

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 23rd JANUARY 2020

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

Apologies: Cllr M Connors – Holiday
Cllr C Worsh - Work
Cllr T Bromwich - Personal

Absent without Apologies:
None

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro, Miss L Hextall & Cllr A Crump

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Foster	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 19/03191/FUL Neighbouring property
Cllr A John	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 19/03552/FUL Neighbouring property
Cllr H Wilson	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Planning Application 20/00083/TREE Client
Cllr M Brooks	Non-Pecuniary Reason	Town Clerk Report Item 3 Member of Southam Civic Ideas Forum

116. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

That the apologies are accepted

117. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Resident – St Mary's Close, Southam

Stated that he was pleased to see that the Council have set aside money in the budget for youth services and went on to talk about HS2 Common Design Element. Wanted to hear what the council had to say about it, as he had read the document and still wondered what HS2 wanted people to say. It says that HS2 want it to be sympathetic to its surroundings, yet they want it to look the same and he defies anyone to say that all of the areas look the same. When representation was being made by one of the Northamptonshire District Councils to the design of HS2 they made the point that they did not want to see the same drab concrete slabs as they have got down on HS1. Is of the opinion that the document is a waste of time, it says that it wants ideas on how to reduce vandalism yet HS2 is the biggest form of countryside vandalism that has ever occurred in this country, by the way HS2 is

being put in. Pleased to see the line side noise barriers being mentioned , but these barriers will not do anything at all with regards to Low Frequency Sound.

118. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

i) That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9th January 2020, having previously been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor.

119. POLICE

Police not in attendance

120. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

i) Invoices were available at the meeting for inspection

RESOLVED:

That the payment of accounts dated January 2020, totalling £7,456.72 (details attached) be authorised.

121. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

121.1 i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated January 2020 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached)

121.2 ii) Planning Application decisions – none to consider

121.3 iii) Planning Committee Meeting Dates

122. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

122.1 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Resident – St Mary's Close

The resident was advised that the matter would be discussed under item 6 of the Town Clerk Report

122.2 COUNCILLOR VACANCY – MILL HILL WARD

Members considered the councillor application from a Patricia Letford

RESOLVED:

That Patricia Letford is co-opted to fill a vacant position in the Mill Hill Ward

122.3 ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

RESOLVED:

That the Mayor Cllr Mike Brooks is nominated

122.4 NEW PLANTER A425

Members asked considered the request from SCIF/Southam in Bloom to take liability for a new planter on the A425 near to the Tesco sign.

RESOLVED:

i) To write to WCC formally requesting the planter and indemnifying WCC against any claims arising from the planter and agree to the conditions set by WCC as follows:

- Tesco must be informed and agree
- The planter cannot be concrete, the preferred material would be wood, the dimensions suggested are 1mx1mx0.6m high
- The planter must be placed at least 0.75m back from the road
- Can place three planters of this size and material in this location
- Should the need arise the planters will be removed by the Town Council
- WCC reserve the right to remove the planters with consultation should the need arise

ii) To write to SCIF/SIB and advise that they the council is happy to donate some oak posts that could be made into planters

122.5 NEW COMMUNITY HALL – FLYING FIELDS DEVELOPMENT

Members considered the correspondence from Macer Nash (SDC) asking the council to confirm that they are happy with the specification.

RESOLVED:

To respond to Macer Nash advising that the Council will be arranging another meeting with Taylor Wimpey because they still have some changes to make with regards to the design and specification

122.6 HS2 COMMON DESIGN ELEMENT SURVEY

Members considered the document

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Foster provides the Town Clerk with a response to submit

122.7 DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members considered the draft plan

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council approve the changes made to the draft plan and are happy for it to be re-submitted to SDC

122.8 COUNCIL MEETING DATES ENV DATES

Noted

123. CORRESPONDENCE

i) Parking with Consideration

RESOLVED:

To respond to the resident thanking them for their correspondence and advising the that Town Council does not have the powers to make bylaws on land that the do not own

ii) Southam Primary School Places

Noted

iii) Southam in Bloom – Grant feedback Forms

Noted

iv) Warwickshire Town Awards

Noted

124. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

124.1 CCTV MINUTES 12/11/19

Noted

124.2 KIDS RUN FREE – PARK RUN – PARK LANE RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council authorises this event to happen on a weekly basis at the Park Lane Recreation Ground

