

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 24th 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, M Connors, S Stone, K Toner & M Ray

Apologies: Cllr A Walster Personal

Absent without Apologies:

Cllr T Bromwich

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro

134. 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 not to compromise his position on the SDC Planning Committee
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**135. APOLOGIES
RESOLVED:**

That the apologies are accepted

136. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

St Mary's Close resident

Advised that the Police Station was originally owned by WCC and was given to the Police, as such the towns people should have something back from the sale of this property. He also asked if there was any news yet regarding the meeting with Stratford District Council.

**137. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10th January 2019, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor.

138. POLICE

Not in attendance

139. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i) Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated January 2019, totalling £11,288.85 (details attached) be authorised.

140. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

- 140.1** i) 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)
- 140.2** ii) Planning Application decisions dated January 2019
Noted
- 140.3** iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

141. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

141.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

The St Mary's Close resident was advised that Cllr Crump will be chasing up the Officer at SDC regarding the meeting and the sale of the Police Station is the next item on the agenda to be discussed.

141.2 THE ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012, FORMER POLICE STATION AND COURT BUILDING, SOUTHAM, WK 443009

Members considered correspondence from SDC advising that Tony Perks has considered the Council's nomination and concluded that the property should not be added to the Assets of Community Value List. The reasoning is that for Section 88 (2) of the Localism Act 2011 (Test B) requires the specific use of the building to be of community value in order for an asset to be listed. The provision of a police station and court facilities is a statutory function that can only be carried out by the Police or other relevant authorities and no other organisation or party can operate this function within the building. Therefore, because it is no longer so operated it is not capable of listing.

RESOLVED:

To appeal against the decision

141.3 WCC ZEBRA CROSSING WELSH ROAD WEST

Members considered correspondence from WCC regarding a proposed Zebra Crossing on Welsh Road West.

RESOLVED:

- i) To respond to WCC advising that the Town Council supports the proposal**
ii) Request information regarding the location decision
iii) Clarification regarding whether it's a Zebra Crossing or a Puffin Crossing

141.4 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES

Noted

142. CORRESPONDENCE

- 142.1** G & S Stroud – Burial Ground
Noted
- 142.2** P Munday Jnr – Burial Ground
Noted
- 142.3** Southam Christmas Lights – Grant Feedback Form
Noted
- 142.4** R F Holroyd – Police Station
Noted

143. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Minutes of the Play Area Development Working Party on 22nd November 2019

143.1 Item 1 – HAGS

Following the meeting the Working Party had with HAGS on the 31st July 2018 it was agreed that £15k would be withheld due to issues with the train roof. Compensation was discussed and a figure of £5k was considered. Members were asked to consider whether we wanted monetary value or additional play equipment up to the value.

Following the meeting it was agreed that we would have some additional equipment, the Clerk has written to HAGS regarding this, but they have not come back to me.

It's been nearly 4 months since our meeting and HAGS have made no contact with me regarding the Train roof or the £15k.

Members are requested to consider what action if any should be taken

RESOLVED:

i)Not to chase

ii)If HAGS do replace the train roof and ask for the £15k payment renegotiate compensation

143.2 Item 2 – S106 Monies

The total amount of S106 monies for Play Areas /Public Open Spaces are as follows:

Taylor Wimpey Cov Rd site - £62,192.10

Convent - £5059.91

Bloor Homes - £101,803.68

The total cost of HAGS was 89, 652.64 less £15k therefore paying £74 652.64

To pay this all the Taylor Wimpey money was used and the balance came from Bloor Homes therefore the balances are as follows:

Taylor Wimpey – NIL

Convent - £5059.91(Town Council is holding this money)

Bloor Homes - £89, 343.14 (SDC are holding this money)

Members were asked to decide what action should be taken regarding the remaining funds, taking into account that the Council do want to have CCTV in Park Lane and the SDC Solicitor has confirmed that these S106 monies can be used for that purpose.

RESOLVED :

i)To set aside £15k

ii)To set aside £30k for CCTV – It is envisaged that 2 CCTV cameras will be installed in the Park Lane Recreation Ground that is linked to the SDC monitoring system, these will be done as part of the SDC CCTV upgrade which is hoped to be done in the next 18 months

iii) That a budget of £60k is set aside to make improvements to the following play areas:

**Tollgate Road
Priors Meadow
Ascote Way
The Furrows**

iv) To contact Play Equipment companies and seek quotes (do not use HAGS due to poor performance in a previous contract)

143.3 Item 3 – Merestone Park - Path

Members were asked to consider quotes received to resurface the path in Merestone Park.

