

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY 25th JULY 2013

Present: Councillors: J Ward (Chair), M Gaffney, A Forster, V Shepherd, M Willoughby, B Thomas, C Worsh, J Smith, L Smith & C Pratt

In attendance: Mrs D Carro, Mrs D Sanders, Cllr J Appleton & Cllr D Wise

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Soni – Holiday
Cllr L Tasker – Personal
Cllr E Thornley - Personal
Cllr A Crump
Cllr J Ellard

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr B Thomas	Personal Interest Reason	Town Clerk Report Item 3 Neighbour-proximity to the School
Cllr C Worsh	Personal Interest Reason	Town Clerk Report Item 3 Child attends this school
Cllr C Pratt	Personal Interest Reason	Public Representations Owns a plot in St James Churchyard
Cllr V Shepherd	Personal Interest Reason	Town Clerk Report Item 3 Grandchild attends this school

36. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr P Ball, 15 Gorse Lea, Southam

Spoke regarding housing need in Southam, the Draft Core Strategy, that the population in Southam has grown by 8% more than in most places, all places have to grow but Southam doesn't need to grow anymore and especially not in the Stowe Valley

Mr G Oubridge, 42 Hillyard Road, Southam

Thanked the Council for allowing him to speak
Spoke about why the Holywell field should not be built on, that Southam residents who do not live by the Holywell enjoy the area, that it is a significant tourist attraction, that housing should not be allowed to damage the Stowe Valley Area, that the narrow grass strip is not acceptable and no building should be allowed in the area of restraint

Mrs M Childs, 20 Holywell Road, Southam

Spoke on behalf of residents regarding the proposed development on the Holywell field, stating that the development will create an additional 160 cars plus deliveries and visitors, which is sure to lead to accidents and is concerned about wildlife and the endangered species such as grass snakes, bats and butterflies

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Mr G White, 15 Holywell Road, Southam

Spoke about the proposed development on the Holywell field stating that developers seem to pick and choose where they develop. He said the developers want to build on this site because it is picturesque and they will make more profit.

Mrs G Thomas, 9 St Mary's Close, Southam

Spoke regarding proposed development on the Holywell field, stating that she used to live at 10 Holywell Road and can sympathise with how the residents feel. Spoke also about the Tollgate Road Playing Field and how she has been sitting in her garden listening to children and families playing football and cricket on the field and 'long may it continue'. Mrs Thomas also asked that as many people as possible should respond to Warwickshire County Council's consultation regarding the future of the Childrens Centre in Southam.

Mr G Barratt 1 Old Ford Avenue, Southam

Spoke regarding the proposed development on the Holywell field. He said Southam is a rural town and this beautiful area should not be destroyed. Keep Southam for the people of Southam.

Mr R Parker 47 Pound Way, Southam

Spoke to ask the Council for a progress report on the cemetery issue.

Mrs H Emblin 7 Holywell Road, Southam

Spoke regarding the Holywell field development and said that yellow lines would be required on both sides of Holywell Road if the development went ahead.

Mr J Everitt 6 Gorse Lea, Southam

Spoke regarding the Holywell field development and said it was not acceptable to dig up farm land.

37. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

38. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That payment of accounts dated July 2013, totalling £6928.72 be authorised.

39. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated July 2013 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council.

ii) Planning Application decisions dated July 2013

Noted

iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Noted

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40. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

40.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Residents who spoke about the Holywell field were informed by the Town Clerk that the comments regarding the proposed Holywell field development had been noted for the record. Should a planning application be received, the Town Council would hold a public meeting to allow all interested parties to express their views and would take those views into account when making its response to the planning authority.

40.2 Mr Parker was advised by the Town Clerk that the survey regarding cemetery provision was not due to end until 26th July 2013 and that the Council will be considering the results in September 2013

41. CASUAL VACANCY BROWNS BRIDGE WARD

Members considered applications from a Mr N Gascoigne and a Mrs D Smith

RESOLVED: to co-opt Mr Neil Gascoigne to serve as a Town Councillor for the Browns Bridge Ward

42. TOLLGATE ROAD LEASE

Members were informed that the Mayor and the Town Clerk had met with Steve Smith and Gillian Blackford (WCC) and had a positive meeting. WCC is currently considering the Town Councils proposal that the size of the proposed fenced area could be reduced by approximately half and that if WCC propose a lease based on this proposal then the Town Clerk and the Town Mayor will finalise the lease as stated in minute 31.1- 27th June 2013

43. MEETING WITH PAUL LANKESTER (CHIEF EXECUTIVE SDC) AND DAVE NASH (POLICY MANAGER, PLANNING AND HOUSING SDC)

RESOLVED: i) to investigate the process of compiling a community asset register with a view to including the Stowe Valley in such a register ii) to set up a meeting with SDC for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor & previous Mayor to discuss the section 106 agreement for the football club site. iii) to examine the process for updating the current Town Plan

44. COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Noted

45. CORRESPONDENCE

45.1 FRIENDS OF THE CARDALL COLLECTION THANK YOU

Noted

45.2 LIVING HISTORY GRANT – THANK YOU

Noted

45.3 SOUTHAM & DISTRICT CHILDRENS CENTRE GRANT THANK YOU

Noted

45.4 R F HOLROYD – HOLY WELL FIELD

RESOLVED: to respond to Mr Holroyd pointing out that his information is incorrect and that this Council has been in conversation with residents regarding this matter since it first heard about the proposals. Also explain that as yet no

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formal planning application has been received and if such an application is received then the Council will hold a public meeting to ascertain resident's views.

46. REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY ON 11th JULY 2013

46.1 HOLYWELL ROAD DEVELOPMENT

- Jonathan Wood-Redrow
- Kathryn Ventham – Barton Willmore

Attended the meeting to present to the Town Council their proposals regarding a development on land off Holy Well Road

They advised the following:

- There will be up to 85 dwelling built on the proposed area.
- Leaflets will be sent out before the end of next week which will give them time to make changes to the draft copy which the council looked at.
- They have been asked to extend the closing date for responses due to it being over the holiday period.
- The developer is looking to put in for planning consent by the end of August 2013.
- The developer has stated that they have been doing test drills in the landowner's field. The council has requested information on this, due to the current problems with the Holywell. Dates and other information will be sent to the Clerk

46.2 THE BATTLE OF SOUTHAM- LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

Members considered an application for a Street Trading License for the Battle of Southam Living History Weekend

RESOLVED:

No Objections

46.3 DISPENSATION PROCEDURE

Members considered the procedure

RESOLVED:

i) That the Town Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Town Clerk only when there are so many members on the Council that have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that it would impede the transaction of the business (i.e. the meeting would be inquorate). ii) That the Town Council will not accept Dispensation Requests from members for any other reason

46.4 TAYLOR WIMPEY PROPOSALS, WEST OF COVENTRY ROAD

Members considered correspondence from Taylor Wimpey as a result of their presentation at the June ENV

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council does not wish to comment at this time and notes the correspondence

46.5 THE HOLYWELL

Members were advised that due to a change in the water table the spring at the well is flowing very heavy and this has caused algae to form around the edge of the well. Due to the Health and Safety risk the Town Clerk has taken the decision to chain the gates to stop people from entering. The Environment Agency has advised that

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chemicals cannot be used to remove the algae as it is a natural spring and nothing can be done unless the flow of water is stopped.

RESOLVED:

i) That the Town Council supports the closing of the Holywell on Health and Safety Grounds. The Council would like to see this to continue until future inspections deem the area safe.

ii) Cllr Ward to raise the issue at the next Cemex meeting.

46.6 SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Members considered correspondence from a developer regarding a proposed Sustainable Village Development

RESOLVED:

i)The Council note the information

ii)If Members have any questions they would like the Town Clerk to raise at the meeting with Paul Lankester (SDC) they did to advise the Clerk by 9am on 15th July

46.7 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN'S CENTRES

RESOLVED:

i) The council has requested that the Clerk send a respond on behalf of the council stating that they support option 2.

ii) The council would like the website link to the consultation questionnaire be put on the council website.

