

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 25th APRIL 2019

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

Apologies: Cllr A Crump Council Commitment
Cllr T Bromwich Personal

Absent without Apologies:
Cllr K Toner
Cllr A Walster
Cllr G Oubridge

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro

179. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Jamieson	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 19/00790/FUL Neighbour
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Cllr G Foster	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 19/00435/FUL Neighbour
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**180. APOLOGIES
RESOLVED:**

That the apologies are accepted

181. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Resident – Windmill Way, Southam

Spoke in objection to the Southam College , Sports Hall planning application, it is an industrial type building, built in a green area that is not in keeping with the surrounding area, it is higher than the surrounding buildings, coaches leaving the proposed exit would be within 5m of the roundabout before it got fully clear of the exit. The exit will make the current parking problems worse, the building will generate more traffic and noise pollution, it is an unsound project, the solar panels would affect the neighbouring properties. Does not have a problem with the school wanting to have this facility, the problem is where it is.

Resident - Welsh Road West, Southam

Spoke in objection to the Southam College, Sports Hall planning application, agreed with the previous resident's comments, that the school had provided an inadequate consultation evening , there was supposed to have been a second consultation but this has not happened, the proposed building is not fitting into the area, there is no continuity with the school, there will be poor visibility due to parked cars , the car park is open plan, how will this be managed? There are no gates in the application. The school had said that they do not want to grow anymore , however if the proposal goes ahead the plan is , is to pull down the existing sports hall to build a

new 6th Form, so where do the 6th Form pupils park then, the cycling sheds are to appease the planners as the school does not have a cycling policy and students do not cycle to school. Think it is time for the School and Leisure Centre pause for thought and think about what their long-term plan is?

Resident – St Mary’s Close, Southam

Stated that he wasn’t going to speak this evening but having listened to residents about the very unfortunate Southam College application was very surprised that the District Councillors were not in attendance and although the report given by Cllr Crump stated the reason for his apologies , why wasn’t Cllr Bromwich in attendance given that the Southam College application is in his ward.

182. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28th March 2019, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor.

183. POLICE

Not in attendance

184. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i)Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated April 2019, totalling £21,262.64 (details attached) be authorised.

185. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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

185.2 ii) Planning Application decisions dated April 2019

Noted

185.3 iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

186. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

186.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

i)Representations regarding the Southam College planning application where considered under minute 185.1

ii)St Mary’s Close resident was advised that the Council does not know the reason for Cllr Bromwich’s apologies.

186.2 UNCONTESTED ELECTION

Noted

186.3 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES

Noted

187. CORRESPONDENCE

187.1 Dogs on Lead – Resident Complaint

RESOLVED:

To respond to the resident advising that the Council sympathises with the resident concerns and will put an article in the next Newsletter reminding Dog Walkers that dogs should be kept on leads in the play areas, to respect other users of the parks and be mindful that some people are scared of dogs.

Southam in Bloom – Grant Thank you

Noted

Southam First – Grant Thank you

Noted

188. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

188.1 SOUTHAM VOLUNTEER DRIVER SCHEME

Members considered the report

RESOLVED:

i)The usage by clients for journeys that were not envisaged when the service was set up e.g. local dentists, doctors and non-hospital medical journeys. This increases the number of journeys and puts extra pressure on drivers which could result in a reduction of volunteers. This may impact on the whole service therefore the council needs to monitor this closely

ii)That a letter of thanks is sent from the Mayor and Council to all the volunteer staff and drivers for their excellent service during the past year

iii)That a vote of thanks was given to Cllr Gaffney for all his hard work as he is retiring from the Council

188.2 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SOUTHAM – MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING NO 10 APRIL 10TH 2019

