

SOUTH WITHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council wishes to thank all that attended the last Parish Council meeting on the 1st November and apologise for the confusion regarding the starting time. Unfortunately the timings that were put on the website and leaflets were incorrect and not of our doing. We were not consulted before they were published.

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st Nov 2016 at 7.30pm

Present 15-299 Cllr C Fowler (Chair), Cllr F Parish, Cllr M Kinning, Cllr S Lansdowne, Cllr C Hodgkin, Cllr J Oldfield, Cllr K Jolley, Cllr A White, LCCllr/ SKDCllr R Adams, Mrs H Sandon (parish clerk), South Witham vicar Graham Bucknall, Police Neighbourhood Sergeant Rachel Blackwell, PCSO Emma Conkey and 40 residents approx.

Apologies for Absence 15-300 Cllr C v Straubenzee,

Public Forum 15-301

Dealt with under visit from police

Receive Declaration of Interests 15-302 none

Visit from Sergeant Rachel Blackwell, Neighbourhood Sergeant for South Witham to discuss traffic issues in South Witham 15-303

Introductions made by Sergeant Rachel Blackwell and PCSO Emma Conkey. Discussion took place regarding the police meeting held in SW village hall on the 19/10/16 attended by 40 residents, at which speeding motorists and unauthorised HGVs were the main areas for discussion. The following issues were raised at the PC meeting;

Firstly, the possible use of Radar guns in the village by residents who have been trained to use them. Rachel stated that currently the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) does not run this scheme and has no plans to introduce it. LRSP runs the Community Watch Scheme (CWS) which uses reactive and sticker speed signs to deter speeding motorists. Radar guns are not used in Lincs (except by the Police) as there are not sufficient funds available to run such a scheme eg. to pay for Radar guns and the training costs associated, as two LRSP staff would be required over a weekend of training. There is also the problem of ensuring that the residents trained continue with the task, to keep further training costs down. Queried as radar guns have been spotted in both Louth and also Colsterworth

Suggestion to police of South Witham being a pilot village for the scheme and possibly meeting the initial equipment / training outlay, (to be considered by the Parish Council at a future meeting, once costs established with the LRSP). Further, as the police do not have the resources to send out letters to offenders, volunteers would need to be sought to deal with the administration, ie. vehicle checks, letter writing. A gentleman put himself forward for this role and it was suggested that fines resulting could be paid back to the Parish Council to cover its costs.

Secondly, as one of the Police Panel Meeting priorities has been speeding in South Witham village but in particular the High St and the North Witham Rd, how regularly have the checks been done and what are the results? The last Archers Survey was in 2013 which did not demonstrate anything significant, no need for re engineering work (ie. chicanes etc..), there have only been five road accidents in the village in the last year (one outside the village) and only one the year before. Budget constraints affect the frequency and location of surveys, however, a further Archers survey has been agreed, to take place in Dec 16/ Jan 17. Location of equipment to be agreed with the Parish Council. Possibility of a 20 mph speed limit through the village particularly for High St with the narrow carriageway and no pavement to one side was raised. Rachel said to consider this would take into account the Archers Survey results and accidents recorded. Rachel urged that all accidents are reported, even near misses, as none are on record for SW.

Rachel asked whether residents would be interested in a local Facebook page to report any incidents taking place in SW (see Spotted Stamford for an idea of what is set up for Stamford Town), with this FB group being administered / checked by Stamford Police every day. This could be used to address the third issue raised by the PC, of how to alert police to unauthorised HGVs using the village as a cut through. Residents could send over a photo by FB of the HGV (need a clear photo showing the registration number / road used visible), police can then establish if had a legitimate reason for being in the village. Agreed FB page for South Witham is set up.

Alternatively use email address Stamford.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk to report matters. There is also an official Allegation of Bad Driving form that may be used, however currently this has to be filled in / posted to the police and must be received within 2 days, it is a Court document and complainant must be willing to attend court to testify and a witness is needed. It cannot currently be filled in electronically or emailed across, Rachel to enquire why not. SWPC to put form on website. Note, for any local crime matters happening at the time, residents should still use the 101 telephone number.

Cllr White said that if anyone sees any HGVs attending Whites mine site speeding through the village, to telephone White's office, with the registration number / time and the tacograph will be checked. If guilty they will be banned from the site, drivers have been warned, as signs have been erected at Whites clearly stating this.

The Parish Council agreed that the Parish Council Safety subcommittee is renamed the "PC Road Safety and Highways working party", Chaired by Cllr Parish with Cllrs Fowler, Lansdowne, Smith and Kinning involved. They will continue to actively look into traffic calming measures in conjunction with the LRSP.

a) Summary of Police Meeting held in South Witham 19/10/16, Cllr Fowler

Main points dealt with above.

b) SWPC to consider resident letter, PC to respond to resident letter following discussions with police this evening and consideration of other questions asked of Parish Council.

c) Other Police Matters Matter of unlawful vehicles speeding around Great Close area, reported to police already. Rachel stated if happens again, call 101 straightaway for Police to deal.

Parking obstruction to bus route around Templars Way/ Unwin Green area raised again, Rachel stated that if cannot get an emergency vehicle through, it is an obstruction, call 101 at the time to report to the Police to deal.

Report from LCCllr Bob Adams 15-304 Discussion took place on new relief road and the Designer Outlet Village for Grantham.

Notes of SWPC's monthly meeting held on the 4th Oct 2016 15-305 The notes of the meeting were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair in acceptance as minutes.

