

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 26TH MAY 2016

Present: In the Chair, Mayor, Councillor M Brooks,
Councillors S Exton, M Connors, L Ellard, P Jenkins, G Foster, K Geddes,
A Crump, C Barrett, M Panton, M Gaffney

Apologies: Cllr G Oubridge – Work
Cllr J Ward– Work

Dist. Cllr Bromwich

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro & Mrs D Sanders

178. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

That the apologies are accepted

179. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

180. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

180.1 Mr B Thomas, 9 St Mary's Close, Southam

Spoke regarding the planning applications to be considered by Council and said he objected to them both.

180.2 Mrs D Smith, 20 Springs Crescent, Southam

Spoke regarding the debris in the front of the Grange and asked if it could be swept up.

181. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2016, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor

182. POLICE

None

183. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated May 2016, totalling £8899.74 (details attached) be authorised.

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184. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Councillor Andy Crump declined to take part in the discussion or vote on any of the plans in order not to predetermine applications he would be considering at Planning Committee East

184.1 i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated May 2016 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)

184.2 ii) Planning Application decisions dated May 2016

Noted

185.3 iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Noted

186. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

186.1. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Mr B Thomas this matter had been discussed under minute 184 and Council put forward the objections made by Mr Thomas.

Mrs Smith was advised that Stratford District Council would be informed that the front of the Grange needed tidying up.

187. SOUTHAM FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW GRANT

RESOLVED:

That Mrs McConnell be advised that under LGA 1972 s137 Council was prohibited from granting money for the purposes requested and that the £150 surplus of the monies granted for rent of premises should be returned to the Council.

188. STREET NAMING members considered the correspondence in line with the Street Naming Policy and

RESOLVED:

To advise Stratford District Council that the street is to be named Mill Lane

189. ACCOUNTS 2015/2016

Members considered the documents before them and

RESOLVED:

189.1 That it has reviewed and is satisfied with the Internal Audit process and its scope and effectiveness.

189.2 That it has considered and accepted the internal Audit Report for the financial year 2016/2016.

189.3 That it has reviewed the Financial and Non-Financial Risk Assessment and that the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk should sign it and submit it to the External Auditor.

189.4 That it has reviewed and accepted the updated Town Council Financial Regulations.

189.5 That it has reviewed the Southam Town Council Annual Governance Statement which should be signed by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk and submitted to the External Auditor.

189.6 That the Section 1 Annual Governance Statement be signed by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk and submitted to the External Auditor.

189.7 That the Town Council has approved the Accounts for 2015/2016

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- 189.8 That the statement of Accounts by signed by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk and submitted to the External Auditor.
190. **COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES**
Noted
191. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 191.1 **MR NIGEL CHAPMAN – CONGRATULATIONS ON PARK LANE RECREATION GROUND**
Noted
- 191.2 **SOUTHAM IN BLOOM GRANT THANK YOU**
Noted
- 191.3 **CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU GRANT THANK YOU**
Noted
192. **WORKING PARTY REPORTS**
- 192.1 **SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS MINUTES**
Noted
- 192.2 **MARKET WORKING PARTY**
RESOLVED:
i) To invite Sketts to attend an ENV meeting to discuss what can be done to improve the market
ii) To invite CJs Events to an ENV meeting to discuss what they might do to improve the market
iii) that the Town Clerk should contact Stratford District Council to clarify if there is a contract for the Tuesday Market or if the space just rented.
iv) For Cllr S Exton to research the possibilities of speciality markets e.g. French
- 192.3 **TOWN CENTRE REFURBISHMENT** members were updated on the meeting with WDC Highways and informed of the additional work to take place in Wood St, additional works on Coventry Road and the proposal to investigate improving pedestrian safety on the Daventry Road junction.
Noted
193. **INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**
Dist. Cllr Crump informed Council that
i) he is now the Vice Chairman for Planning Committee East
ii) he had requested a site visit by the Committee before application for 210 houses is decided
iii) Issue with Emergency Stopping Place to do with environment and water run off

Cllr Crump left the meeting
194. **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

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195. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated May 2016

196. BURIAL GROUND members considered the Town Clerks report on the progress of actions regarding the Burial Ground

Noted

197. PARISH POUND members considered the Town Clerks report on the progress of actions regarding the Parish Pound.

Noted

Meeting closed at 8.37pm

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B					
SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - MAY 2016					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
16/01322/OUT	Frampton Town Planning	Land East of A423 Banbury Road, Southam	Outline planning application with means of site access from A423 Banbury Road roundabout (Galanos House Exit) internal access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval) for the erection of up to 210 dwellings (Use Class C3) including public open space and provision of a new 0.6ha burial ground, with access (and emergency access) via Banbury Road, including all other necessary and ancillary and enabling works.	31st May 2016	Objection - see attached
16/00775/OUT	Dallas Burston Property	Dallas Burston Polo Grounds, Southam Road, Stonythorpe, Warwickshire CV47 2DL	up to 700 dwellings; 99 extra- care units (use class C2) 80 bed care home with dementia unit (use class C2) one form entry Primary School with associated open space; local centre comprising 240sq m floor space (use class A1, A2,A3, and A5) 370sq m neighbourhood store, 240sq. m office space (use class B1.) 100 bed hotel (use class C1) alterations to existing access off A425 to form roundabout; the creation of a second vehicular access off A425; the creation of a pedestrian and cycle access to provide a link between the site and Southam on A425 and Welsh Road West; the creation of landscaping and open space; new internal highways; car and cycle parking; sustainable drainage measures, including storage ponds for surface water attenuation; provision of utilities infrastructure; earth works and all ancillary work including demolition of buildings	9th June 2016	STC has been notified as an adjoining parish council. Objection - see attached

Planning Application 16/01322/OUT

Southam Town Council objects to the proposed development. It supports the District Council's emerging core strategy, which is to be submitted to the Secretary of State shortly for approval; this land is not identified in that core strategy as being suitable for housing development.

- The proposed development is outside the built up area boundary of Southam
- It should not be considered favourable in terms of residential development as the site is not within walking distance of essential daily services
- It is over provision of housing and should not be considered a windfall site
- Contrary to what the developer is promoting, this development is not necessary to meet the 5 year supply of housing land.
- This development is not needed for the economic viability of Southam as the existing granted applications more than fulfil this this benefit

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- There is not an acute need of Affordable Housing in Southam as the existing granted planning applications already meet the requirement.
- The proposed land for the burial site is too small. A cemetery development company has advised that a minimum of 2 acres is required for a town the size of Southam. No provision has been made for car parking. Therefore, the proposed burial ground is not fit for purpose, does not meet the needs of the town and little weight should be given to this provision. The public open space and general amenity space allocation has been reduced to include the proposed burial ground.
- This development will have an adverse impact on the countryside.
- The site is not sustainable as it is not within walking distance to essential services and schools. School children will not be walking from this site to school as it is too far. Cycling to school will also not be an option as there are no cycle ways and no safe route to school.
- This application takes the housing number above the number of houses allocated for and already approved for Southam in the emerging Core Strategy. The inspector did not advise that Southam should be taking any more housing over and above what was already being considered and did not propose this or any additional sites
- The proposed development is in very close proximity to the route of HS2 and no detailed studies have yet been conducted on the effects of the noise and vibration on the health and safety of residents.

Southam Town Council has requested that the Planning Committee makes a site visit to consider this application as it believes reports submitted by the developer to be inaccurate.

Planning Application 16/00775/OUT

Southam Town Council objects to the proposed development. It supports the District Council's emerging core strategy, which is to be submitted to the Secretary of State shortly for approval; this land is not identified in that core strategy as being suitable for housing development. The Council believes that this development is unnecessary. It is far in excess of the approximately 1000 homes proposed for the Southam and Long Itchington area under the emerging local plan and sufficient housing for the area has already been approved and in areas identified for development in that plan. Nor is the development necessary to meet the 5-year land supply. Other more suitable areas for development have been identified by SDC in the Core Strategy; these have been supported by STC. To allow this application would undermine that Core Strategy and STC's and Long Itchington's progression of their Neighbourhood Plans.

The site is unsuitable and unsustainable and contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework as a whole and particularly paragraph 7 (Environmental) and 34. It has no access other than by car, on already busy and dangerous roads, to all the facilities necessary to supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities and it does not meet the needs of present or future generations. Local GPs surgeries and Southam College are close to capacity and already under severe pressure; neither would be able meet the demand such a development would bring; therefore, this application fails to meet the government guidelines for development of green land.

The proposed development would represent an extensive development of urban character in a rural area. It would be visually intrusive and significantly change and be seriously detrimental to the open and rural character and appearance of the area and contrary to policy PR1 and DEV2(b) of the adopted Stratford on Avon District Local Plan Review 1996 – 2011 and paragraphs 17, 58 109 of the National Planning Policy Framework,

The proposed development will result in an unacceptable increase in trip generation exacerbating congestion and leading to increased accident rates contrary to policy DEV4, DEV6, of the adopted Stratford on Avon District Local Plan Review 1996 – 2011 and paragraph 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

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It is proposed that some of the building would be over the tunnel for the proposed HS2 high speed rail and in the safeguarding zone as agreed by Parliament in the preliminary parts of the Hybrid Bill. No detailed studies have been completed to show what the effects of the vibrations and noise would be on the health people and of the safety of the buildings.

The ecological surveys tell us that parts of the site are rich in wildlife with the incidence of bats, reptiles, crested newts on site rated as medium to high and nesting birds rated as high; the Common Spotted Orchid is also to be found there. This is a valuable habitat for legally protected species and should not be built on.

The development would undermine the 15 year River Leam Catchment Area Plan. This DEFRA funded project aims to improve the environment. The Rivers Itchen and Stowe are in close proximity to the development site and the Stowe, a tributary of the Leam and has poor ecological status due to pollution from domestic sources e.g. detergents and sediment transfer through overland runoff from gardens. Development would pollute and hamper efforts to improve the water quality across the whole catchment.

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MAY 2016 PAYMENTS ISSUE 2						
Item No	Budget Line	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT (to be reclaimed)	Gross/Cheque Amount
1	23	<u>The Town Mayors Fund</u>	Total Mayoral Account B/F1677.32 Allowance 2016 2270.32 Balance £593.00	593.00	0.00	£593.00
2	11	<u>Arrowscape</u>	Website updates esimated 1 hour per month £504 Post a note facility £40.00	544.00	0.00	£544.00
3	2	<u>Mr Paul Jones F.C.C A</u>	Full Internal Audit Review	375.00	0.00	£375.00
4	46	<u>Limebridge Rural Services Ltd</u>	Grass Cutting visits 2 of 16 and 3 of 16	1904.38	380.88	£2,285.26
5	46	<u>4 Counties Ground Maintenance</u>	Church yard mowing 7th & 20th April 2016 Tollgate Road mowing 7th & 20th April	510.00	102.00	£612.00
6	8	<u>Inside IT</u>	Monthly support April and Trend Security 5 users	205.30	41.06	£246.36
7	10	<u>Clear Sound Security</u>	Annual Maintenance charge, Redcare Annual Charge & Central Station Monitoring (Grange Hall	610.00	122.00	£732.00
8	ER	<u>Colin Sheasby Arborist & Landscape Services</u>	Supply and Plant 12 x Silver Birch & 4x Scotts Pine, Tree guards, stakes ties	1298.00	259.60	£1,557.60
9	6	<u>BT Payment Services</u>	Three numbers plus featureline service	366.26	73.25	£439.51
10	44	<u>E-on</u>	Climate Change Levy - re adjustment Government changes	465.76	93.15	£558.91
11	ER ,30,37,39	<u>Mr Richard Carro</u>	May contract £666.79 Mayfield £21.67, Holywell strimming £30 Park Lane £25, Parish Pound £10	753.46	0.00	£753.46
12	8	<u>Konica Minolta</u>	Photocopying 14/02/2016 to 13/05/2016	110.95	22.19	£133.14
13		<u>Cancelled</u>				
14	47	<u>VASA</u>	Volunteer Driver reimbursment to April 30th 2016	0.00	0.00	£69.50
						£8,899.74

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