



Southam Parish Council



MINUTES (SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING)
OF the **Full Meeting** of the Parish Council held on 13th August 2019 at **7.30pm** in Southam Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Adrienne Wood (Chair), Cllr Anna Hollaway and Cllr Karen Licence.

Also Present: Clerk – Liz Dowie
County Cllr Roger Wilson for first part of meeting
12 members of the public

1. To receive Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Lennon, Cllr John Workman and Borough Cllr Mike Dean.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Licence declared an interest as a resident living close to the land off Noverton Avenue (Item 8 - Planning Application 19/00746/TPO).

3. To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th July 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.

County Cllr Wilson gave an update on bus services. The contract for the W1, W2 and 606 services ends on 27th October 2019 and Marchants will not re-tender. These routes are not as cost-effective as others in Gloucestershire due to the large number of users who are eligible to use bus passes, which are only subsidised in part by the County Council. The procurement process is underway. Cllr Wilson continues to remind County officers of the importance of these routes and assurances have been given that these vital routes will not be discontinued. The outcome of the procurement process will be reported by Tom Main, Transport Operations Manager, Gloucestershire County Council at the next meeting of Winchcombe Town Council on 4th September and it was suggested that the Chairman and / or Clerk might attend the meeting. The Clerk will contact the Winchcombe Clerk re attendance at the meeting.

Cllr Wilson also advised that no date had been scheduled for the re-surfacing of the remainder of Southam Lane but this was on the list of future works.

It was noted that the sequencing of the traffic lights at the junction of Southam Lane and the A435 appeared not to have been restored to the original timings following the re-surfacing works. If this causes longer queues of traffic after the end of the summer break this will be reported.

7.40 pm Cllr Wilson left the meeting.

Cllr Hollaway reported that amendments to the Borough Plan regarding the treatment of Shurdington within the Green Belt were likely to have an impact on service villages and other areas within the Green Belt.

TBC had agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would carry out a review into ways in which a lower carbon footprint might be achieved across the borough.

The new style Tewkesbury Borough News had been received by most households. However, it was noted that this had not been received by Noverton residents. The Clerk will ask whether this area has been omitted from the circulation list. (A resident has drawn the Council's attention to the article about the new Public Space Protection Order under which more stringent penalties for dog fouling have been introduced. Posters have been displayed in the parish and more information can be found on the parish website).

5. To receive reports from Parish Councillors and Clerk

Cllr Licence reported that she had met with Helen Richards, GRCC as part of her induction for the role of flood warden. She had discussed the problems concerning the balancing pond and the lack of maintenance of the drainage systems on the Noverton estate. These will be reported to Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Graffiti on the children's play equipment had been reported.

Cllr Wood advised that she had spoken to the owners of the day nursery on Southam Lane and they had agreed to draw to the attention of their employees the problems experienced with cars being parked very close to the junction of Old Road and Southam Lane.

The Village Hall Committee had held a successful Pub Night / Barbeque. The next film night will be held on 27th September and there will be a talk on Personal Cyber Security at the next pub night on 23rd August.

The Clerk reported on the following:

Highways – reports had been submitted regarding the overgrown vegetation encroaching on the pavement on the B4632 from the Ellenborough Park Hotel to Shaw Green Lane, the overhanging foliage by the steps leading to the bus stop, the removal of the hump back bridge sign on Southam Lane, and the dead tree on the Noverton Park play area.

The Cotwold Wardens had agreed to reinstate the footpath sign on Lye Lane once they had received confirmation of the location of utilities.

The Lengthsman team would be carrying out work in the area during the week commencing 19th August and they have been asked to cut back the vegetation overhanging the wall by the planter at the top of Southam Lane.

The litter bins had not yet been installed by the Butterfly Reserve and the Clerk will ask Tewkesbury Borough Council for an update.

Code of Conduct training had been arranged in September / October for all councillors who had not yet attended a course.

Cllr Wood agreed to attend the next quarterly Chartered Parishes Group meeting on 5th September.

Abandoned car on A435 by Cheltenham Rugby Club, Newlands Park – the PCSO had made further enquiries and had advised that the police had not been able to trace the registered owner. Responsibility for removal of the vehicle therefore lay with the landowner.

(Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk had confirmed this with Tewkesbury Borough Council and passed on this information to a representative of the Rugby Club. The landowner can request TBC to remove the vehicle but the cost of removal lies with the landowner).

6. To receive an update on Community Speedwatch

John Donovan reported that a meeting had been held with the Community Speedwatch team on 17th July. Their equipment is currently being updated and they are happy to provide this on loan and give training. A radar vehicle speed and volume survey had been carried out on Southam Lane and surveys would be undertaken on New Road and Kayte Lane in due course. The results of the survey on Southam Lane were circulated to councillors and residents present at the meeting. The 85thile speed recorded was slightly in excess of the 30mph speed limit in both directions of travel. It was also noted that the data extracted from the MVAS equipment indicated that the speed limit was regularly being exceeded with speeds of 50 – 60 mph being recorded on some occasions. The data from the MVAS on New Road was not available at present but the regularity with which the batteries required changing suggested that the speed limit was being exceeded regularly.

7. Public Adjournment

A resident asked whether anyone had come forward to fill the councillor vacancies. No applications had been received to date and *it was agreed that this would be added to the agenda of the next meeting.*

The Clerk was asked if any progress had been made with identifying the owner of the land adjacent to Haymes Drive. A search of the Land Registry had provided several title numbers and more information was being sought.

The neighbour of Hill House, Spring Lane made representation regarding planning application 19/00636/FUL. She expressed concerns that the proposed materials to be used for the extensions would not be in keeping with the surrounding properties and would be inappropriate within the AONB.

A resident expressed concerns about the impact on local residents of the increasing number of large events being held at the racecourse and on adjoining land. In particular there appeared to be no control exercised by the authorities at the Paramotor event, since there was constant flying over built up areas throughout the weekend. This matter was to be covered under agenda item 9.

8. Planning Applications

Since Cllr Hollaway was a member of the TBC Planning Committee and unable to comment on these applications, the Parish Council was inquorate in relation to planning matters at this meeting. It was therefore suggested that, if Cllr Wood and Cllr Licence considered that objections or comments should be submitted in respect of any application on the agenda, the other councillors would be consulted. (No comments were submitted).

19/00636/FUL – Hill House, Spring Lane, Cleeve Hill – erection of single storey front and rear extensions. Installation and alteration of dormer windows and extension to existing front balcony and steps. The Clerk was asked to request the Planning Officer to carry out a site visit in order to consider the concerns of the neighbour. (Subsequent to the meeting the Planning Officer confirmed that a site visit had already been carried out and the application would be determined by the Planning Committee).

19/00730/FUL – The Hive, Ashleigh Lane, Cleeve Hill – retention of ancillary residential accommodation. The Clerk was asked to advise the Planning Officer that, due to the unusual nature of this application, the Parish Council would defer to the Planning Department to determine the application.

19/00746/TPO – Land at rear of 10 Noverton Avenue, Prestbury – (TPO 249) Sycamore T.1-7 (excluding T.2) – reduce crown height by 3.5m, clean crown of damaged and hanging branches back to appropriate target-pruning points. (No comment made).

Other planning matters:

Land on Kayte Lane:

An update had been received from TBC advising that planning application 19/00021/FUL – additional static caravan and to regularise boundary treatment - would be determined shortly. (Application was subsequently refused on 16th August 2019). It was noted that the recently constructed brick structure fell within the temporary permission granted.

9. Paramotor Club Event 13th/14th July 2019

Firstly, the Clerk advised that she had lodged a complaint with TBC following reports from residents about loud music at the Dubtoberfest event.

The Clerk had received an update from the TBC Environmental Health Department following 21 complaints about the Paramotor Club Summer Fly-In event which had been held on the land usually used for car boot sales. Complaints had been made about the noise nuisance and loss of privacy due to the paramotors flying low over the built up area. In addition, there had been a loud firework display. It was explained that, although TBC has statutory powers regarding nuisance, this event falls within the jurisdiction of the Civil Aviation Authority. The event organiser has agreed to meet with the TBC Environmental Health Officer, who has advised that, if he is not satisfied with the outcome of the meeting, he will explore other remedies regarding this event.

10. Remembrance Sunday

Mark Steger, RBL Secretary for Woodmancote had forwarded a draft Road Closure Order and *it was agreed that he would be asked to submit this for Southam.* The Clerk would liaise with him regarding the Risk Assessment Form.

11. Finance

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

11.2 *Payments for August were agreed:* Hall hire £60.00, grass cutting £399.60, Clerk's salary £247.81, newsletter postage £28.20

12. Correspondence

All correspondence had been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

13. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.30pm in Southam Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.35pm