

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 2018

Present: In the Chair, Mayor, Councillor L Ellard,
Councillors S Stone, G Foster, M Brooks, M Connors, M Gaffney, A Jamieson,
A Walster, M Ray, A Crump, G Barratt & K Toner

Apologies: Cllr G Oubridge - Work
Cllr T Bromwich – Personal

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro and Mrs T Andrews

85. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

That the apologies are accepted

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Crump	Non-Pecuniary	All Planning applications. Will not take part in any discussion or resolution regarding any planning application in order that it does not compromise his position on SDC Planning Committee
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87. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Coventry Road

A resident spoke about the speed of the traffic along Coventry Road, stating that the speeds vary from 50mph to 60mph depending on which direction you are approaching the roundabout at the top of the town. The resident asked if the Town Council are aware of WCC making any applications to reduce the speed, he asked that a recommendation be made that the speed limit should be reduced to 30mph just before the BP garage, as exiting the new housing development was incredibly dangerous and he had spotted several near miss's, he also asked if the speed 40mph restrictions from Long Itchington could be extended to Southam, he stated that a number of accidents had occurred outside the BP Garage and felt it was a dangerous spot.

Elmbank

A resident spoke of her concern with the letter sent out to all households regarding The Natural Burial Ground, she was unaware of any detailed scheme being put together by way of any public meeting, or of any scheme/proposal as to where the proposed site would be, would there be provision for scattering and or burial of ashes? She felt that SDC should mitigate the cost of this scheme and it should not be based on cost but on a spiritual level. The resident handed the Council a letter of her comments

Mill Crescent

A resident spoke of his concern with the letter sent out to all households regarding The Natural Burial Ground, he felt that this was not a consultation and asked who had decided on The Natural Burial Ground, was it based on cost and asked if the cost of radio frequency identity tags had been taken into consideration when determining the costs? Pointed out that The Town Clerk had on several occasions tried to speak with Diocese and requested several meetings, but they point blank refused to have anything to do with the Cemetery. He stated that the Diocese continue to make

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over 2million pounds profit annually and have done for the past few years, he said that the Diocese won't consider selling land to the Council as they need to maximise their profits

Church

A Vicar from a neighbouring Parish stated that at local level they were fully supportive of the Town, he commented that Diocese had overall jurisdiction regarding what happens to their land, and that local Church has no say. Local Church are standing with the Town and pointed out to the Diocese that there is an understanding that pastorally there is a need for the Town, he confirmed that the Diocese were talking to themselves.

Orchard Way

A resident spoke of his concern with the letter sent out to all households regarding The Natural Burial Ground, he had no understanding of how this letter was a consultation as no one had been consulted, he stated that residents should have a choice and this had not been given, that people should have the right to represent themselves, he asked could we re-think the whole process as the process had not been dealt with democratically.

Coventry Road

A resident asked the question what would happen if only 10 people took the trouble to send in their votes, would this be the decision? because the way it is at the minute no-one will fill in that form, he asked if the Town Council could withdraw the form and for it to be null and void?

88. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th September 2018, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor, subject to the following amendment:

That minute 63 Should read that Cllr T Bromwich gave his apologies and wasn't absent.

89. POLICE

Not in attendance

Cllr Foster informed the Town Council that he had spoken to the local PSCO's regarding the parking, particularly the Sixth formers outside Southam College, although they would find it difficult to find time to go and speak to the school, they had tweeted Cllr Foster to say they had in fact been to the school and asked that the students be more considerate when parking in the vicinity around the College

90. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i)Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated October 2018, totalling £15,426.68 (details attached) be authorised.

Cllr Crump left the meeting

91. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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

91.2 ii) Planning Application decisions dated October 2018

Noted

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91.3 iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Cllr Crump returned to the meeting

92. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

93. **PUBLIC REPRESENTATION**

Speeding

i)The Town Council will report it to the Road Safety unit at WCC and ask if an assessment can be done of all Southam roads. The Neighborhood plan is looking at reducing the speed limit along the Southam Bypass. The speed limit on the Napton Road, coming into Southam is about to be reduced from 60mph down to 50mph.