46.8 SOUTHAM FIRST – ROAD CLOSURE FOR ICE RINK

Members considered correspondence from Southam First regarding a potential road closure at the top end of Daventry Street between the Chemist and Lloyds Bank for an Ice Rink between 29th November and 1st December 2013

RESOLVED:

The council has some concerns about the location and the Friday night closure. Would prefer an alternative location i.e. Bowling Green/ outside of the Magistrates Court). The council does however fully support the concept.

46.9 ORBIT DEVELOPMENT – CONTRACTORS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

46.10 QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No questions

47. MEMBERS ITEM – CLLR V SHEPHERD

RESOLVED: to adjourn this item to a later date

48. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILORS

District Cllr Dave Wise advised that i) he supported Cllr Thomas's view on the Stowe Valley/Holywell ii) the draft core strategy had been voted in 35 votes to 2 iii) Boundary changes- Southam to be divided North/ South giving 2 seats

County Cllr John Appleton advised of i) a street lighting review in the autumn ii) a community grant scheme (details sent to Clerk) iii) Scrutiny Group work plans

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49. **BUSINESS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE MAYOR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**
None
50. **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
51. **STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**
RESOLVED:
To authorise payments of staff salaries dated July 2013
52. **TOWN CENTRE REFURBISHMENT**
RESOLVED: i) that the Mayor and Town Clerk would meet again with WCC to discuss the plans and request elevations and costings, heritage railings on Market Hill and parking for cycles and motor cycles
Meeting closed 9.20pm

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SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B					
SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL JULY 2013 ISSUE 2					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
13/01549/FUL	Mr Harold McCracken	73 Welsh Road West, Southam CV47 0JP	Extend existing dwelling at first floor level above the existing flat roofed living room and garage with a new pitched roof construction to provide a self-contained 1 bedroom flat.	25th July 2013	Southam Town Council has no objection to the extension but would like to see a condition imposed that it remains as one residence and cannot be sold separately
13/01500/OUT	Mr Bryan Moore	Green Leaf Produce, Banbury Road, Southam CV47 2BL	Erection of three bedroomed bungalow	25th July 2013	Southam Town Council supports this application subject to a condition that it is for a property with a tie limiting its occupancy to persons and dependants employed or last employed in the operation of the a nursery. It would also like to make provision that should the nursery cease trading a general agricultural condition of occupancy should apply.
13/01596/FUL	Mr Graham Haddon	12 Glebe Road, Southam CV47 0LE	Proposed conservatory to the rear	30th July 2013	No representations
13/01558/FUL	Dr Dallas Burston	Dallas Burston Polo Grounds, Stonythorpe, Southam CV47 2DL	Proposed erection of a two storey building to provide players' changing and viewing areas for visitors (to replace previously approved building under 02/01272/FUL	7th August 2013	What is happening about the revised highway access to the site from Leamington Road which was part and condition of a previous application
13/01682/FUL	Mr Nick Clewes	Southam Cricket Club, Old Road, Southam Cv47 1HP	Extension to existing clubhouse to provide additional changing facilities and improved toilet facilities	12th August 2013	No representation
13/01167/FUL	Nicola Payne	15 Napton Rise, Southam CV47 1GN	Retrospective application for retention of boundary fence.	12th August 2013	Southam Town Council objects to the height of this fence and considers it to be detrimental to the street scene
13/01702/ADV	Heineken Uk Ltd	Bowling Green Inn, Coventry Street, Southam CV47 0EP	Proposed signage that includes six low energy LED flood lights	14th August 2013	Southam Town Council objects to the illumination of this or any other sign in the Southam Conservation Area as it wishes to protect the amenities of the area. The area is well lit and the sign can be seen easily without illumination. To permit this sign would set an unwelcome precedent. Southam is a small market town and its main street is well illuminated, therefore, illumination of signs is not necessary.

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