

SOUTH WITHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present 17-030 Cllr C Fowler (Chair), Cllr F Parish, Cllr A White, Cllr A Smith, Cllr S Lansdowne, Cllr J Oldfield, Cllr K Jolley, Cllr C v Straubensee, LCCLlr/ SKDCllr R Adams, Mrs H Sandon (parish clerk), PCSO Chris Clarke

Apologies for Absence 17-031 Cllr M Kinning, Cllr C Ashton

Public Forum 17-032 none

Receive Declaration of Interests 17-033 Cllr Oldfield declared an interest in *Clerks & Councillors reports on; 17-037, e) South Witham Academy i) Ratification of letter to school re. proposed holidays.*

Report from LCCLlr Bob Adams 17-034 LCCLlr Adams assisting with the following issues,

i) Church Lane broken barriers/perishing roadside into the Dyke, safety issue to motorists and pedestrians , update – LCC Highways looking into responsibility for fencing as it may have been erected for safety reasons given the narrowness of Church Lane.

ii) Great Close flooding issue, update - Anglian Water confirmed that it is a surface water problem (not foul water) and therefore LCC Highways responsibility. Highways are aware and have investigated. SKDC has reported to Highways and clerk to further chase.

iii) Request for street lamp to remain switched on at night, on Templars Way to Great Close Public footpath declined at present time.

Cllr Parish requested Mr Adams help with traffic calming / road safety issues raised with LCC, as responses not received as yet.

Notes of SWPC's monthly meeting held on the 7th Feb 2017 17-035 The notes of the meeting were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair in acceptance as minutes.

Financial Matters 17-036

a) Monthly Accounts SWPC total bank balance £19334.39, BMM £19061.74, Play project £272.65.

Payments; chqs issued 1) Helen Sandon (parish clerk pay/expenses including reimbursement for cemetery green bin payment of £33.00) £527.15), 2) Janine Costello (Feb litter picking) £105.00, 3) D.G.M electrical (replace VH driveway lights with LEDs / repair/ hire of scissor lift) £546.42, 4) Ainscough Alarms (circuit fault/ parts) £148.80, 5) Tracy Stafford (replant 66 hedging plants / hedge cutting) £140.00, 6) Fran Parish (reimbursement for plants/ compost for Mill Lane/ Thistleton Lane troughs) £28.95.

Smart meter installed to electricity box.

b) Agree Policy for Value for Money spending, Cllr Fowler Policy agreed and therefore adopted by SWPC, to display policy on village website.

Clerk's and Councillors' reports on ; 17-037

a) Great Close flooding issue Covered in report from LCCLlr Bob Adams 17-034 above

b) Road Safety Issues/ Police Matters, Cllrs Parish/ Fowler

Road Safety Working Party held its meeting, main priority being an interactive solar road sign for the High St, on the approach from Mill Lane. Reported that Cllr White has very kindly agreed to pay towards this sign and Cllr White was therefore thanked by SWPC. Clerk asked to obtain information from other Parishes who have interactive signs, to find out effectiveness / issues, suggestions made Greetham, Carlby, Old Somerby.

Idea of additional concrete troughs at village approaches being looked at by the group, minimal cost involved and would slow the traffic.

Clerk had written to DVSA Grantham (prev. VOSA) to ask that they come and monitor HGVs on the High St (as requested by a resident at Feb PC Meeting) . Response from DVSA, they look at weight of HGVs, driver's hours, mechanical defects, mainly on the A1 locally. They would not be able to come out and monitoring SW village traffic. Any issues should be reported to the Police, clerk to advise resident.

Cllr Fowler had attended the recent NPT Police meeting and four SW residents were there to raise High St traffic issues. SWPC agreed to write to Police Commissioner re. speeding priorities.

PCSO Chris Clarke arrived at meeting and reported that he is having multiple complaints of nuisance re. football being played around the VH driveway and also on Wimberley Way green, PC also received an email complaint re. the latter. PCSO Clarke wanted to make SWPC aware, as the children are playing and not breaking any Laws, there is nothing he can do, apart from ask that they play further away from the houses. Agreed to put a request in WW for consideration towards neighbours when playing football, reduce amount of time VH lights are on and advise resident of discussions. Youth Group holiday dates to be given to PCSO Clarke so he may drop by.

c) Allotment Agreement- SWPC to sign off changes to the allotment agreement 2017/18, Cllr van Straubensee SWPC agreed to changes. Clerk to send out to allotment holders at the end of Mar/ early Apr for renewals / rent due as at 1st May 2017. Garden Angel (Tracy Stafford) had planted 66 new hedge plants/ hedge tidying £140.00, SWPC agreed that Tracy should continue with cemetery grass maintenance for 2017.

- d) Jitty lighting (High Street to Church St & Wellfield Close to Templars Way),Cllr Jolley**
Cllr Jolley had circulated various examples of LED lighting for these footpaths, he envisages the cost to be £300-£400 approx. including electrician. More information to be provided for the next PC meeting.
- e) South Witham Academy**
- i)Ratification of letter sent to school re. proposed holidays**
Letter had been sent by SWPC to SW Academy objecting to the proposed changes to school holiday dates to match Rutland, SWPC agreed this and also asked the clerk to forward to the Brooke Hill Trust to ensure it is considered as part of the consultation process.
- ii)Commonwealth Day- Flag raising** Cllr Ashton had advised the PC prior to the meeting that the school will be celebrating this again on Mon 13th March and raising the flag. Cllr Parish who is in school that day, to check with them if they would like her to read out the affirmation.
- f) Monthly play area inspection, Cllr Oldfield** All in good order.
- g) Annual Litter Pick- Sunday 23rd April** To take place at 10am, clerk has arranged equipment with SKDC, to collect Frid and deliver to SW / return afterwards. Two locations agreed for litter pick up - VH driveway and North Witham Rd, opposite. bus shelter. Cllr Parish or Fowler to lead day. Clerk to ask Cllr Hodgkin if able to provide refreshments and display posters in village/ website.
- h) Flytipping on Christmas Tree Lane (off Moor Lane)**
Reported by the clerk, to chase up.

Planning Matters 17-038

- a) New planning applications received by SKDC for Parish Council comment after publication of the agenda**
None
- b) SKDC planning permissions granted/refused** None
- c) Update on Breedon planning application**
S68/1560/16 (PL/0074/16) proposed Eastern and Western extensions to South Witham Quarry, the completion of operations in the existing quarry together with the relinquishment of the permitted area to the north of Mill lane, has been withdrawn as at 22/02/17. A new planning application has been submitted to LCC as at 3/3/17, for a Western extension only. A Non Technical Summary and proposed restoration concept plans have been received by SWPC detailing the new proposal, this has been circulated to all cllrs. The new planning application is yet to be received.

Annual Parish Meeting on the 4th April, Cllr Fowler 17-039 To be held 6.30- 7.30pm in the large VH room. Cllr Fowler had sent out various invitations, Sharon Milner, Exec. Headteacher for South Witham Academy will be coming and doing a short presentation. The Vicar and the VHMC are not able to attend. The Friends of the School are to advise soon if they are able to attend. All residents and local groups welcome and refreshments will be provided. Posters to go up in village/ website.

Correspondence 17-040

Colsterworth & District Neighbourhood Development Plan: Submission Publication, Clerks & Councils Direct

Any other business 17-041 none

Appointment of third member 17-042 Cllr White

Date of next meeting 17-043 Tues 4th Apr Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm, followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm.
Meeting closed at 9.15pm