Natural Burial Ground

ii)Residents were advised that all comments will be considered by the Burial Ground Working Party

94. **COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES**

Noted

- i) A Reminder that it is Remembrance Day on the 11th November and all will be asked to attend the parade.
- ii) It was also noted that the date for Mayor Making may have to change due to the Elections May 2019

95. **CORRESPONDENCE**

i)Southam Heritage Collection – Grant thank you.

Noted

ii)Harbury e-Wheels – Grant thank you

Noted

96. **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

96.1 **Item 1 – Draft Statement of Community Involvement SDC**

Member considered the document

RESOLVED:

No representations

Item 2 – Draft Local Industrial and Economic Development Strategy for Stratford on Avon District 2018 - 2023

Members considered the consultation

RESOLVED:

To respond to the consultation advising that the Town Council would like to see improved infrastructure to support Rural Transport Links and more support for Small and Medium Enterprises

Item 3 – Southam Children's and Family Centre report – Cllr M Brooks

Noted

Item 4 – The Grange Hall

RESOLVED:

i)Cllr Brooks, Cllr Walster, Cllr Foster, Cllr Ellard and the Town Clerk will form a Working Party regarding the long-term plan and future of The Grange Hall

ii)That the HS2 Grant Application is withdrawn

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Item 5 – Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider

Item 6 – HS2 and Low Frequency Noise presentation – Cllr G Foster

Members considered the presentation

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council makes the presentation at Stratford District Council’s full Council Meeting

Item 8 – Affordable Housing

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Ellard, Cllr Foster, Cllr Brooks and the Town Clerk will meet with Martin Cowan – Home Choice Plus Manager in order to establish the following:

Home Choice Plus procedure

What Affordable Housing is currently available in Southam

How properties are allocated

Improvements to the marketing information of the Home Choice Plus properties

Marketing campaign to ensure people are applying

Housing Roadshow

96.2 WW1 – 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED:

i) That Southam Town Council works in partnership with a number of organisations in Southam to take part in the national beacon lighting event at 1900 hrs. on 11th November 2018

ii) That a letter of thanks be sent on behalf of the Mayor to those organisations who will have donated time and materials to making this event possible.

96.3 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY

Cllr Foster advised that the Neighborhood working party held a consultation at Tithe Lodge 29th September, the working party are processing several comments raised, the actions will be published on the website in due course.

96.4 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SOUTHAM

Cllr Foster spoke regarding Dementia Friendly Southam. 3 meetings have been held to discuss how best to coordinate efforts to make Southam more Dementia friendly working with the Alzheimer’s Society, the actions planned at the moment are to work with business to become more dementia friendly, it is proposed that all business in the town be invited to attend a dementia friends’ session toward the end of November

96.5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllr Brooks updated the Council on the meeting that took place with Martin Cowan – Home Choice Plus Manager

97. QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr T Bromwich

Members consider the report

RESOLVED:

To write to Cllr T Jefferson seeking confirmation on what Cllr Bromwich state in his report

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Cllr A Crump advised the following:

Raised the question of Tithe Lodge is the charge for rent or service charge

SDC have offered a Sapling, as part of the Queens wealth canopy, would the Town Council like it? It was suggested that Tithe Lodge would be an appropriate place to plant the tree.

A meeting is scheduled next week regarding the enforcement at Manders Croft, there is still an issue with reserved site.

A Parish Campion meeting raised several questions regarding schools' traffic and parking, buses driving badly, it was felt that no or little communication was had with County, District and Local Councils when additional houses have been built around schools. The county is carrying out their own survey regarding speeding, traffic volume and congestion to gather the relevant evidence.

Another point raised was Social Enterprises, particularly Dementia friendly projects and there could be money available.

A resident raised concerns again about the parking around schools and she has informed that white lines will be painted along her drive, if that didn't work, she would be going to see the Schools head.

A new fire chief in the new year, still working with the West Midlands on fire control and the training centre.

County Council budget is in a reasonable state and much better than many other Counties.

