

SOUTH WITHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd May 2017 at 7.30pm

As Clare Fowler has stood down from the PC / Chairman of the PC, the clerk started the meeting until the Chairman was elected, see minute ref. 17-067.

Present 17-064 Cllr C Ashton, Cllr F Parish, Cllr A White, Cllr Hodgkin, Cllr M Kinning, Cllr A Smith, Cllr C v Straubenzee, Cllr S Lansdowne, Cllr J Oldfield, Cllr K Jolley, LCCllr/ SKDCllr R Adams, SKDCllr A Webster, Mrs H Sandon (parish clerk), 3 residents.

Apologies for Absence 17-065 none

Receive Declaration of Interests 17-066 Cllrs Smith and White both declared an interest in Planning Matters 17-074 a) ii) Mr & Mrs T Folwell, 27a Water Lane, demolition of existing single storey building and erection of a new dwelling and garage.

Election of Chairman/ Vice Chairman 17-067 After discussion by Cllrs, Cllr Jolley agreed to stand for Chairman. Cllr Jolley was proposed and with all in favour, was voted in as Chairman and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Ashton was proposed and with all in favour, was voted in as Vice Chairman.

Councillor Vacancy 17-068 A vacancy exists on the Parish Council following the resignation of Clare Fowler. Clerk to display the statutory notices around the village / website advertising the vacancy. To put on the June agenda to invite residents to apply for vacancy to be filled by co option, should a by- election not be called within 14 working days.

Public Forum 17-069 Two residents came along to discuss their planning application, *see agenda item, Planning Matters, 17-074 a) ii) below.*

Report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-070 LCCllr Adams explained that the new working arrangements at LCC mean that LCCllrs have now lost direct phone access to LCC staff, they too have to go through the new online reporting system like the general Public.

SWPC outstanding matters with LCC;

i) Church Lane broken barriers/perishing roadside into the Dyke - LCC (Mr Bonner) to update this week.

ii) Great Close flooding issue, still awaiting LCC response.

iii) Road Safety – Highway issues/ signage, information sought by Cllr Parish still not received.

SKDCllr Andrea Webster requested that all of these matters are forwarded to her to take up with Nick Boles on SWPC's behalf.

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the April monthly meeting, both held on the 4th Apr 2017 17-071

The notes of both meetings were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair in acceptance as minutes.

Financial Matters 17-072

- a) **Monthly Accounts** SWPC total bank balance £16281.21, BMM £18130.20, Play project £272.67. Payments; chqs issued 1) Helen Sandon (parish clerk pay/expenses £504.59), 2) Janine Costello (Apr litter picking-summer hours) £210.00, 3) Ainscough Alarms (door sensor fix 23/11/16) £132.00, 4) Jim Oldfield (reimbursement for cemetery car park lock) £ 9.47, 5) Chris Cunningham (bus shelter clean 18/3/17) £20.00, 6) Tracy Stafford (cemetery grass cutting Mar/Apr, 3 cuts at £60) £180.00, 7) Shelter Maintenance Ltd (bus shelter replacement Perspex) £234.00. Clerk advised of new 2 yr contract from 1st Sept 2017 for VH gas, sourced through “ Make it Cheaper”, again with CNG Ltd, 4.02 p/kwh hr, nil standing chg. VHMC invoiced for 1/2 Yr rent (Apr) £300.00. Open Spaces Society annual subscription reminder received £45, Cllrs decided not to continue with this subscription. *The PC agreed to change the South Witham website provider to Krystal at a cost of £59.99 for one year initially. Clook currently costs £120 p. a. Clerk to sort with Mick Chapman.*

b) EOY Account Return 2016/17

Grant Thornton agreed to extension to deadline return date to 12th June 2017. Accounts to go to Gordon this week for Internal Audit to be completed, PC to sign off at meeting on the 6th June 2017.

Clerk's and Councillors' reports on ; 17-073

- a) **Annual litter Pick- Sunday 23rd April, Cllr Parish** Cllr Parish advised that this was a great success with 27 people turning up to help. Cllr Hodgkin was thanked for providing the refreshments.

b) Road Safety Issues, Cllrs Parish

See also report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-055 iii) above.

30 mile signs partially obscured on Mill Lane / High St, Cllrs White and Oldfield offered to prune. Response from Marc Jones, Lincs Police and Crime Commissioner to SWPC letter re. speeding/ traffic issues – to be a Road Safety Summit in Lincs later in the year to discuss road safety issues in region, to take on board our comments and to publicise the Summit in due course. Cllr Parish to arrange a meeting of the subcommittee in the coming week.