125. MEMBERS ITEM

125.1 Cllr K Toner

Members considered the report for a cycle track from Southam to Long Itchington

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council support the idea in principle and suggests that Cllr Toner set up a working party to include members of the Town Council as well as Long Itchington Parish Council

125.2 Cllr L Ellard

Members considered the suggestion that what the Town Mayor does should better advertised and that by advertising the monthly diary would be beneficial

RESOLVED

i)To put the Mayor's previous months diary on the Microsoft Officer Calendar and consider ways as to how the activities of the Mayor could be more widely advertised.

126. INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Bromwich report - **Noted**

Cllr Crump advised the following:

- That out of his WCC Members Delegated Budget road safety improvements will be made to Welsh Road East , Welsh Road West and Napton and Stockton crossroads .
- Advised the council to put a bid in to him for the Ash Path
- Advertising on FB that residents that suffered flooding between the 8th – 18th November could apply for grants from MHCLG (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government & DEFRA
- Working with the Environment Agency with regards to the issue of flooding at the underpass
- Some pots holes have been done , still chasing for outstanding ones
- Trimming of tree in Hurst Road
- Cuttings have been removed at Kineton Rd but didn't take the ones at Merestone Close, so will chase again
- Park Run being organised at Dallas Burston
- Met with Darren Pembleton to see if Southam could get Venture House 2, it is looking promising but need to sort of sites preferable on the industrial estate
- Had dealings with Orbit to assist residents with issues
- Next Community Forum is on 25th March 2020
- Arranging a meeting to look at the High Street path that is being affected by roots
- Will be speaking to the Town Clerk as SDC might be interested in gifting some play equipment to the Town Council

127. 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

128. STAFF SALARIES AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED:

To authorise the payment of staff salaries dated January 2020

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Southam Town Council Financial Year 2019-2020

	Accounts Payable January 2020
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Southam Town Council - January Meeting - 2020

19/03552/FUL Mr & Mrs Leathers The Gables, 58 Warwick Road, Southam, CV47 0HW
Proposed two storey rear extension and new garage

No representations

19/03586/FUL Mr Holmes 8 Rainsbrook Close, Southam, CV47 1GL

Removing a conservatory and building a single-story rear extension to a detached house for living area and utility room

No representations

20/00011/FUL Mr John Peters 14 Merestone Close, Southam, CV47 1GU

Single storey front extension

No representations

20/00057/TREE Mrs Christian Edwards 24 Oxford Street, Southam, CV47 1NS

T1-Horse Chestnut - Prune to previous pruning points T2 - conifer - Reduce by 1/3rd T3 - magnolia - Prune to shape T4 -pear - Prune for fruit production T5 - conifer Reduce by 1/3rd

Refer to arboriculturist

19/03366/FUL Mr & Mrs Clough 73B Stowe Drive , Southam, CV47 1NZ

Amended application - Conversion of existing garage and proposed new build garage . Addition of hardstanding to front of property to facilitate access to the proposed garage. Amended application

No representations

20/00058/ADV Mr John Bridges of England Co-operative Acorn Stores 75-76 Coventry Street, Southam, CV47 0EA

Fascia signs and projector

No representations

19/03442/FUL Dhaliwal Welfare Hut , Craven Lane, Southam, CV47 1PG

Demolition of existing Billet Hut (Class D1) and the proposed erection of 2No. Semi-detached dwellings (Class C3)

Southam Town Council objects as it does not meet either Stratford District Council's SPD or the Town Council's emerging Neighbourhood Plan relating to car park spaces. It should also be referred to the Conservation Officer

20/00083/TREE Mr Michael Mitchell First Spring Corporation Beech-Hurst, 3 Warwick Road, Southam, CV47 0HN

T1 and T2 - pear -Remove

Refer to arboriculturist

19/03191/FUL Sandeep Singh & Hayley Connolly 21 Welsh Road West , Southam , CV47
OJW

2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension, detached double garage and 2no new vehicle access crossings together with off street parking

The Town Council objects due to the connection of the site to Welsh Road West, the site access is next to a major junction and Primary school