RESOLVED:

i) To accept the quote from Cooper Surfacing Ltd at a cost of £18,960 + VAT

**Excavate and remove existing surface to allowance.
Treat and Weed-killer and compact to required levels
Lay Breedon Golden Amber Gravel at 75mm compacted to 50 mm
Repairs timber edges where appropriate**

ii) This company is on the WCC Accredited Street Works Contractor List and has carried out work for Warwick Castle

ii) Seek two references

iii) As advised the work would not be carried out until Spring 2019

iv) The work will be funded from using the £15k held in Ear Marked Reserves for the Merestone Park Path and £5k from Budget Line 34 Footpaths Play Areas

143.4 Item 4 – Play Area Inspection Reports – October

The reports were noted

144. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Crump advised the following:

- SDC Council Tax is likely to increase by 1.5%
- WCC Normal Council Tax will increase by 3% and Adult and Social Care precept increase will be 2%
- Unemployment rate in Warwickshire is 1.8% which is half the national average
- Coventry and Warwickshire LEP are the fastest growing, in terms of economic growth in the Country
- Youth Justice – Good Inspection
- Fire Service – Good Inspection
- Fire Service Training Centre is definitely now not going to be built in Southam due to issues regarding its proposed location.
- Stagecoach have been brought in front of the Community's Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the changes to bus routes
- Issues regarding Road Closure signs being put up at 1am

145. 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

146. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated January 2019

The Meeting closed at 8.27 pm

Southam Town Council					
JANUARY 2019					
Budget Line	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT (to be reclaimed)	Gross/Cheque Amount
47	Mr G Ferguson	Volunteer Driver Reimbursement	73.05	0.00	£73.05
47	Mr B Meacham	Volunteer Driver Reimbursement	77.85	0.00	£77.85
47	Mr W M Taylor	Volunteer Driver Reimbursement	23.40	0.00	£23.40
47	P Owen	Volunteer Driver Reimbursement	30.90	0.00	£30.90
47	J Wood	Volunteer Driver Reimbursement	65.93	0.00	£65.93
47	M Newsham	Volunteer Driver Reimbursement	13.50	0.00	£13.50
47	A Harris	Volunteer Driver Reimbursement	£63.75	£0.00	£63.75
47	M Houston	Volunteer Driver Reimbursement	£74.55	£0.00	£74.55
47	N Thomas	Volunteer Driver Reimbursement	£12.15	£0.00	£12.15
20	Open Spaces Society	Annual Membership	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00
46	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd	Additional Maintenance Pruning	£913.92	£182.78	£1,096.70
37	The Play Inspection Company	Annual Inspection 7 Play Areas	£315.00	£63.00	£378.00
46	Central Skips	Churchyard Skip Emptying	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
21	WALC	Cllr M Ray & Cllr G Barratt Training event	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00
3	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance Policy 28/2/2019 - 27/02/2020	£2,991.44	£358.98	£3,350.42
37	ESPO	Black Sacks	£20.60	£4.12	£24.72
6 & 8	Inside IT Solutions Ltd	Quarterly Broadband and Office 365 £219.60 System Support £12.80	£232.40	£46.48	£278.88
48	Southam Community Minibus Association	S137 Grant - Awarded Feb 2018 - New mini bus order now been placed	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
44	E.ON	Streetlighting Electricity 1/10/18 - 31/12/18	1931.85	386.37	£2,318.22
47	British Telecommunications PLC	Volunteer Driver Office Phone	43.19	8.64	£51.83
		Total	10198.48	1090.37	£11,288.85

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Southam Town Council - January 2019

If you wish the Town Council to consider your views on these applications please write to the Town Clerk at The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1QA

Stratford District Council is the Planning Authority so any objections to these plans should be sent to the Planning Department, Stratford District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6HX by the stated observation date.

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APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE	Comments
18/03642/FUL	BL and JE Moore	Starbold Farm, Banbury Road, Southam, CV47 2BL	Change of use of agricultural land to retail plant nursery and associated parking.	28-Jan-19	The Town Council support this application as due to HS2 the Town will lose a retail plant nursery and Policy AS10 supports this use
18/02979/FUL	Mrs K A Wincott	Brooklands Farm, Warwick road, Southam, CV47 0HW	Demolition of all redundant non-traditional agricultural structures with the creation of 3 new building dwelling houses.	29-Jan-19	Southam Town Council has reviewed the updated plans and Technical Note addressing access issues and the objection raised by Highways. None of the information provided gives us confidence safe access/egress can be achieved and the other concerns we raised have not been addressed. Consequently our initial consultation response stands unchanged, one of objection for the reasons stated.
19/00030/TPO	Mr Stein	The Abbey, Warwick Road, Southam, CV47 0HN	T1 - Cedar of Lebanon - remove deadwood. Reduce elongated lateral limbs by 2-3m on the west and east sides to balance the entire canopy. Crown thin by 10-15 %. Remove defective limb at 14.5 m south side of the canopy.	31-Jan-19	Refer to Tree Officer and Conservation Officer
18/03687/FUL	Mr Stuart Poole	Melton House, 71 Banbury Road, Southam, CV47 1HU	Rear single storey flat roof extension with 2no. Flat roof lanterns (flat glass)	04-Feb-19	No representations
19/00063/TREE	Mr Geraint Owen	The Old Barn, 32 Warwick Road, Southam, CV47 0HN	T1 Beech crown lift up to 2 metres from ground. T2 Silver Birch fell. T3 Copper Beech crown lift up to 2 metres from ground.	04-Feb-19	Refer to Tree Officer
19/00085/FUL	Mr David Cox	42 Beech Close, Southam, CV47 1HU	Proposed single storey rear extension	12-Feb-19	No representations