

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH 2018

Present: In the Chair, Mayor, Councillor L Ellard,
Councillors M Connors, M Gaffney, A Crump, Cllr Stone, Cllr Foster, Cllr Brooks, Cllr A Walster, Cllr G Oubridge, Cllr K Mullen

Apologies: Cllr G Barratt – Holiday
Cllr A Jamieson – Holiday

Absent: Cllr K Toner
Cllr T Bromwich

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro and Mrs D Sanders

151. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

That the apologies are accepted

152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Crump	Non-Pecuniary Reason	All planning applications Will not take part in any discussion or resolution regarding any planning application in order that it doesn't compromise his position on the SDC Planning Committee
--------------	----------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Cllr M Brooks	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Town Clerk Report Item 6 Southam First Committee Member
---------------	----------------------	------------------------------------------------------------

153. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr R Holding, 32 Stowe Drive, Southam

Spoke in objection to planning application 17/03613/OUT 34 Stowe Drive stating that this is a retrospective planning application as the previous application was for a snug but has actually been used for hairdressing, and 25-30 cars a week for 5 days a week, that this has been an on-going enforcement matter as a result of residents objecting to SDC.

Ms J Barnsley, 36 Stowe Drive, Southam

Spoke in objection to planning application 17/03613/OUT 34 Stowe Drive stating that she strongly objects to the application and agrees with everything that Mr Holding has said, that she lives in the adjoining semi and they share a drive, that there is a restrictive covenant not allowing the building to be used for business or trade, that there is no shortage of hairdressing salons in the town, that it is causing a lot of disruption and it is difficult to get off the drive due to the number of vehicles.

Mr R West, 36 Stowe Drive, Southam

Spoke in objection to planning application 17/03613/OUT 34 Stowe Drive stating that he strongly objects to the application, that he lives in the adjoining semi and they share a drive. The whole situation has been very underhand which residents reported to enforcement, the estate was designed with an open plan vision where you couldn't have a fence above 2ft, the driveways are extra long as there is a 7.5 degree incline to get off the drive which can cause difficulties with the

Town Mayor Signature _____

number of vehicles, as a large amount of clients are driving from Fenny Compton as that is where they used to live.

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

Spoke regarding HS2 advising that he attended the last Community Forum which two Councillors attended and was very disappointed with what he heard, it was clear that any measurements relevant to noise would not be done unless pushed to do so by the local authority, that warnings given beforehand should be taken onboard before hand and not after things go wrong. He went on to talk about Education Engagement and referred to an article in The Guardian in 2016 where a company behind the HS2 rail project were accused of brainwashing school children after it was awarded £280k contract to promote the high-speed rail project to children at primary schools. If this is happening in Southam it is imperative that governing bodies ensure that a balanced view is given and not just that of HS2, that this is a very serious matter and asked the council to ensure that the governing bodies are aware. It is a fact that well over half the population is against HS2 even though it has been given Royal Assent

154. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2018, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor, subject to the following amendment:

That minute 140 Should read Mr D Thomas, 5 Abbey Lane

155. POLICE

The Town Clerk advised that a meeting has been arranged to take place on Monday 16th April 2018 with the Police Crime Commissioner, The Police Chief Inspector, the Police Sergeant, Southam College Headteacher, SDC Anti-Social Behaviour, Councillors and Town Clerk to discuss the Anti-Social Behaviour problems in the Town

156. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i) Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated March 2018, totalling £9,728.63 (details attached) be authorised

Cllr Crump left the meeting

157. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

157.1 i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated March 2018 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)

Cllr Crump returned to the meeting

157.2 ii) Planning Application decisions dated March 2018

Noted

157.3 iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

Cllr Walster updated the Council on the Insight Business Park planning application (24 Affordable Housing) that was granted permission at the Planning Committee Meeting

RESOLVED:

To invite the developer to meet with members prior to the Reserved Matters stage to discuss

Town Mayor Signature _____

the design and layout of the site as the Council feel that improvements can be made.

158. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

158.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

i)Representations from Mr Holding, Ms Barnsley and Mr West were addressed under minute 157

ii)Mr B Thomas

Was advised that Cllr Foster would take the matter forward with HS2 Ltd

158.2 CONSTITUTION OF SOUTHAM IN BLOOM

RESOLVED:

i)To respond to the Southam in Bloom Committee advising that the Town Council note the constitution

ii)That the Town Council do not agree with 7.1 or 9.2

iii)That organisations do not need to send their constitution to the Council for approval/adoption as the Council would not approve/adopt any such documents

158.3 THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE NETWORK

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Crump will feed back to the resident advising that such an initiative could not take place at the Grange Hall and to encourage those interested to work with the Food Bank

158.4 PARK LANE RECREATION GROUND – ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

RESOLVED:

That Members agreed with the response given by the Town Clerk and no further action will be taken

158.5 STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT CONSULTATION

Members have responded individually

158.6 S137 GRANT APPLICATION – SOUTHAM FIRST – RETRO REVIVAL

RESOLVED:

i)To award the full amount of £1471.00

ii)To advise that in future the Town Council will not pay the full cost of running the event

iii)That it is not stated in their application how much sponsorship money they are seeking or how much they have applied for from Tesco, this information is required when known as it could result in Southam First having to return some of the money awarded.

158.7 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES

Noted

159. CORRESPONDENCE

i)Mr P Jenkins - Resignation

Noted

ii)SCIF – Civic Voice the “Big Conservation Conversation”

RESOLVED:

i)That the Town Council will pay the fee of £50 to register

ii)That the Town Council welcomes the support from SCIF and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party will take the lead

Town Mayor Signature _____

iii) SCIF Parking around Southam College

RESOLVED:

To respond advising that at this stage it is not appropriate to hold a consultation, that a Focus Group meeting is being setup with the Town, District and County Councils regarding infrastructure and possible future initiatives which will include issues around Southam College and residents would be consulted when appropriate.

iv) Stagecoach Midlands – Improving environmental performance of vehicles

Noted

v) Southam United Bowling Club – New clubhouse and green

RESOLVED:

To respond advising that Southam Town Council would be happy to offer its support to grant application made to Sports England or HS2.

vi) Southam First Grant Thank you

Noted

160 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

160.1 ENV WORKING PARTY MINUTES 8TH MARCH 2018

Item 1 – PSA Blood Testing Evening

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Ellard contacts the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust to advise them to speak to the Grange Hall Administrator should they wish to arrange a PSA Blood Testing Evening

Item 2 – Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2018-2019

RESOLVED:

That Cllr L Ellard is proposed to be Town Mayor and Cllr M Brooks is proposed to be Deputy Mayor

Item 3 – PIRMS – Play Inspections Out of Meeting payment

RESOLVED:

To authorise payment of invoice at a cost of £260.00

Item 4 – Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider

Item 5 – School Governors

Cllr Mullen informed the Council that with regret he has resigned as Governor of Southam Primary School. It was underestimated how much time was involved being a Governor and it is very difficult to commit to the time needed when someone is working full time, as well as being a Town Councillor.

RESOLVED:

That the Council does not send any further correspondence to schools regarding Governors

Item 6 - HS2

Nisha Mejer – Community Engagement Manager HS2 Ltd, Simon Matthews – Interface Manager Eiffage Kier and Lorraine Kelly Community Engagement Officer Fusion attended the meeting to update members on the current situation regarding HS2. Simon Matthews did a presentation (slides will be sent to the Town Council. Members were advised the following:

- That Section 17 Planning Applications will start to come through in the early part of 2019
- Pre-application discussions are currently taking place with SDC
- There will be a scheme design
- September 2019 – It is envisaged work will start south of Kineton Road

Town Mayor Signature _____

- January 2020 – It is envisaged work will start at the Polo Grounds
- June 2018 – They will have a better idea of how much spoil will be taken off site
- May 2018 – School Engagement
- September 2018 - Community Engagement – HS2 Ltd were informed that the Town Council want to have a drop-in session in Southam in September 2018

Action Town Clerk to arrange with HS2 Ltd a drop-in session in Southam in September 2018

Lorraine Kelly advised that Fusion were carrying out some work along Kineton Road which will involve a small number of HGV movements, Lorraine was asked whether this was why there were traffic lights along Kineton Road.

Action – Lorraine Kelly to find out if the traffic lights are to do with fusion and if so why weren't we informed and how long will they remain in place

That HS2 Ltd and Lorraine Kelly will be attending the Community Forum on 14th March 2018

Action – That for future meetings contractors for Central Area (Southam) and North Area (Long Itchington) should be in attendance

Meeting closed 8.30 pm

160.2 SDC CONSULTATION ON SITE ALLOCATION PLAN – CLLR G FOSTER

Introduction

This report is based on attending the SDC consultation event on 15th February. The elements covered were:

- Selection of Reserve sites for development
- Built up area Boundaries
- Dealing with some specific sites
- Enabling self-build

There was also a segment on the Canal Quarter Regeneration Zone, but I was unable to stay for that.

The following deals with just the Site Allocation Plan.

Identifying Reserve Housing Sites

Although the strategic sites already in the Core Strategy meet the original requirement for housing supply there is also a need (and intention as stated in the Plan) to identify some additional sites to be kept in reserve.

The circumstances under which these reserve sites may be pressed into service would be one of the following (in descending order of priority):

1. A shortfall occurred in the 5-year housing land supply for the District.
2. JLR growth was faster and greater than expected
3. There was a shortfall in Coventry and Warwickshire housing
4. There was a shortfall in Birmingham and/or elsewhere.

In fact, most likely is that there will be a shortfall in Birmingham simply due to a reluctance of developers to use “brown field” sites due to the additional costs involved in clearance etc. Naturally the representatives closest to Birmingham like Studley were the least comfortable about this.

Town Mayor Signature _____

There is a call for sites currently underway to flush out possible sites. Although “parcels” of land from pretty much anywhere can be assessed, including some not specifically offered in the call for sites, the idea seemed to be more about dispersing the sites around the “Local Service Villages” (LSVs). The existing strategic housing land supply sites are currently allocated in Stratford itself and the “Main Rural Centres” (MRCs) of which Southam is one.

The Green Belt around Birmingham was specifically excluded but there was some discussion about sites half in and half out. This is not a concern of Southam as we are so far away from a green belt boundary.

Built-Up Area Boundaries

The main rural centres have built up areas defined in the Core Strategy, but the Local Service Villages do not. The plan is to apply the same rules to defining each LSV built up area as were used to define the MRC ones. This was a topic of consultation because the resulting boundaries were “tight” with not gaps round the outside making it difficult to show anything as infill development. On the other hand, adding any sort of margin would make the process more subjective and liable to challenge.

The feeling of the meeting was to maintain tight boundaries.

Note that the Built-Up Area boundary is taken into account in planning applications and those outside would have to demonstrate an overriding need. Having said that, if such a site was identified as part of the Site Allocation Plan, the Built-Up Area would be extended.

Specific Sites

A number of specific sites were discussed as “needing clarification of status”. These were:

- SUA2, SUA4, a new SUA5 and Rother Street – all in Stratford upon Avon.
 - Napton Brickworks
 - Wellesbourne Campus of University of Warwick
 - The old Co-op site in Studley and the Studley Enterprise Centre
- Although not specifically stated it was clear that these were being viewed as possible reserve site candidates.

Custom and Self Build

It seems there is a shortage of sites available for self or custom build homes and the NPPF says that local planning authorities should enable this niche source of homes. Each site would only be a few plots (10 or fewer) but it is a box they have to tick.

Currently under consideration for self-build plots are:

- Shipston Road Alderminster
- Bush Heath Lane, Harbury
- Glebe Close, Stockton.

There was not much discussion about this.

Consultation Feedback

The consultation at the meeting can be characterised as “early view” given that there are no sites firmly identified as candidates for the reserve list. However, the danger signals are mainly arising from the possibility of “overspill” from the main conurbations based on a lack of measures to promote and manage brown field sites for development.

Town Mayor Signature _____

Given that Southam is having to absorb more than its fair share of development in the primary site allocation, it may be that we should feedback something along the lines of “keep reserve sites away from Southam”

161. QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr A Crump

Advised the following:

- Wood Street refurbishment has been signed off to the delivery team
- Community Payback Scheme for the Ash Path will be going ahead soon
- Parking Enforcement will be in Southam again soon
- Up to 2% increase for County Councillors Allowances, it will be in line with the NJC agreement
- 50 mph between Southam and Lower Shuckburgh is likely to go ahead
- Gritting stocks, although low still have enough, biggest problem is gritting lorries and snow ploughs not being able to get past abandoned vehicles
- 29th -30th April - Bull Street road closure
- Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy approved
- Meeting with an WCC Officer regarding the flooding issue opposite Alumet that has occurred since the cycleway was installed
- That 65% of children going into education now will go into jobs that currently don't exist

