

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY 2019

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Lee Ellard - In the Chair
Councillors A Crump, G Barratt, M Gaffney, G Oubridge, G Foster, M Brooks, A Jamieson, A Walster & M Ray

Apologies: Cllr M Connors Personal
Cllr S Stone Personal

Absent without Apologies:
Cllr K Toner

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro

121. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr A Crump	Non-Pecuniary Reason	All planning applications Will not take part in any discussion or resolution regarding any planning application in order not to compromise his position on the SDC Planning Committee
Cllr G Foster	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 18/03314/FUL Knows applicant
Cllr M Brooks	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 18/03314/FUL Knows applicant

122. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

123. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 22nd November 2018, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor.

**Minutes of the 20th December 2018 Recess Meeting
Noted**

124. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

124.1 Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated January 2019 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)

124.2 Council considered correspondence from SDC regarding 18/02668/S106A Variation of S106 obligation associated with planning permission 15/04473/OUT regarding

535 dwellings on land between Welsh road East and Daventry Road, Southam.

Council were asked to consider the following:

Are you content that the sports pitches originally agreed become an all-weather pitch with basketball hoops at either end?

Are you content to adopt responsibility for the management and maintenance of the all-weather pitch?

Are you content to take responsibility for the all-weather pitch?

Are you content that the Community Hall will not be designed to function as a sports hall?

Are you content that the size of the is no longer specified in the Obligation?

Are you content with the specification of the Community Hall as set out in the application?

RESOLVED:

i)To ask for clarification regarding ‘the size of the Community Hall is no longer specified in the Obligation’ as the council will want a minimum size to be agreed.

ii)With regards to specification, to advise that the Town Council will want a stage

125. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

PARISH TAX BASE

The Provisional Council Tax Base for Southam 2019/2020 has been calculated at £2685.87

Noted

126. BUDGET PROPOSALS

The proposed figures for the 2019/2020 budget were based on a 2.4% 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

127. ELECTORATE

Latest statistics showed that the electorate in Southam stands at 5476. Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 limited a Council’s expenditure on grants to £7.86 per elector

Noted

128. 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

129. **CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2019/2020** after detailed discussions
RESOLVED: To agree the figures proposed.
- 129.1 **REVIEW OF EARMARKED AND GENERAL RESERVES**
RESOLVED: 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 23 Mayoral Allowance
Line 26 Fields Farm Solar and to rename this line Fields Farm Solar Grant Distribution
Line 28 Natural Amenity Space/Burial Ground and to rename the earmarked reserve Community Facilities
Line 30 Holywell
Line 36 Footpaths
Line 37 Repairs/Inspections/Replacements
Line 42 Grange Hall Capital Expenditure
Line 48 Section 137 Grants
Line 51 Southam Christmas Lights
Line 52 Southam in Bloom
130. **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
131. **TOTAL BUDGET**
RESOLVED: That the total budget is set at £234,110 that this will be offset by £6540 income and £5000 from General Reserves in order to keep the increase for a Band D property at 2.02%
132. **PRECEPT UPON THE TAX AUTHORITY**
RESOLVED: That the precept upon Stratford District Council be declared to be £222,570 minus Council Tax Support Grant of £2120 giving a total of £220,450
- It was noted that Council Tax payable for a D Band property will be £82.08 which will be a £1.63 or 2.02% annual increase.
133. **TOWN CLERK – THANK YOU**
RESOLVED:
The Town Clerk was sincerely thanked for all her hard work in producing the budget under difficult circumstances.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm