

SOUTH WITHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th Apr 2017 at 7.30pm

Present 17-051 Cllr C Fowler (Chair), Cllr C Ashton, Cllr F Parish, Cllr A White, Cllr Hodgkin, Cllr M Kinning, Cllr A Smith, Cllr C v Straubenzee, LCCllr/ SKDCllr R Adams, Mrs H Sandon (parish clerk), 4 residents.

Apologies for Absence 17-052 Cllr S Lansdowne, Cllr J Oldfield, Cllr K Jolley, SKDCllr A Webster

Public Forum 17-053 Mick Chapman raised concerns of solar lighting in alleyway generating enough light to be effective in Winter months, plus if permitted as in Conservation area. Clerk to check if permitted with SKDC. He also explained he had found a supplier for the village website hosting which will save the PC £200 approx. over 3 yrs, details forwarded to clerk. Clerk to put on May agenda for voting by PC. A resident raised concerns regarding speeding vehicles under Thistleton Lane bridge and HGVs wing mirrors being found on the verges in the vicinity. Cllr Fowler advised that signage is to be installed very soon, to advise HGVs of the bridge / accessibility restrictions to the village.

Receive Declaration of Interests 17-054 none

Report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-055 LCCllr Adams to assist / chase up on the following outstanding LCC matters;

- i) Church Lane broken barriers/perishing roadside into the Dyke, safety issue to motorists and pedestrians , LCC Highways still looking into responsibility for fencing as it may have been erected for safety reasons given the narrowness of Church Lane, awaiting response.
- ii) Great Close flooding issue, update - Anglian Water confirmed that it is a surface water problem (not foul water) and therefore LCC Highways responsibility who have been notified, awaiting response.
- iii) Parish Council request for street lamp to remain switched on at night, on Templars Way to Great Close Public footpath declined at present time. However Cllr Adams said that these specific requests are to be reviewed in a few months time.
- iv) Cllr Ashton requested Mr Adams help with broken flagstones around the bus stop on Templars Way, Cllr Ashton to forward photos of problem to him.

Notes of SWPC's monthly meeting held on the 7th Mar 2017 17-056 The notes of the meeting were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair in acceptance as minutes.

Financial Matters 17-057

a) Monthly Accounts SWPC total bank balance £17349.16, BMM £17076.50, Play project £272.66.

Payments; chqs issued 1) Helen Sandon (parish clerk pay/expenses £491.95), 2) Janine Costello (Mar litter picking) £105.00, 3) Ainscough Alarms (annual alarm service) £160.80, 4) LALC Annual subscription £340.59, 5) Clare Fowler (reimbursement for APM refreshments) clerk to pay by account tfr £12.25.

Clerk confirmed that the VH business rates bill had been received from SKDC and with Small Business Relief of 100%, the rates bill for 2017/18 is £nil.

Grant Thornton Annual Return pack received for 2016/17 Accounts, deadline date for return 5th June 2017. Gordon Andrews has kindly agreed to do the Internal Audit once again. Clerk to request an extension to the deadline date to the 12th June, to allow for the Annual Return to be completed / signed off at the June PC meeting on the 6th June 2017.

Clerk's and Councillors' reports on ; 17-058

- a) **Great Close flooding issue, clerk** Covered in report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-055 above
- b) **Church Lane safety barriers, clerk** Covered in report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-055 above
- c) **Road Safety Issues, Cllrs Parish**
Cllr Parish had spoken with the Chairman of Old Somerby village to gain information regarding the effectiveness of the interactive speed signs in his village. Cllr Fowler has been assessing the possibility of additional troughs on the approaches into the village, Broadgate Lane verge may not be wide enough for purpose. Fibrecotta troughs £90 approx. for 3 being explored. Parking on pavements brought up with PC, making it difficult for residents to use footpaths, residents advised to send photos to Police (via Stamford Facebook page) to investigate. Meeting of Working Party to be arranged to discuss all further.
- d) **Village Hall driveway lighting, Cllr Fowler** VH solar lights installed recently has attracted a complaint re. the brightness / length of time lights are on for. To assess / liaise with the VHMC re. times of use, possibly reduce hrs and increase as needed when a function is held at the VH. A couple of Cllrs to be shown how to adjust timeclock.
- e) **Allotments, Cllr van Straubenzee**
Clerk has sent out the allotment renewals information for the new allotment year commencing the 1st May 2017. There are already a few available for rent, clerk to advertise around village / on website.
- f) **Solar street lighting options (High Street to Church St & Wellfield Close to Templars Way), Cllr Jolley**
In the absence of Cllr Jolley, deferred until next month.

- g) **Monthly play area inspection, Cllr Oldfield** Cllr Oldfield not present at meeting, but had reported to the Chair that all is in order.
- h) **Annual Litter Pick- Sunday 23rd April at 11am, Cllrs Fowler/Parish** To take place at the later time of 11am, posters advertising the event have been displayed, everyone welcome. Cllr Hodgkin kindly agreed to provide refreshments. Clerk to pick up / return equipment to SKDC and arrange litter pick up.

Planning Matters 17-059

- a) **New planning applications received by SKDC for Parish Council comment**
 - i) PL/0038/17 South Witham Quarry, Mill Lane - Development: Proposed Western extension 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 granted under the historic interim development order
Comments to be received by 18/4/17, PC agreed that the PC subcommittee who looked at the original planning application should meet and formulate the response, led by Cllr Jolley. Meeting to be arranged during the next week with Mr Morley and Cllr Adams agreeing to attend / assist with response.
- b) **New planning applications received by SKDC for Parish Council comment after publication of the agenda**
None
- c) **SKDC planning permissions granted/refused**
 - i) S17/0156, Mr B Dodd, 24 Wellfield Close, erection of single storey side extension and erection of timber fencing/gates, permission granted by SKDC.
 - ii) S16/2104, Mr S Brassington, Unit A & B Great Close, Alterations to, single storey extension and change of use of building from hairdressers to hot food takeaway (A5), permission granted by SKDC.

Correspondence 17-060

LCC Notice of Elections - displayed by clerk on village notice boards. LCR

Any other business 17-061 Increase in dog fouling around the village, Cllr Smith to ask Pauline Godbold to write a WW article regarding the dangers of dog poo to health from various diseases.

Clerk asked to contact South Witham Primary School to ask why the Community Flag was not raised for Commonwealth Day and to request that it is raised for St George's Day on the 23rd April 2017.

Clerk asked to write to Centrebus to request that they cut the engine when waiting outside the village shop, to minimise air pollution.

SKDC has put a "no ball games" sign up at Great Close green, clerk asked to be kept informed of any further problems.

Appointment of third member 17-062 Cllr Hodgkin

Date of next meeting 17-063 Tues 2nd May 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm