



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Millennium Sports Pavilion, The Trundle, Somersham
On Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Miss D Carr	Mrs D Jones	Mrs M. INTER
Mr S Criswell (in the Chair)	Mrs L Robertson	
Mr R Fabb	Mr G Siggs	
Mr M Greaves	Mr R Sutton	
Mr K Hawkins	Mrs P Bryant, Parish Clerk	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Clarke

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were accepted from:

Mrs A Eastham – work commitments
Mr M Hoy – Personal commitments
Mr A Hulme – work commitments
Mr P McCloskey – personal
Ms D Skeggs – personal

District Councillor Graham Bull – at an HDC meeting

2. PARISH COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

It was proposed by Mr Siggs, seconded by Mr Sutton and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to close the meeting for a period to allow members of the public to participate in an open forum.

The meeting was closed at 7.31 pm and reconvened at 7.33pm

Matters discussed: 17/01155/HHFUL Oak Acres Farm, Parkhall Road, Somersham PE28 3HQ

4. PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/01155/HHFUL Oak Acres Farm, Parkhall Road, Somersham PE28 3HQ
Proposed extension to existing bungalow and erection of carport

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Siggs and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection. The proposed extension and carport are in keeping with the bungalow and will not impinge on neighbouring properties.

17/01233/HHFUL 90, High Street, Somersham
Single storey extension to rear

It was proposed by Mrs Jones, seconded by Mr Greaves and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection. the proposed single storey extension is only slightly larger than conservatory already in place, it also can't be seen from the street as it is at the rear of the property. This is with the proviso the roof height isn't higher than the boundary wall as the property is adjacent to the Grade 1 Listed Church.

H/5006/17/CW Envar Composting Limited, The Heath, Wood Hurst PE28 3BS
Extension of concrete pad for maturation of compost with drainage balancing lagoons, reed bed; perimeter earth bunds screening

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Miss Minter and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to defer the application to the next meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED

- 17/00023/FUL Floral Elegance Florist, Pidley Sheep Lane, Pidley
Permission for permanent use of site for Florist Business (A1)
- 17/01037/HHFUL Hillside Farm, St Ives Road, Somersham
Replacement roof including dormer. Addition of porch & attached car-port
- 17/00929/HHFUL Fosgrove House, St Ives Road, Somersham
Erection of single storey rear extension

PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

- Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036: Consultation Draft 2017
Start date: 03/07/2017 End date: 25/08/2017
- Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036: Draft Sustainability Appraisal 2017
Start date: 03/07/2017 End date: 25/08/2017
- Huntingdonshire Call for sites 2017
Start date: 03/07/2017 End date: 25/08/2017
- Huntingdonshire Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment 2017
Start date: 03/07/2017 End date: 25/08/2017

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE – emailed to councillors
Street naming & Property numbering – allocation of addresses to former Bonnett’s Bakery

5. MIINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2017

At the request of Mr Sutton, the following amendment was made to the Minutes:
Page 36/17 – under ‘Planning Enforcement’, line 3 - change word the word ‘know’ to ‘information’


The Minutes were proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Fabb and RESOLVED by 8 votes for and 1 abstention (as the councillor was not present at the meeting) to be a true record of events and were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. POLICE REPORT

- Emailed to Councillors:
 - i. Neighbourhood Watch Alerts

Illegal parking

Mr Hawkins believed the High Street is becoming a serious race track, also there is an increase in HCV’s including Mick George vehicles. In addition, the illegal parking continues all by the British Legion making access / egress to various entrances very difficult.
Mr Sutton commented it’s all a matter of enforcement and unfortunately this doesn’t seem to be carried out by the Police. It was agreed the Clerk will contact Sgt A Street about this again.

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7. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR S CRISWELL & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR G BULL

Cllr Bull email to councillors states HDC are looking for “responses to the consultation on the Local Plan to 2036 from Parish councils. The draft contains nothing new relating to Somersham but we are always interested in comments on the draft planning policies”.

Councillor Criswell reported Whippet Coaches were taken over some while ago and they no longer wish to run the No 21 service and others across the district. County have tried to get them to change their minds but they won't. These services are only used by a very few residents but those residents do rely on the service. CCC are trying to get other companies to take it on and run part of it. The bus services as they stand at present are not viable and Whippet have put the de-registration in.

Mr Sutton asked whether Cllr Bull has come back about the Transparency issue? Cllr Criswell will speak to him.

Miss Minter had several items to report:

- Several local councils are setting up lotteries, there is not much in Huntingdonshire, would HDC want to set up one for local things?
- Clean air in Cambridge – how much has County talked to bus companies about transporting bikes on buses using a bike rack? In China, they have pollution eating bikes.
- Concerned there is a social house still empty in Springfield's and wonders why it's not been filled. Cllr Criswell said he is aware so he will follow it up and thinks there are two empty homes
- Pleased 'cushions' have disappeared from the road at Colne but now there are some build outs. Miss Minter thinks one of the build-outs is near where the cushions were. Cllr Criswell said the cushions will be coming back.

8. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT Inc. Matters Arising Report & Updates:

Correspondence emailed to councillors:

- i. RSN online – weekly updates
- ii. M&G Charibond dividends - £2.30
- iii. Community Inspiration Awards – won by Barbara Hoy – It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations
- iv. Email Terry Hayward – update on Tree Warden Co-ordinator

9. FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT Matters including: -

- o **The Monthly Accounts** – The accounts were proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mrs Jones and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to be paid.
- o **The CCLA (Churches, Charities & Local Authorities) Public Sector Deposit Fund & Local Authorities Property Fund.** – It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Miss Carr and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to let the Finance Working Party look at this in more detail
- o **To Adopt the Norwood Building revised fire risk GEEP & PEEP's (General Evacuation Emergency Plan & Personal Evacuation Emergency Plan) & approve the assembly point** – It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting
- o **Purchase of a pedestrian mower @ £635 + vat** – It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Siggs and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of the mower

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS including Public Footways - Repairs/ Maintenance

Correspondence emailed to councillors:

- o Roadwatch updates
- o A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme updates



Road repairs

Halo on the pedestrian crossing still needs to be adjusted – the Clerk will investigate
Church Street car park – weeds & maintenance of extension – the Clerk will speak to Mr Tyers

11. STREET LIGHTING inc repairs

No quotes received yet to replace the street lamp heads – Clerk to chase

12. REPORTS FROM SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES & REPRESENTATIVES:**a) The Norwood Playing Field/ Norwood Building**

- To Discuss updates on the RoSPA Play Area Inspection Report & Recommendations including costs

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mrs Jones and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to purchase Option 2, steel railing barrier @ £438.45 + vat

- Mr Sutton asked how matters were progressing with HDC and the skate ramp? Cllr Criswell said everyone who was originally in post last year is no longer in post but he will chase it.
- Miss Minter is very concerned about the youth shelter with youngsters climbing on to the roof using the framework. The Clerk will see what can be done to improve the situation in case anyone falls off roof.

b) The Victory Hall Management Committee

- Draft Minutes 13th June 2017

c) Amenity Area Working Party (inc Definitive Footpaths)

The next meeting will be held on 21st August 2017

- It was reported by Mr Fabb the footpath needs cutting on permissive path at Short Drive

d) Friends of Somersham Local Nature Reserve & Somersham Lake

- Draft Minutes of 10th May 2017
- It was proposed by Mrs Jones, seconded by Mr Sutton and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to replace the Pleasure Ground byelaw signs unless SNRG have reasons why not. The council is unable to take any enforcement action on their bylaw for Pleasure Grounds, Public Walks & Open Spaces at the Nature Reserve as the signs have not been erected in all locations, therefore the remaining signs will be erected at Station Land and on the disused railway line along the Station Approach section as soon as practicable unless the SNRG have a valid reason as to why not.
- Mr Sutton expressed his concern the lake area and footpath maintenance is suffering in favour of the rest of the LNR and requested the Clerk writes to the SNRG asking that volunteer time is allocated to this part of the LNR at one of their next working parties.