162. 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

163. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated March 2018

164. ZURICH INSURANCE PLC

Noted

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Town Mayor Signature _____

Southam Town Council

MARCH 2018 ISSUE 4

Item No	Budget Line	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT (to be reclaimed)	Gross/Cheque Amount
1	47	<u>L Walsh</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	69.30	0.00	£69.30
2	47	<u>D Woodcock</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	82.20	0.00	£82.20
3	47	<u>J Soni</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	35.55	0.00	£35.55
4	47	<u>J Wood</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	94.72	0.00	£94.72
5	47	<u>K Betteridge</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	12.60	0.00	£12.60
6	47	<u>A Harris</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	67.10	0.00	£67.10
7	47	<u>L Commander</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	£67.50	£0.00	£67.50
8	47	<u>W Taylor</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	£9.00	£0.00	£9.00
9	47	<u>J Branston</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	£62.10	£0.00	£62.10
10	47	<u>B Meacham</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	£134.10	£0.00	£134.10
11	47	<u>M Houston</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	£147.30	£0.00	£147.30
12	47	<u>G Ferguson</u>	Volunteer driver February mileage	£155.55	£0.00	£155.55
13	19	<u>Viking</u>	Stationery	£59.16	£11.83	£70.99
14	8	<u>Inside IT</u>	Supply configure & install network switch & monthly support	£104.93	£20.99	£125.92
15	8	<u>Konica Minolta</u>	Photocopier rental 14/02/18 to 13/05/18 and photocopying 14/11/17 to 13/02/18	£215.44	£43.09	£258.53
16	29	<u>Colin Sheasby Arborist & Landscape Services</u>	Park Lane Recreation Ground adjacent to church boundary - to thin area 10m x 20m by approx 20% and sever all Ivy.	£840.00	£168.00	£1,008.00
17	17	<u>Mrs D Carro</u>	Various business mileage Jan to March 18	£58.50	£0.00	£58.50
18	8	<u>Mrs C Gwillam</u>	Eyetest	£15.00	£0.00	£15.00
19	1	<u>The Grange Hall</u>	10% Quarterly utilities gas, rates and Fortress	121.75	0.00	£121.75
20	47	<u>Mrs D Sanders</u>	Balance volunteer driver telephone Feb 18 (paid to avoid late payment fee)	3.48	0.00	£3.48
21	37,39,ER	<u>Mr Richard Carro</u>	March contract £688.46 Removal of dog bin Park Lane £10	698.46	0.00	£698.46
22	5	<u>Avon Planning Services Ltd</u>	Consultation ref Neighbourhood Plan - 60 hours	3600.00	720.00	£4,320.00
23	47	<u>Warwickshire County Council</u>	Footway lighting maintenance 2017/2018	1717.75	343.55	£2,061.30
24	47	<u>British Telecommunications plc</u>	Volunteer Office Telephone	41.40	8.28	£49.68
						£9,728.63

Town Mayor Signature _____

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - MARCH 2018					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Comments
17/03468/OUT	Ms Hinton & Mrs Munday	1 Pendicke Street, Southam CV47 1PN	Outline application with some matters reserved for 2 dwellings (Matters of Appearance and Landscaping Reserved)	30th March 2018	Southam Town Council objects to this proposal for the following reasons. Pendicke Street is a difficult street to negotiate. Parked cars create a one track road and an additional access with potentially six cars and service vehicles entering and leaving would be dangerous despite visibility splays. Also, this development of back garden land contravenes Policy CS9 design and distinction as being set back it is not sensitive to the existing street scene and is not in context with the locality. It is overdevelopment.
18/00144/FUL	Mr Mark Gay Hayfield Homes	Land off Manders Croft, Southam	Erection of temporary haul road for construction vehicles associated with the development of permission 15/02047/OUT and the erection of a permanent new footpath link between the existing footpath from Watton's Lane to the south of the Cadet Centre and Holy Well Walk	10th April 2018	Southam Town Council supports this application but would like to see HGV movements through the town restricted to outside school pick up and drop off times. Palisade Fencing rather than Heras fencing both for reasons of appearance and security of the site. Land under the proposed new DDA compliant kissing gate being made up to ensure the access to the Holy Well footpath remains dry. The new permanent footpath be DDA compliant. The existing footpath to the Holy Well improved and made DDA compliant.
17/03613/FUL	Mrs Allison Wilkins	34 Stowe Drive, Southam CV47 1NZ	Garage conversion /snug to workroom to do hairdressing	11th April 2018	Southam Town Council objects to this application. It objects to a business requiring numerous traffic movements and very long opening hours being sited in a residential area. It is unnecessary and detracts from the efforts to regenerate the town centre. To permit this use would create an undesirable precedence. Also, the council is informed that a covenant on the property restricts its use to residential. Due process has not been adhered to and neighbouring resident's concerns have not been addressed.
18/00862/TREE	Mrs Ann Hancocks	18 Warwick Road, Southam CV47 0HN	T1 - Sycamore - Crown lift by 25% to 4.5m	11th April 2018	Please refer this application to the Tree Officer

Town Mayor Signature _____