

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor M Brooks - In the Chair  
Councillors G Foster, A Jamieson, A John, M Connors, A Walster,  
H Wilson, M Ray, L Ellard, E Thornley & K Toner

**Apologies:** None

**Absent without Apologies:**  
Cllr T Bromwich

**In Attendance:** Mrs D Carro

**71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**72. APOLOGIES**

None

**73. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Resident – St Mary’s Close, Southam

Spoke about what he read in a report regarding SM29 and reminded Councillors that any proposed work for SM29 the residents of St Mary’s Close would need to be consulted as they own the land. Spoke about the Green Bin Consultation stating some families will not have their bin collected as they won’t pay and that the public need to be consulted on this matter, finally asked the council to double check the police figures in the report that was enclosed in the papers.

**74. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**i) That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor.**

**75. POLICE**

No report given

**76. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

i) Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

**RESOLVED:**

**i) That the payment of accounts dated October 2019, totalling £8,974.32 (details attached) be authorised.**

**ii) That the Town Council authorise Rubbish Friends (Southam) to be able to spend the £300 grant that was awarded on the following:**

**£75 – Children’s hi-vis**

**£25-£65 - Litter picking tools**

**£160-£200 -Liability Insurance**

**77. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

- 77.1** i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated October 2019 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)
- 77.2** ii) Planning Application decisions dated October 2019
- 77.3** iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

**78. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**78.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

Resident – St Mary's Close

The resident was advised that the Council takes their comments onboard regarding SM29, that the Green Bin Consultation has been advertised publicly in order for the public to respond to the consultation and the Council will seek clarification regarding the police numbers.

**78.2 BT PAYPHONE REMOVAL CONSULTATION**

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond to the consultation advising that the Council objects to the removal of the BT Payphones in Mayfield Road and Coventry Street, Southam.**

**78.3 STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL – PROPOSAL TO INTRODICE A CHARGEABLE GREEN GARDEN WASTE SERVICE FROM 1 JUNE 2020**

Members considered the consultation and took into account comments made by the public.

**RESOLVED:**

**To respond to the consultation stating that the Town Council objects to the proposal to introduce a Chargeable Green Waste Service**

**78.4 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES**

Noted

**79. CORRESPONDENCE**

None to consider

**80. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

**ENV WORKING PARTY MINUTES – 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**80.1 Warwickshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

The ENV working party considered a presentation from Charles Barlow

**RESOLVED:**

**To promote the consultation for the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment through the normal town council channels. In addition, it was agreed that a number of paper surveys could be provided by WCC for residents to pick up from the Grange Hall. These will be in addition to the paper surveys placed at the library.**

**80.2 Take part 2020 getting more volunteers**

ENV working party consider a paper from Cllr Foster on how the town council may support the many volunteer groups in the town by attracting more volunteers to Southam groups.

**RESOLVED:**

**It was considered that this was a very worthwhile proposal and that separate working party should be established to move this forward. Working party members are proposed as Cllrs Foster, Ellard, Connors, and Ray.**

**80.3 Busking**

Cllr Foster's paper on busking in Southam was considered by the ENV working party. The working party considered that in general they wanted to support busking in Southam. However, more details need to be sought on how the town council can enforce any busking policy that it adopts.

**RESOLVED:**

**Cllr Walster agreed to research the powers to enforce busking that are available to the town council.**

**80.4 Planning Applications**

See attached

**80.5 Busy-Ness WP Sarah B's call for action**

The report from Cllr Foster was considered and noted by the ENV working party.

**80.6 S137 Grant Payments**

The ENV working party considered the clerk's request regarding the presentation of cheques.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the recipients should be invited to the November full council meeting for a cheque presentation.**

**80.7 Past Mayor Badges**

The ENV working party considered the clerk's request

**RESOLVED:**

**i) That past Mayors who have expressed an interest in receiving a past mayor badge can receive a badge at no charge .**

**ii) That recipients will be invited to attend Mayormaking in May 2020 to receive their badge.**

**81. SOUTHAM AND FELDON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Noted**

**82. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Crump advised the following:

- Police numbers - Warwickshire would get 41 officers of the 20k announced by the PM. That is the 1st tranche. They will get another 110 over the next 2.5 years. The overall numbers will be 1100 still by end of 2021. The uptake in an average authority is usually around 50%, reduced rounds and extra income are likely to generate an authority £1m+ in terms of extra income and reduced costs.
- Stockton are having a defibrillator installed in their BT box
- Brooklands Farm planning application was refused main issue was to do with the refuse collection
- 2/3 of councils charge for Green Waste collection
- Offered support regarding the installation of the additional CCTV cameras for Southam

- Recent survey states that 79.2% of people are happy with SDC service highest percentage since 2002 and out of all the services it was the refuse collection that came out on top
- WCC Councillor grants on-going
- Warwickshire Fire & Rescue have had addition funding for fire prevention , 60% of businesses who have a fire do not re-open and another campaign for Retained Fire Fighters recruitment especially from ethnic backgrounds
- Community Payback – Work taken place along Coventry Road and will be coming back to do work in other areas
- New Community Power – Planning Enforcement and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Safety Campaign – Halloween and Cheap Phone Chargers
- HS2 – SDC still maintain their objection in principle
- In depth study regarding SDC Councillor Allowances
- Boundary Commission being called back in regarding the number of Councillors , the likely recommendation will be for 4 new wards
- Attend Southam Market to talk to people about Rogue Traders and was also they're with the Community Rural Safety Team
- The WCC Roadshow at Tesco 120 surveys completed regarding WCC top priorities for the next 5 years , the top priorities at it stands at the moment is Education, Children & Adult Social Care , Special Needs Transport and Rural Transport

**83. 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**

**74. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

**RESOLVED:**

**To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated October 2019**

**The Meeting closed at 8.25pm**



## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Southam Town Council - October Meeting - 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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### **ENV MEETING 10/10/19**

19/02705/TREE Mrs Gloria Fox Cuttle Beck, 22 Banbury Road, Southam, CV47 1HL

T1 - willow - reduce spread from 8.6 metres to 4.5 metres

Refer to arboriculturalist

19/02604/FUL Mr John Peters 14 Merestone Close, Southam, CV47 1GU

Two storey rear extension and garage conversion

No representations

19/02577/FUL Avenue Properties (warwickshire)

39 St James Crescent, Southam , CV47 0LX

Demolition of existing garage and construction of new dwelling

No representations

### **Town Council Meeting 24/10/19**

19/02189/FUL Mr & Mrs Tovey

48 Bakus Close, Southam, CV47 1GB

Rear single storey extension and side extension above garage

No representations