Trading standards have been doing some good work regarding rogue traders, cars and the someone producing Fake ID's raising serious implications regarding safeguarding the person involved received a 3-year custodial sentence.

Electric blanket testing is still ongoing, and blankets can be collected from those who find it difficult to take their blankets themselves.

Changes to Senior Officers at County Council will be announced shortly.

Community grants of over 6k has been oversubscribed but will still be able to give money to 7 local organisations, for all different ages and activities.

Cllr Crump was included in Hate Crime report on Midlands Today encouraging anyone who knew of anyone involved to report crimes

98. 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

99. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated October 2018

Meeting closed 8.40 pm

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Item No	et Line	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT (to be reclaimed)	Gross/Cheque Amount
1	6	Inside IT	Broadband and Office 365	£ 263.52	£ 43.92	£ 263.52
2	47	L Commander	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 83.70		£ 83.70
3	47	M Newsham	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 16.50		£ 16.50
4	47	B Meacham	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 45.95		£ 45.95
5	47	J Wood	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 21.14		£ 21.14
6	47	J Branston	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 82.80		£ 82.80
7	47	WM Taylor	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 55.80		£ 55.80
8	47	A Harris	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 77.10		£ 77.10
9	47	M. Houston	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 58.05		£ 58.05
10	47	D. Reading	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 21.60		£ 21.60
11	47	P Owen	Sept Mileage Refund	£ 44.05		£ 44.05
12	29	C Sheasby Arborist & Landscape	Thinning & Clearing works	£ 816.00	£ 136.00	£ 816.00
13	46	Limebridge Rural Services	Grasscutting 10 & (11 of 16)	£ 2,193.40	£ 365.56	£ 2,193.40
14	37	Jason Goode	Bus stop cleaning	£ 45.00		£ 45.00
15	44	EON	Electricity	£ 2,437.28	£ 406.21	£ 2,437.28
16	48	John Turner Festival	Grant application	£ 150.00		£ 150.00
17	48	Harbury E Wheels	Grant application	£ 1,000.00		£ 1,000.00
18	48	Grange Hall	Grant application	£ 1,000.00		£ 1,000.00
19	48	Southam Heritage	Grant application	£ 2,550.00		£ 2,550.00
20	48	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£ 18.50		£ 18.50
21	48	Southam United Bowls Club	Grant application	£ 2,870.00		£ 2,870.00
22	17	K Mullen	Car Allowances Tea/Coffee.	£ 96.30	£ 35.97	£ 96.30
23	5	Elior	Neighbourhood Plan 29/09/2018	£ 108.00	£ 18.00	£ 108.00
24	18	Express Advertiser		£ 578.40	£ 96.40	£ 578.40
25	33	CJ Events Warwickshire	Road Closure MOP	£ 144.00		£ 144.00
26	8	HCI Data	Domain Name Renewal	£ 84.00	£ 14.00	£ 84.00
27	33	Town Mayors Fund	Second Installment	£ 1,135.00		£ 1,135.00
				£ 15,426.68	£ 1,072.14	£ 15,426.68

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - 22nd October 2018

If you wish the Town Council to consider your views on these applications please write to the Town Clerk at The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1QA

Stratford District Council is the Planning Authority so any objections to these plans should be sent to the Planning Department, Stratford District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6HX by the stated observation date.

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APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE	Comments
18/02647/REM	Tompkins Condruction Ltd	Insight Park, Welsh Road East	Reserved matters application for erection of the 24 dwellings including details of layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping. Pursuant to condition 1 of outline permission. 17/03131/OUT	31st October	No representaions
18/01796/OUT	Mr A Terry	land At, Welsh Road East, Southam	Outline application for the of up to 46 residential units (use Class C3), together with landscaping, car parking, openareas and associated works and facilities. Access from Welsh Road East. Access not reserved. This Planning application has been amended to 43 residential units	25th October	Our Original comments to the previous application. No objections in principle. Southam Town Council would like the opportunity to work with the developers on the design and layout of the site ensuring that the developer adheres to the draft development guidelines for the emerging Southam Town neighbourhood plan. This Planning application has been amended to 43 residential units

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