



Southam Parish Council



MINUTES (SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING)
OF the **Full Meeting** of the Parish Council held on 10th September 2019 at **7.30pm** in
Southam Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Adrienne Wood (Chair), Cllr Steve Lennon and Cllr John Workman.

Also Present: Clerk – Liz Dowie
12 members of the public

1. To receive Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Anna Hollaway, Cllr Karen Licence, County Cllr Roger Wilson and Borough Cllr Mike Dean.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th August 2019

The minutes were agreed as a true record by unanimous vote and were signed by the Chairman..

4. To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors.

The Clerk read out a written report from Cllr Hollaway regarding the recent meeting of the Cleeve Conservators.

5. To receive reports from Parish Councillors and Clerk

Cllr Wood had attended the Chartered Parishes Group Meeting on 5th September. An update was given by Chris Riley on the new highways contract and the schedule of works on roads in Gloucestershire, and presentations were given by Chris Mead, GCC Highways, and Charles Parry, GCC Archaeologist on the input they provide on planning matters.

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Wood reported that a successful pub night had been held at the end of August, at which there had been a presentation on cyber security. The next event would be a film night on 27th September.

Anita Wilcox is seeking volunteers to tidy up the area around the war memorial on Saturday 5th October. This will be included in the next newsletter.

The Clerk reported on the following:

W1 and W2 bus services – the Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting of Winchcombe Town Council on 4th September at which Tom Main, Integrated Transport Manager for GCC had provided an update. The 606 service was expected to remain unchanged when the Marchants contract ended on 27th October. He hoped that a frequent service would be maintained on the W1 and W2 routes with a possible slight reduction in the number of trips per day. He confirmed that the route would serve the Cleevelands Medical Centre. Bids for the contract were being evaluated and he would advise all interested parties once the details were finalised. (Subsequent to the meeting, Marchants have indicated that the routes will be taken on by Stagecoach and confirmation of this is being sought).

West Cheltenham Strategic Masterplan - public engagement sessions were to be held by Tewkesbury Borough Council on 11th and 19th September.

Bins by Butterfly Reserve on Cleeve Common – two bins had now been installed but one had already been damaged by a car. The member of the public who had requested installation of the bins had been in contact with TBC and this bin had been moved to a more suitable location.

Remembrance Sunday – Mark Steger, Secretary of the Royal British Legion, Woodmancote branch had submitted the road closure request and health and safety paperwork on behalf of the Council. The Clerk was asked to request that he also arrange the bugler. Cllr Wood would consult Rev'd Reakes regarding the order of service.

Dog fouling – several residents had raised queries following the introduction of increased penalties. TBC Environmental Health Officers had advised that the new measures did affect professional dog walkers. TBC will follow up complaints but, in order to enforce a fine, they will need a witness statement and the correct address for the dog owner. Residents are encouraged to contact Environmental Health direct (contact details on the TBC website). Stickers have been ordered to update the existing signage.

Noverton planter – following the damage to the planter by a speeding vehicle in October 2018, the insurance company has agreed to settle the cost of relocation and repair to paintwork following receipt of proof of costs.

6. Public Adjournment

A further discussion was held about the problem of dog fouling and it was agreed that information about the new fines would be included in the next newsletter.

A resident advised that many vehicles were driving too fast on Old Road and it was noted that the previous “Slow” signaged painted on the road had worn away. The Clerk was asked to raise this with the Highways Department.

It was reported that there were several areas in the village where overgrown foliage was encroaching on paths and pavements. Some of these were trees and shrubs on private property and the Clerk was asked to remind residents in the next newsletter of the need to keep their boundaries tidy and cut back.

7. Planning Applications

19/00800/FUL – Noreen, Ashleigh Lane, Cleeve Hill – erection of an agricultural storage building.

The applicant was present at the meeting and explained that the building was intended to be used solely for the storage of garden machinery. **No objection.**

19/00839/FUL – Cleadon House, Cleeve Hill – erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension, front porch and garage. Demolition of an existing garage, alterations to the roof design and widening of gated access. **No objection.**

Other planning matters: - no other matters were raised.

8. Licensing

Following publication of an application for consent for street trading in the lay-by on the B4632 above Haymes Drive, in excess of 40 objections had been submitted by residents which included concerns about noise and light pollution, unsafe entry and exit onto the 50mph road close to a bend and detrimental visual impact on the surrounding area on the

edge of the AONB. This application had now been withdrawn and the applicant would seek a more suitable location.

9. Proposed new primary school in Bishops Cleeve

Copy correspondence had been received from the Chair of Governors of Woodmancote School enclosing an Options Appraisal carried out by Gloucestershire County Council which had indicated that the preferred option for a new primary school would be within the grounds of Cleeve School, thereby extending the age range of Cleeve School. It was agreed that the infrastructure of Bishops Cleeve was already under pressure and that this would increase the impact on local facilities which were used by Southam residents. There would also be an impact on local traffic. It was also agreed that such a decision should be part of a larger strategic process so that new school facilities could be located nearer to new development. The Clerk was asked to write to the GCC Director of Education expressing councillors' support of the objections already raised by the Chairs of Governors of Woodmancote School, Grangefield School and Bishops Cleeve Primary Academy.

10. Accident and Emergency Department at Cheltenham General Hospital

An online petition had been organised by Alex Chalk and local MPs to support their campaign to retain a full Accident and Emergency Department at Cheltenham General Hospital. The Clerk was asked to contact Alex Chalk to express the Parish Council's support for the campaign.

11. Councillor Vacancies

There were still two councillor vacancies and Cllr Wood urged residents to step forward to fill the vacancies.

12. Finance

12.1 *The accounts and bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2019 (previously circulated) were approved by the Council.*

12.2 *Payments for September were agreed:* PAYE August £61.80, tree work £100.00, grass cutting £351.60, newsletter printing £130.00, CPRE subscription £36.00, Clerk's salary £247.61, PAYE September £62.00, parish map £107.90.

13. Correspondence

Notification had been received that the A435 between Bishops Cleeve and the Pamington junction would be closed overnight for re-surfacing from 10th September to 3rd October excluding weekends.

14. Change of date of November meeting

Due to councillor availability the November meeting had been moved from 12th November to 26th November.

15. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7.30pm in Southam Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20pm