8.48 pm – Miss Carr left the room and returned during the Youth Working Party report at 8.50 pm

e) Youth Working Party / Youth Club Report

- Miss Minter reported there were 2 vacancies at the Youth Club following 2 resignations, Emily Clark, Youth leader and Jericha Foster, youth worker. The positions are currently being advertised.

f) **Community Library**

- Miss Minter reported the new head at the school is keen on the Library and she will be going to the school to talk about the Library's summer reading scheme.

g) **Millennium Sports Facility**

Mr Sutton reported the Handlebards Shakespearean event was very successful and a great show, the SSLA plan to hold it again in 2018.

The next fundraising event at the Millennium will be Picnic in The Park on Saturday 5th August starting at 2 pm.

h) **Localism Working Party & Somersham Time Bank**

The Chairman said he had nothing to report other than the 'Changing Lives' program was progressing well.

i) **Communication Working Party**

- There was a request from the Clerk for the newsletter centre pages to be in colour to help promote the Changing Lives project. - All were agreed.

j) **Christmas Lights Working Party**

- Report from Mr Greaves – The working party held a very successful carnival stall and raised £274.31

k) **Reports of External Meetings Attended by Parish Councillor's**


- Ms D Skeggs – Attended the Affordable Housing trip at Warboys and across the district. The Chairman also attended the event.

13. NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No matters were raised.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Millennium Pavilion on Monday 31st July 2017 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm.



 Steve Criswell, Chairman

COUNTS	10th July 2017	Vat		TOTAL		Cost Cent
ages	Salaries	0.00	5746.05	5,746.05	Bacs	Sala
SS	Pension Fund	0	766.15	766.15	Bacs	Pen:
ST	Pension Fund	0	62.34	62.34	DD	Pen:
netree Marketing	Som4u newsletter - June/July	0	598	£598.00	Bacs	Som
IMC	Hall hire - May 2017	0	130.5	130.5	Bacs	Youth Club
K Installations	GSM/3 g line rental - Apr, May, June	11.1	55.5	66.6	Bacs	CCTV
nchmark Electrical Ltd	2 replacement emergency lights	36.00	180	£216.00	Bacs	Non
lwood Nursery	Hanging baskets	0	84	84	Bacs	Ame
IB Recycled furniture	3 x picnic tables	189	945	1134	Bacs	Non
le & Day	Fuel - May 2017	41.07	205.37	246.44	Bacs	Kubi
On	Street Lights	3.69	77.48	£81.17	Bacs	Stre
ing Payments	Stationary	9.17	45.87	£55.04	Bacs	Adm
	TOTAL	290.03	8896.26	9,186.29		

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Electronic payments

lk Talk	Telephone/Broadband	9.09	45.46	£54.55	DD	Adm
lk Talk	CIC-01487 840266 (due 5 Apr 2017)	6.31	31.53	£37.84	DD	Libra
lk Talk	CIC-01487 840266 (due 6 May 2017)	5.61	28.04	33.65	DD	Libra
lk Talk	CIC - 01487 840266 (due 5 June 2017)	6.77	33.83	40.6	DD	Libra
lk Talk	CIC - 01487 840266 (due 5 July 2017)	6.23	31.14	37.37	DD	Libra
rphone warehouse	L Bird - mobile contract payment	1.25	6.25	£7.50	DD	Time
	P Bryant - mobile contract payment	1.25	6.25	7.5	DD	Adm
	M Tyers - mobile contract payment	1.25	6.25	£7.50	DD	Adm
ntingdonshire DC	Sea Container - rates	0	43	£43.00	DD	Adm
	Norwood Building - rates	0	0	£0.00		No r 2018
ormation Commissioners fice	Data Protection renewal	0	35	35	DD	Adm
gling Trust	Subscription renewal (due Aug 2017)	0	135	135	DD	Angl
	TOTAL	37.76	401.75	439.51		

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Eques

ARC	TAX & NI	0	1611.51	1611.51		Chq
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