

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 12TH JANUARY 2023.**

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor A John - In the Chair  
Councillors, A Walster, A Jamieson, G Foster, M Ray, C Lambert, L Ellard, N Savage, K Collier.

**Apologies:** Cllr M Connors – Work

**Absent without Apologies:**  
Cllr K Toner  
Cllr T Bromwich  
Cllr A Crump

**In Attendance:** Mrs D. Carro, Mrs R Barnett, Mrs R Lewis

**102. APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED:**  
**Apologies accepted**

**103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
**None**

**104. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
2 members of the public attended in response to the planning application 22/03277/FUL – Re the Police Station. Detail as follows.

- i) Representing the scout group to understand why the detailed application information had been sent directly to the group.
- ii) Regarding an objection to the application requesting 21 units on site as opposed to 20 as previously put forward.

**105. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
**RESOLVED:**

- i) To ratify minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 24 November 2022
- ii) To note the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 December 2022

**106. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  
No payments to consider

**107. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**  
i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule for January 2023 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council.  
ii) Application 22/03277/FUL – Re the Police Station was discussed in some detail with reference to the outline proposal put forward previously

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To object re application 22/03277/FUL – On grounds of highway safety and flooding objections submitted, detrimental effect on conservation area and biodiversity within the outside space and over development. It needs to be noted that this scheme isn't in line with original proposal and presentation of the development. Therefore, the comment made in the design and access statement is a false comment.

**108 TOWN CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**

**108.1 PARISH TAX BASE**

The Provisional Council Tax Base for Southam 2023/2024 has been calculated at 3161.9

**Noted**

**108.2 BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The proposed figures for the 2023/2024 budget are based on a 10% increase, but where there is a clear need to revise the figure considering current levels of expenditure or known changes likely to occur; a new proposed figure is shown.

**Noted**

**108.3 ELECTORATE**

Latest statistics show that the electorate in Southam stands at 6265 (1 December 2021) Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 limits a Council's expenditure on grants to £8.82 per elector a total of £55257 (based on 2022/23 limits) Southam Town Council's expenditure is well within this limit.

**Noted**

**108.4 COUNCIL'S AIMS**

The Council had agreed to the following aims that were taken into consideration in all policy matters:

1. To improve the service, it provides whilst ensuring best value
2. To work with others to improve safety, the environment and quality of life in the town, paying particular attention to the needs of vulnerable members of our community
3. To regularly and effectively consult the community
4. To promote the local economy

**Noted**

**108.5 COUNCILLOR APPLICATIONS**

None received

**109 FORECAST OF EXPENDITURE 2022/23, PROPOSED BUDGET 2023/24 AND EARMARKED RESERVES**

**109.1 CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2023/2024**

after detailed discussion

**RESOLVED:**

**To agree the figures proposed**

**109.2 REVIEW OF EARMARKED AND GENERAL RESERVES**

**RESOLVED:**

To agree the figures proposed

**110 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

**111. PRECEPT UPON THE TAX AUTHORITY**

**RESOLVED:** That the precept upon Stratford District Council be declared to be £334,361

It was noted that Council Tax payable for a D Band property will be £105.75 which will be a £14.91 or 16.41% annual increase.

**The Meeting closed at 20:08 hrs**

**Planning Applications Precept Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Application No.	Applicant Name	Site	Proposal	Previous Representations	Comments Due	Council Comments
22/03277/FUL	C/O Agent Michael Gilbert (Stantec) HBV Group	Southam Police Station, High Street, Southam, Warwickshire CV47	Redevelopment of site including demolition of existing building to provide specialised supported living accommodation comprising 21 self-contained one-bedroom apartments (Use Class C3), together with associated parking, open space and landscaping.	N/A	12/1/2023	Objection
22/03731/TEL28		STREET RECORD, Quarry Road, Southam,	Proposed installation of 1No. Cabinet (1000x256x250mm) located on Grass Verge East of, 4 Quarry Rd, Southam CV47 ONB (441733, 262779)	N/A	For Information Only	N/A
22/03729/TEL28		STREET RECORD, Coventry Road, Southam,	Proposed installation of 1No. Cabinet (1000x256x250mm) located on Grass verge East of, 2 Welsh Rd W, Southam CV47 OJN (441847, 262133)	N/A	For Information Only	N/A