Noted

188.3 MARKET WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED:

i)The market requires more promotion with advertising in Southam and the surrounding areas, therefore CJ's Events Warwickshire Ltd are to place regular adverts in Express Press provide glossy leaflets and advertise on social media, provide the Town Clerk with electronic posters who will assist helping to advertise, this needs to be put in place by 31st May 2019

ii)CJ's Events Warwickshire Ltd are to provide permanent advertising signs to be installed on/by the brick planters which are located at all Town Boundary entry points, to be put in place by 31st May 2019

iii)Free Transport funded by CJ's Events Warwickshire, from and back to local villages on Tuesday Market Day with a published timetable. This service needs to be advertised properly again through Express Press, Social Media etc. to be put in place by 31st May 2019

iv)It was agreed that it is not possible for a Farmers Market to be started again due to a lack of interested stall holders

v)Donation to the Mayors Charity to increase to £1500 from 1st May 2019, this donation to be reviewed again in 2021

188.4 WARWICKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER – ROAD SAFETY FUND

RESOLVED:

i) That Cllr John, Cllr Jamieson and Cllr Ray form a working party with a view to submitting a bid

ii) Town Clerk to speak to Graham Stanley (WCC) and Graham Palmer (WCC) regarding any initiatives

189. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Crump

Report noted

Cllr Bromwich

Report noted

190. 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

191. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated April 2019

192 DEED OF VARIATION – FLYING FIELDS COMMUNITY HALL

Members considered the correspondence from Taylor Wimpey who were seeking confirmation from the Town Council that they are satisfied with the specification for the Community Hall.

RESOLVED:

That the Grange Hall Management Committee put forward a proposal for the Council to submit.

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE	Comments
19/00790/FUL	Arkwright Ventures	Adjacent to 31 Banbury Road, Southam, CV47 1HH	Detached house	01-May-19	<p>The council felt they were unable to support the application, objecting for the following reasons:</p> <p>Concerns regarding construction access: if access is to be via Banbury Road, this will be disruptive to normal traffic flow. If via Tattle Bank, there are concerns regarding the narrow accessway, maximum load capacity of the bridge and its age being unable to support volume and weight of construction traffic.</p> <p>Drawing are insufficient. A colour rendering of the frontage is required, as are precise plans and details as to how access is intended. There is a question raised as to whether the existing garage will have to be taken down in order to allow construction access, A ground survey is required to determine the stability of the site.</p> <p>As this is a conservation zone, the construction materials will need to sympathetic to the area and reflect the neighbouring properties.</p> <p>As this land is in Flood Zone 3, it is essential that the Environment Agency recommendations as stated in the planning risk assessment be adhered to.</p>
19/00770/Vary	Mr Funnell	Green Acres, Coventry road, southam, CV47 1BG	Variation of Condition of condition 2 of planning permission 17/00102/FUL	03-May-19	No representations

19/00435/FUL	Sue Miller	Southam College Welsh Road West Southam CV47 0JW	New Sports Hall for joint school & Community use, including a new access and car parking	07-May-19	OBJECTION: Disabled parking spaces could be blocked by coaches or busses. Main car park is not adjacent to the facility. Insufficient tree covering to shield the new building. Does not meet the requirements of the SPD Supplementary Planning Guide. No information as to the orientation or the positioning of the photovoltaic panels on the roof. Due to the length and turning circle of the coaches, there is not enough distance between coaches exiting and nearby roundabout; coaches will impinge into the approaching traffic. Style of proposed building not in keeping with residential area nor with the existing school buildings. The lack of security of the site is a cause for concern.
19/00999/AGNOT	Mr Rowland Johnson	Stoneythorpe Hall, Leamington Road, Southam CV47 2DL	Agricultural shed in pasture field adjacent to Stoneythorpe Hall	01-May-19	No objection. The neighbourhood plan consider it to be valued landscape and therefore it should be coloured better to blend in with the landscape. There was also discussion about the actual siting of the agricultural shed and it was felt that it could be better sited with access nearer to the road.
19/01015/FUL	Ms Charm Collis	43 Welsh Road West, Southam, CV47 0JW	Ground Floor and First Floor side extension	16-May-19	No representations