and the entrance gates being moved back and widened would be necessary to cope with the development of this site.

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