Financial Matters 15-306

a) Monthly Accounts SWPC total bank balance £23968.80, BMM £23696.19, Play project £272.61. Payments; chqs issued 1) Helen Sandon (parish clerk pay/expenses) £481.95), 2) Janine Costello (litter picking) £210.00, hours to be reduced to Winter hours of 3 hrs per week for next 6 months 3) BT phone line final bill £8.76, 4) BT Wi fi final bill £16.95, 5) Castlegate Fascias & Windows Ltd (vhall patio door repair) £220.00, 6) DGM Electrical Ltd (annual vhall PAT test) £235.20. Income 1) Precept ½ yr received from SKDC £11680.00, 2) VH ½ yr rent due, clerk invoiced VHMC £300.00, 3) SKDC ½ yr Grant for Community Cleaner due this month £561.60.

Cemetery scale of charges to be reviewed at Dec PC meeting.

b) Precept 2017/18 budget agreement by SWPC

Clerk had reviewed PC spend for the year to date, all on track. 2017/18 Precept will need to take into consideration business rates for the village hall, as for the past few yrs the Government has set a 100% rebate so nil rates for the vhall. For the yr 2017/18 a 50% rebate is to be applied, so a rates bill of £2054 is expected. SWPC to consider this bill as part of Precept setting in December, to assess whether this can be met from the current level of precept.

Cllr Fowler asked that councillors considered all projects being discussed currently, to prioritise for funding at Dec PC meeting, in conjunction with Precept setting.

Clerk's and Councillors' reports on ; 15-307

a) Village Hall matters, Cllr Hodgkin

Damaged patio door had been replace by Castlegate Fascias & Doors Ltd, £ 220 cost and a faulty lock is also being repaired by them, £100 estimate cost. Quote received from them to replace stones from existing drainage, prepare channel and fit metal or plastic topped self contained channels, cost £990.00. PC to consider if this work is required at Dec meeting as part of PC priorities and if so, further quotes to be sought. Wi fi and associated equipment has been removed from the VH. VH driveway lights are being replaced by Mr Medcalf, PC agreed that LED lights should be installed in all three lamps, as more cost effective in the long run. Cherry picker to be hired for work, hire cost to PC to be shared with another local job taking place in the village.

b) Church Lane/ High St flash flooding update, Cllr Jolley Clerk had requested that LCC;

i) Arrange for a gully cleaner to visit, to ensure that there is no residual silt in the pipe leading to Fishpool Dyke.

ii) Undertake further investigation work on the High St storm drain, as during August it failed to cope with flash flooding. Cllr Jolley to monitor.

c) Monthly play area inspection, Cllr Oldfield Cllr Oldfield advised that damage has been done to the basketball area (burn marks are visible). He has painted the skate ramps this month. Cllr White apologised for outstanding work to goals, he needs the use of a small digger, so work to be done this week.

d) Fishpool Dyke, barriers quote/ specification, Cllr Jolley Maintenance work at the Dyke has been completed by the UWIDB this week. Cllr Jolley had met with a contractor and obtained a quote for barrier replacement, P V Baker Fencing, price £12900 plus vat, 210 mtrs of steel posts with tubular rails. Cllr Jolley to seek further quotes, however grants would be need to be sought to go ahead with this project. PC to consider as part of priorities for funding at Dec PC meeting.

e) BT Adopt a Kiosk Scheme, clerk Clerk had contacted BT to confirm understanding that Market Court payphone is not part of this scheme as not a traditional red phone box and not on the list. Still awaiting response, but appears n/a to South Witham.

Planning Matters 15-308

a) New planning applications received by SKDC for Parish Council comment,

i) Mr Brassington, Unit A & B, Great Close, change of use from hairdressers to chip shop,

SWPC agreed that the following concerns should be raised with SKDC for consideration,

Is there adequate space for the storage of shop waste? Is there adequate parking available in the vicinity for customers? Will the shop provide additional litter bins in the general vicinity of the shop for customer use?

b) New planning applications received by SKDC for Parish Council comment after publication of the agenda
none

c) SKDC planning permissions granted/refused

i)CTIL and Telefonica Ltd, replace Telecoms equipment, location Telecommunications Mast 8803, Great North Rd, Thistleton, permission granted by SKDC.

SWPC to agree HGV sig specification/ wording for Thistleton Lane sign 15-309

This was looked at briefly by the PC but as the Public Forum had taken up so much of the PC meeting, it was agreed to look at this further at the Dec PC meeting.

Highway Matters 15-310

A Hillview resident advised the clerk that its wall facing onto the High Street will be repaired this month and sent apologies for the delay.

Complaint received re. dog fouling, clerk asked to contact SKDC for more signage to be put around the village and also on Public Footpath by Padleys. A resident complained to a councillor regarding litter in Wimberley Way vicinity, overgrown hedging, poor state of pathway and unlawful vehicle on highway, clerk to look into and respond to resident.

Correspondence 15-311

NHC Lincs Clinical Commissioning Groups – Over the Counter Medicines Management Public Consultation (4/10/16 - 18/11/16), LCC Sharing Parish Council Communications with Councillors (County Cllrs) - to comply with Data Protection Act , SKDC review of village services and facilities survey- to check / respond by 11/11/16. Clerks & Councils Direct, Open Spaces Autumn mag, LALC council tax referendum info.

Any other business 15-312

Date of January PC meeting to possibly alter, cllrs present suggested that it should be held on the 10th January, (not 3rd Jan), if so, alternative venue sought as VH is booked on the 10th Jan. To confirm details at Dec PC meeting.

Appointment of third member 15-313 Cllr Oldfield

Date of next meeting 15-314 Tues 6th Dec at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.40pm