MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY,14th JANUARY 2016

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Jason Ward - In the Chair

Councillors A Crump, S Exton, L Ellard, G Barratt, M Brooks, G Foster, M

Connors, P Jenkins, K Geddes

Apologies: Councillor T Bromwich Personal

Councillor G Oubridge Personal

PC J Cramp

Absent without Apologies:

Councillors D Hunter, R Marlow

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro, Mrs D Sanders,

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Clerk had previously granted a dispensation to all Councillors to enable them to consider this matter.

101. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Bransby Thomas St Mary's Close, Southam

i)Spoke regarding the Manders Croft planning application committee meeting and said Councillor Oubridge represented Southam Town Council and he himself spoke as an individual but he was very disappointed that Councillor Brooks was not allowed to speak and would like to know why this was and that neither of our Stratford District Councillors spoke or voted on the application. Why did they not make representation on our behalf? Was this as a result of bad management? ii) He also asked for an explanation of minute 85.1as he felt this was a very important issue and that developers should contribute to a burial ground.

102. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26th November 2015, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor.

Noted

Minutes of the 17th December 2015 Recess Meeting

103. <u>APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION</u>

Councillor Crump is a member of SDC Planning Committee and therefore left the room prior to these applications being considered in order to avoid predetermination.

Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule date January Precept 2016 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council (details attached)

104. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

PARISH TAX BASE The Provisional Council Tax Base for Southam 2016/2017 had been calculated at £2227.33 Noted

105. BUDGET PROPOSALS

The proposed figures for the 2016/2017 budget were based on a 0% inflation allowance. Where there was a clear need to revise the figure in light of current levels of expenditure, or known changes likely to occur, a new proposed figure was shown. **Noted**

106. ELECTORATE

Latest statistics showed that the electorate in Southam stands at 5148.Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 limited a Council's expenditure on grants to £7.36 per elector a total of £37,889. **Noted**

107. 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. CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2015/2016

RESOLVED: To agree the figures proposed.

108.1 <u>REVIEW OF EARMARKED RESERVES</u>

<u>RESOLVED</u>: That any surplus on the following budget lines should be moved to earmarked reserves at the end of the financial year

Line 4 Legal Fees & Services

Line 5 Neighbourhood Plan

Line 28 Natural Amenity Space

Line 35 Traffic Calming

Line 36 Community Rooms

Line 37 Repairs Inspections and Replacement

Line 41 War Memorial

Line 42 Grange Hall Capital Expenditure

Line 46 Grass cutting

Line 48 Section 137 Grant

109. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was moved and

<u>RESOLVED</u>: 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 about to be transacted.

110. PROPOSED BUDGET 2016/2017 SALARIES

RESOLVED: To agree the figures proposed for the salary lines 13 to 16

Inclusive.

111. TOTAL BUDGET

RESOLVED: That the total budget is set at £191,845 that this will be offset by £1880 income and £6000 from General Reserves in order to keep the increase for a Band D property at 1.5%

112. PRECEPT UPON THE TAX AUTHORITY

RESOLVED: That the precept upon Stratford District Council be declared to be £183,965 minus Council Tax Support Grant of £11930 giving a total of £172,035

It was noted that Council Tax payable for a D Band property will be £77.24 which will be a £1.15 or 1.5% annual increase.

The meeting closed at 9:07 pm

| SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - JANUARY PRECEPT MEETING 2016 | | | | | |
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| APPLICATION NO. | APPLICANT NAME | SITE | PROPOSAL | OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT | Additional Information |
| 15/04232/OUT | Gladman Developments Ltd | Land North of Leamington Road, Southam | Residential development (up to 60 dwellings),access, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure | 15th January 2016 | Southam Town Council would support this development subject to the siting o the access being revisited to ensure highway safety; protection of the anciet barn; preservation of the copse and protection of the field behind the development which runs down to the River Stowe. Also, the upgrading of the public right of way which runs behind th site and crosses the Stowe to provide safe pedestrian and cycle route to schools and the town centre and the upgrading of the footpath to the Holy Well. The Town Clerk has already spoken to WCC regarding a section 2: contribution towards a pedestrian crossing on Welsh Road West. |
| 5/04222/VARY | Dr D Burston | Dallas Burston Polo Grounds, Stoneythorpe, Southam CV47 2DL | Outline planning permission for a hotel, new spectator facilities, including corporate boxes, refreshment and sanitary facilities. Business space for equine related business, replacement dwelling for Home Farm, resiting of stabling, and arena building, incorporating grooms/players pavilions, completion of all weather arena, and players pavilion. Alterations to accommodation within existing scoreboards to form 4 no. 2 bedroomed accommodation for players and visitors. Areas for car parking and reconfiguration of existing access on to A425. without complying with conditions 1,911,19,21,22,23,24,26 and 27 of planning permission 9/00873/OUT | 15th January 2016 | Southam Town Council objects to the variation of conditions 1,11,19,21,22,23,26,27 for reasons highway safety,protection of residents quality of life and preservation of nature habitat. |
| 15/04303/VARY | Taylor Wimpey(Midla nds) Ltd | Southam Glebe, Coventry Road, Southam | Variation of condition application to delete/remove condition 23 (requirement for Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4) of outline planning permission granted persuant to application 13/02947/OUT | 18th January 2016 | Southam Town Council objects to the variation of condition 23 as it believes that all new homes should be as sustainable as possible. |