- c) **Holiday Activities, Cllr Parish** Activities held in the Easter holidays. Cllr Parish has a variety of sports equipment in her garage, which needs to be in VH but currently insufficient storage. Cllrs Parish and Hodgkin to look at changing rooms for possible siting of a storage box / built in cupboard.
- d) **VH recreational field, Cllr Parish** Cllr Parish explained that the children want somewhere to play football, but are stopped from using large goals on VH rec, as footballs then hit residents' fencing (rear of Water Lane) as no football nets. Also with the resident complaints on Wimberley Way green of damage/ nuisance of kids playing football, they need a designated area to play. Matt O 'Dell may be able to help with free labour if for instance a target wall is built for goal practise. Other ideas 5 a side area, or general all weather pitch. Cllr Ashton offered to speak with Helen Anderson who led the Play Project Committee to install the skate park/play area, for advice re. fundraising / grants. To put on June agenda.
- e) **Great Close flooding issue, clerk** Covered in report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-070
- f) **Church Lane safety barriers, clerk** Covered in report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-070
- g) **Allotments, Cllr van Straubensee**
Monies / agreements being returned by allotment holders, clerk to chase remaining tenants. Vacant plots have been re let, with one plot remaining for hire. Enquiries to Cllr van Straubensee or the clerk.
Cllr Oldfield advised that the village Sunflower completion is underway, with a lot of interest, seeds had also been delivered to the Primary School.
- h) **Solar street lighting options (High Street to Church St & Wellfield Close to Templars Way),Cllr Jolley**
Cllr Jolley advised that the solar lighting would cost £200 approx. then £60-£70 to install, PC agreed to this request. Cllr White to speak with Mr Geeson to seek his approval as rear of his property before go ahead.
- i) **Monthly play area inspection, Cllr Oldfield** Cllr Oldfield reported that the skate park bin is completely broken, clerk to order a new one, Cllr Oldfield to concrete into place.

Planning Matters 17-074

- 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**
SWPC Planning Committee had met and formulated its response which was submitted to LCC by the 18/4/17 deadline set. Response summary - SWPC considers the application fair, as Breedon had taken into consideration residents' objections and had withdrawn the proposed Eastern extension. New application to fully comply with previous applications re.working hrs, dust and noise. Also the gesture of the company signing a Section 106 legal agreement relinquishing permitted areas to the North of Mill Lane under historic Interim Development consents be a binding guarantee for the village that this land is not used for any future quarrying activities by any party. Public Right of Way remains in place and application does not include any removal, remodelling or reshaping.
(Full response on file with the clerk, or can be viewed on the LCC website).
 - ii) **Mr & Mrs T Folwell, 27a Water Lane, demolition of existing single storey building and erection of a new dwelling and garage** No objections from SWPC.
- b) **New planning applications received by SKDC for Parish Council comment after publication of the agenda**
 - i)Mr & Mrs Taylor, 17 Church Street, trees in Conservation Area- Section 211 Notice, tree pruning - no objections from SWPC.
- c) **SKDC planning permissions granted/refused**
 - i)S16/2399 Mr James Eldrin, erection of 5 houses on land off Hillview Rd – permission refused by SKDC.

Cllr Representative for Rural Police Panel Meeting 17-075 Cllrs Jolley and Ashton agreed to go to the next Police panel meeting at Carby Village Hall, 6.30pm on Tuesday 23rd May 2017.

Correspondence 17-076

Centrebus reply re. bus engine running when idling outside village shop, stating that buses should not have engines running for more than a couple of minutes. If occurs again, to further report to Operations Manager to take up with driver.

LCC grass cutting 2017- funding for amenity cuts withdrawn as at 24/2/17, these areas to be done as part of safety cuts, 2 cuts a yr.

LCC letter re. new ways of working/ reporting faults/ engaging with Parish Councils.

LCC Notice of Poll for election of a County Councillor for Colsterworth Rural Election Division - displayed by clerk on village notice boards. LALC Emergency Planning Group conference 8/6/17 info.

Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan submission of site locations document under Reg 22.

SKDC new Local Plan consultation events, notice that these have been postponed until after the General Election.

Any other business 17-077

Bus shelter on North Witham Rd damaged on 24/4/17. Clerk arranged repair with Shelter Maintenance Ltd, glass panel has now been replaced with GRP (glass reinforced plastic- wired), cost £195 plus vat. Cllr Oldfield was thanked for clearing the glass from the site.

Following attendance / discussion with South Witham Academy at the Annual Parish Meeting last month, the PC is disappointed that the school has opted to go with Rutland and not Lincolnshire school holidays. This news has come to the PC unofficially, as the clerk has not been notified of this decision. Clerk to let the School know that the PC is very disappointed with its decision, as it has disregarded the majority view of the parents. Clerk to also remind the school that staff and parents are welcome to park at the VH and use the rear pathway to school, to ease congestion. The PC was glad to see that the school raised the Community Flag on St George's Day.

SKDC had confirmed that it had cleared the fly tipping on road from Moor Lane to Sewstern, (reported 21/2/17), Cllr van Straubenzee advised it is still there, clerk to check and further contact SKDC.

Cllr Hodgkin to speak with Mr Medcalf to see if VH driveway lights can be angled down, as still causing a nuisance to residents nearby.

Cllr Ashton reported that dogs in the Twyford Meadows area are causing a nuisance with barking, they are let out into their garden early morning and continue to bark for 2-3 hrs. He is establish which property is causing this problem.

Appointment of third member 17-078 Cllr Kinning

Date of next meeting 17-079 Tues 6th June 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.15pm