

SOUTH WITHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th Feb 2017 at 7.30pm

Present 17-015 Cllr C Fowler (Chair), Cllr C Ashton, Cllr F Parish, Cllr A White, Cllr A Smith, Cllr S Lansdowne, Cllr J Oldfield, Cllr K Jolley, Cllr C v Straubenzee, Cllr K Hodgkin, LCCllr/ SKDCllr R Adams, Mrs H Sandon (parish clerk), 6 residents

Apologies for Absence 17-016 Cllr M Kinning

Public Forum 17-017 A resident complained re. speeding motorists on the High St and HGVs breaking the 7.5t limit. He asked the PC to write to i) Police Commissioner re. the imbalance in spending ie. Precept charged to residents / spend back into the village ii) VOSA- requesting they monitor traffic on the High St for a day or two iii) Local MP. Cllr Fowler explained that the PC is aware of the traffic issues and has been working with the village and the Police, his suggestions will be considered by the PC under Road Safety issues later in the PC meeting.

A Resident raised the issue of a large pothole on the North Witham Rd which has damaged his car and that the sides of this carriageway are crumbling away. Resident to report pothole online to LCC.

Receive Declaration of Interests 17-018 Cllr White declared an interest in HGV discussions during Public Forum and Road Safety Issues.

Report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-019 LCCllr Adams advised SKDC has agreed a £4 increase to 2017/18 Precept for Band D properties. SWPC asked LCCllr Adams to help with the following issues, i) Church Lane broken barriers/perishing roadside into the Dyke, safety issue to motorists and pedestrians - reported on 6/2/17 to LCC by Cllr Fowler, clerk to forward photos to Mr Adams to request that this is assessed by LCC. ii) Great Close flooding issue- Mr Adams had established with SKDC that there is a blocked / or collapsed drain, Anglian Water is the responsible authority and has been contacted by SKDC to sort this problem. iii) To follow up request for street lamp to remain switched on at night, on Templars Way to Great Close Public footpath.

Notes of SWPC's monthly meeting held on the 10th Jan 2017 17-020 The notes of the meeting were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair in acceptance as minutes.

Financial Matters 17-021

a) Monthly Accounts SWPC total bank balance £21447.35, BMM £21174.71, Play project £272.64.

Payments; chqs issued 1) Helen Sandon (parish clerk pay/expenses) £506.43), 2) Janine Costello (litter picking - Jan) £105.00 & 3) reissue of Sept chq £210.00, as chq not received 4) Brunel Engraving Company Ltd (tree plaque / stake) £92.34 (gross of vat).

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

Clerk's and Councillors' reports on ; 17-022

a) Road Safety Issues, Cllrs Parish/ Fowler

Cllr Parish to call a meeting of the Road Safety and Highways Working Party to look at various interactive solar road signs. From the resident's requests made during the Public Forum part of the meeting, the PC agreed that the clerk should write to VOSA only, to request a visit to monitor High St traffic.

b) South Witham Cemetery, Cllr van Straubenzee i) Jubilee tree/ plaque Plaque specification agreed and purchased, cost £76.95 net, Cllr van Straubenzee to arrange install.

c) Allotment competitions 2017, Cllr Oldfield Various competitions to take place, including best allotment, tallest sunflower, biggest pumpkin, with judging to take place in August. Cllr Oldfield to sort advertisements.

Clerk to forward Allotment Agreement to all cllrs, to consider / agree changes at Mar PC Meeting.

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

No further flooding issues, Cllr Jolley to monitor.

e) Winter maintenance of village

i) Snow warden role Michael Chapman as Snow warden, to be village contact with LCC in times of adverse weather and to check grit bins are stocked to be used by all villagers for "self help". PC is aware from LCC literature and advice obtained by the clerk from Zurich (PC's Insurers), it is not the job of the Snow warden to grit the village, clerk to ensure this is communicated to Mr Chapman.

ii) Proposal by Snow warden to purchase a 25 ltr grit spreader £40 and a 20ft container for village salt £400-£800, to be located by the village hall Both declined by PC.

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

Planning Matters 17-023

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

i) S17/0156 Mr Brian Dodd, 24 Wellfield Close, erection of a single storey side extension and erection of timber fencing/ gates – no objections from SWPC

b) SKDC planning permissions granted/refused

ii) S16/2748 Mr Stephen Churchill, 5 High St, worked permitted by SKDC – pollard Willow tree to previous points.
Unsightly rubbish at Great Close house, Cllr Kinning 17-024 Cllr Hodgkins to ask owner to deal.

Jitty lighting (High St to Church St) Cllr Jolley 17-025 Cllr Jolley agreed to look into low cost solar lighting options.
Correspondence 17-026

LCC Future Operating Model (FOM) for Highways, alters the way in which service is both commissioned and delivered, new LCC contact details for general enquiries cschighways@lincolnshire.gov.uk, tel 01522 782070, Cllr Fowler to put details in Witham Word/ website. LCC Highway Grass Cutting Public Consultation.

Any other business 17-027 i) Fly tipping on Christmas Tree Lane (off Moor Lane), Cllr van Straubenzee to report online to SKDC. ii) Green bin at cemetery/ allotments – plastic/ other waste being put into green bin, Cllrs van Straubenzee/ Parish to sort “vegetation only” bin signage. iii) Village Litter Pick Day agreed for Sunday 23rd April, to be advertised by posters / WW/ website, clerk to book equipment with SKDC. iv) PC agreed that the Parish Meeting is to be held on Tues 4th April, 6.30– 7.30pm, followed by the PC April meeting at 7.30pm, everyone welcome, with all Village Groups, Primary School and Vicar to be invited. v) Cllr Ashton advised that there is to be an official opening of South Witham Academy on Weds 22nd Feb 2017, attended by the Mayor of Grantham, Cllr Linda Wootten. vi) Clerk reported that SKDC has cleared the vegetation in the High St to Church St jitty and on Wellfield Close to Templars Way footpath and the road sweeper has swept the whole of the village.

Appointment of third member 17-028 Cllr van Straubenzee

Date of next meeting 17-029 Tues 7th Mar at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm