

SOUTH WITHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th Jan 2017 at 7.30pm

Present 17-001 Cllr C Fowler (Chair), Cllr C Ashton, Cllr F Parish, Cllr M Kinning, Cllr A White, Cllr A Smith, Cllr S Lansdowne, Cllr J Oldfield, Cllr K Jolley, LCCllr/ SKDCllr R Adams, Mrs H Sandon (parish clerk), LCCllr / SKDCllr R Adams and 10 Hillview Rd residents.

Apologies for Absence 17-002 Cllr C v Straubenzee, Cllr K Hodgkin

Public Forum 17-003 Residents outlined their objections to the planning application for 5 houses on Hillview Rd land, *see Planning Matters 17- 009, b) i*). Issues raised; Build proposed within the Conservation Area, materials out of character with neighbouring houses, proximity to existing houses, the new houses would be intrusive and overbearing. Concerns re. impact on existing services such as sewage system in light of recent problems. Inadequate road surface and access into Hillview Rd. This is an unadopted road with residents currently maintaining the road / land at their own expense, therefore concerns how the new builds would tie in with this and also the finish to the road/ pavements for the new houses. SWPC thanked residents for attending. PC to agree response under Planning Matters.

Receive Declaration of Interests 17-004 Cllr Fowler- Churchill, 5 High St planning application, Cllr Parish- Eldrin, Hillview Rd planning application.

Report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-005 LCCllr Adams advised for 2017/18, SKDC is proposing a £5 increase to Precept for Band D properties. SWPC agreed this was a fair and reasonable increase, clerk to complete SKDC survey received. LCC budget increase 1.95% and further 2% for Adult Social Care, Police budget increase 2%.

Notes of SWPC's monthly meeting held on the 6th Dec 2016 and the Extra ordinary meeting held on the 14th Dec 2016 17-006 The notes of the meetings were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair in acceptance as minutes.

Financial Matters 17-007

a) Monthly Accounts SWPC total bank balance £23114.09, BMM £22841.46, Play project £272.63.

Payments; chqs issued 1) Helen Sandon (parish clerk pay/expenses) £496.77, 2) Janine Costello (litter picking) £105.00, 3) SWPCC Churchyard upkeep for 2016 £245.00, 4) Tracy Stafford (Garden Angel) SWPC Cemetery grass cutting Oct/ Nov £250.00.

b) Precept 2017/18 budget agreement by SWPC

SWPC agreed to keep the Precept as per 2015/16, therefore Precept to be set at £23,360, clerk to notify SKDC.

c) Agree Policy for Value for Money spending, Cllr Fowler Cllr Fowler outlined a Value for Money Policy for PC spend under/ over £1k, to finalise and put before PC for acceptance at Feb meeting.

Clerk's and Councillors' reports on ; 17-008

a) Road Safety Issues, Cllrs Parish/ Fowler

Extra ordinary Meeting held on the 16th Dec 2016 to update residents on what had been done so far regarding speeding issues/ HGVs on the High St, the recent Archers survey and the traffic calming measures being explored by the Traffic Working Party. Sergeant Blackwell was in attendance and repeated her request for residents to report any unauthorised 7.5t HGVs through the Stamford Facebook page for her team to investigate. This FB page, or telephone no. 101, can also be used for other incidents (non emergency). PC to recruit a member of the Road Safety Campaign to its working party.

b) South Witham Cemetery, Cllr van Straubenzee i) Jubilee tree/ plaque

Clerk to purchase plaque detailing Queen's 90th Birthday to mark the tree planted for this purpose, to agree spec. with Cllr van Straubenzee.

c) Church Lane/ High St flash flooding update, Cllr Jolley

No further flooding issues reported. Clerk to forward additional gully/ channel request to LCCllr Adams to follow up.

d) Fishpool Dyke i) Barriers quote/ specification, Cllr Jolley

SKDC Conservation Team confirmed that the specification is acceptable.

e) Village hedges, Cllr Fowler To liaise with Buckminster Estates / report at next meeting.

f) Monthly play area inspection, Cllr Oldfield Cllr Oldfield stated that all is in good order.

Planning Matters 17-009

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

i) Mr S Churchill, 5 High St, Pollard Willow tree to previous points No objections from SWPC

b) New planning applications received by SKDC for Parish Council comment after publication of the agenda

i) Mr James Eldrin, erection of 5 dwellings on land off Hillview Rd - SWPC objections raised to this application; Houses to be built are within the Conservation area, materials to be used are out of character with the houses in the area, the houses would be intrusive and overbearing to the neighbouring houses, access into Hillview Rd is inadequate. If dealing with application under Officer Delegation, SWPC requests that it goes before the Planning Committee and will send a PC representative to this meeting

c) SKDC planning permissions granted/refused

i) Mr W Mahon, Rose Cottage, 7 High St, permission granted by SKDC to cut back one Plum and one Ash tree

ii) S16/2421 Mr & Mrs Skinner, 7A Thistleton Lane, erection of a two storey dwelling- application withdrawn by applicant

Annual Parish Council Meeting , agree date / invitees, Cllr Fowler 17-010 SWPC agreed for this meeting to take place on Tuesday 4th April 2017 in the main hall of the VH, all local groups and the Primary School to be invited. This will be followed by the monthly PC meeting time permitting, else deferred to Tues 11th April 2017.

Correspondence 17-011

Litter at entrance to quarry access road identified as Breedon Quarry issue (not Mick George's), Breedon has since cleared the litter and installed signage and a litter bin. C & C Direct, Lincs Rural Tenant Matters

Any other business 17-012

LCC Highway Grass Cutting- due to budget reductions, verge safety cuts are to be reduced to twice a year, work to take place during the Summer season and amenity grass cuts will cease, therefore the areas affected will only receive the safety cuts as mentioned above.

LCC Street lighting – LCC to save £1.7m per yr by cutting street lighting in Lincs, by replacing lights with LED bulbs / part night lighting.

Clerk to chase up progress on items reported to SKDC i) silt on High St / Church Lane junction, ii) Clearing of vegetation on jitty opposite Blue Cow Pub iii) Clearing of vegetation on Wellfield to Templars footpath

Village Snow Warden Mick Chapman has been in contact with LCC re. refilling grit bins and has requested a new bin for Great Close/ Templars corner. The availability from LCC of a 1 tonne bag of salt for the village is at this point currently not possible due to its size / no storage available.

Cllr Ashton mentioned the increase in dogs off leads and dog fouling in the village. Cllr Fowler to put item in WW.

Appointment of third member 17-013 Cllr Smith

Date of next meeting 17-014 Tues 7th Feb at 7.30pm, Mrs S Milner, Executive Headteacher for the Brooke Hill Academy Trust (& therefore South Witham Primary School) to attend the Feb PC Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm