

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor Lee Ellard - In the Chair  
Councillors M Gaffney, A Walster, G Foster, A Jamieson, Cllr Ray, Cllr John & Cllr Toner

<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr G Oubridge	Personal
	Cllr M Brooks	Holiday
	Cllr A Crump	Council Commitment
	Cllr T Bromwich	Personal
	Cllr M Connors	Work
	Cllr G Barratt	Holiday

**Absent without Apologies:**  
None

**In Attendance:** Mrs D Carro

**164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None

**165. APOLOGIES**  
**RESOLVED:**  
**That the apologies are accepted**

**166. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
Planning Consultant – Tarsus Hotel  
Spoke stating that they had come along this evening to speak about the Tarsus Hotel Planning Application and had been advised by a Councillor that the application was going to be considered at the meeting tonight, but have now been told that the Council have considered it at a previous meeting and put forward an objection. As such, my client has not had his democratic right to speak in support of his application and in light of this misunderstanding would ask the council to consider meeting with us in order to discuss our application.

**167. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
**RESOLVED:**  
**That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor.**

**168. POLICE**  
Not in attendance

**169. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  
i) Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection  
**RESOLVED:**  
**That the payment of accounts dated March 2019, totalling £8,508.95 (details attached) be authorised.**

**170. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

- 170.1** i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated March 2019 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)
- 170.2** ii) Planning Application decisions dated March 2019  
**Noted**
- 170.3** iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

**171. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**171.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

**RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr Walster, Cllr Brooks, Cllr Foster and the Town Clerk to meet with representatives of the Tarsus Hotel in order to discuss their Planning Application.**

**171.2 GRIT BIN – DROVERS WAY**

Members noted that WCC will not authorise a Grit Bin to be installed

**171.3 PLANNING APPEAL BY ROCKSPRING BARWOOD SOUTHAM LTD – LAND TO THE SOUTH OF WELSH ROAD WEST – APPLICATION FOR COSTS**

Members considered the response from The Planning Inspectorate in relation to Stratford District Council's application for costs following the withdrawal of the appeal by Rockspring Barwood Southam Ltd. The Planning Inspectorate concluded that a partial award of costs against the appellants on grounds of "unreasonable" behaviour resulting in wasted expense, is justified in the particular circumstances.

**RESOLVED:**

**To write to the Case Officer and thank them for all there hard work**

**171.4 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES**

**Noted**

**172. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 172.1** Rural Broadband – Local Full Fibre Network Bid Update  
**Noted**  
Southam & District Lions Club – Grant Thank you  
**Noted**

**173. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

**173.1 Flying Fields Sports Pitch**

Members were invited to decide what to call the sports area on the Flying Fields Estate

**RESOLVED:**

**That is should be named Tiger Moth Games Area**

**173.2 Diocese of Coventry Meeting**

Members considered the correspondence from the Coventry Diocese seeking a meeting to discuss the burial ground situation

**RESOLVED:**

**i) That Cllr Ellard, Cllr Gaffney and the Town Clerk will meet with the diocese and report back to Council**

**173.3 Churchyard Grass cutting**

Members were informed that following a WALC Legal Training Session that the Town Clerk attended it has been advised that the Local Government Act 1894 section 8 does not permit Councils to spend money on property of the church and that includes maintenance.

**RESOLVED:**

**That considering this advice, to write to St James Church and advise that the Council will complete the grass cutting contract for the 2019 season but from 1st April 2020 St James Church will have to fund the cost of the churchyard maintenance.**

**173.4 Planning Application**

See attached

**RESOLVED:**

**i) To invite Taylor Wimpey to an ENV to discuss the issues that residents living on the Taylor Wimpey site have raised.**

**ii) In light of the correspondence received from the SDC Planning Assistant in relation to 14 Cherry Tree Walk, the Town Council withdraws their objection**

**174. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SOUTHAM – MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING NO 7 FEBRUARY 2019**

Noted

**175. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

No reports received

**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 March 2019**

**178 DEPUTY CLERK /FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Members were advised that the position had been filled and Mrs L Newland would be starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. Members also considered the updated contract.

**RESOLVED:**

**To query with the Town Council Solicitor the wording in contract relating to Annual Leave.**

**The Meeting closed at 7.50 pm**



March 2019 - Town Council Meeting Planning Applications					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE	Comments
19/00289/ADV	Mr Mark Gay Hayfield Homes (Southam) Ltd	Land At Wattons Lodge And South Of Watton's Lane Southam Watton's Lane CV47 0HX	7 x metal box signs to advertise residential development 15/02047/OUT and 17/02614/REM.	01-Apr-19	No representations
19/00304/FUL	Mr Mark Gay Hayfield Homes (Southam) Ltd	Land Off Manders Croft Southam	Temporary works to Plot 49 of permission 17/02614/REM to facilitate its temporary ancillary use as a sales office including the installation of a set of southern gable French doors and sidelights and northern gable French doors only.	03-Apr-19	No representations

