



Southam Parish Council



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Joyce Calam, Steve Lennon, Rebecca Prince, Pam Sissons, Rob Torrington, Joseph Welsh

Also Present: Clerk/RFO, County Councillor David Gray, Borough Councillor Nigel Adcock, 9 members of the public

204. To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Marilyn Harris

205. To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation

There were no declarations or requests

206. To receive and agree the minutes of the meetings held on 14th May 2024

The minutes were agreed with the following insertions:

Instead of Cllr Prince, Sissons, Lennon to “take the lead on this” change to “check whether refunds can be made from GOfund and to decide whether to publish the campaign leaflet produced by a resident”.

207. Receive reports from Parish Councillors

Staffing Committee – no report due

Village Hall – Cllr Prince reported a new Committee had been appointed with Kevin Wilcox as Chairman. The Village Hall have requested their own access to the Parish Council website to make changes.

Councillor Advocacy Scheme – Cllr Welsh reported the crime statistics. Traffic stats for the same period. Violent crime seemed connected with the Newlands site/car boot sales.

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HO Band	HO Category	Crime 01MAR24 31MAY24
Violence	Threats to Kill	1
Violence	Stalking	1
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	1
Sexual offences	Sexual assault on female 13+	1
Burglary	Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary	Residential Burglary of Unnconnected Building	2
Theft	Theft from vehicle	1
Theft	Other theft/unauth taking	1

HO Band	HO Category	Crime 01MAR24 31MAY24
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -other	1
Other notifiable	Obscene Publications etc	1
	Total	10

Incident Date	Incident No	Result	Location
15MAR2024	260	R03 - Rtc_damage only(inc animal rtc)	Southam Ln, Southam Lane Southam Cheltenham
26MAR2024	365	R03 - Rtc_damage only(inc animal rtc)	Aggs Hill, Aggs Hill Aggs Hill Cheltenham
19APR2024	440	R03 - Rtc_damage only(inc animal rtc)	Hyde Ln, Hyde Lane Prestbury Cheltenham
13MAY2024	490	R14 - RTC Death / Injury	Newlands Crossroads,anpr - Newlands X Roads In, . Bishops Cleeve Cheltenham
01JUN2024	291	R03 - Rtc_damage only(inc animal rtc)	B4632 Southam, B4632 Southam

Footpath Warden – Cllr Sissons has reported to Public Rights of Way:
 ASM45 - Nutterswood. Large tree down across the path, which can be climbed over
 Bentley Lane footpath blocked by fallen trees
 Willow tree across the path on the ASM16 Southam to Woodmancote footpath
 Kayte Lane footpath – some clearance observed but still unpleasant to walk

Internal Auditor – Cllr Welsh – confirmed he had checked the statements and vouchers for May
 Cleeve Common Trust – Cllr Torrington/Harris – no meeting as yet

208. Receive and request reports from the County/Borough Councillors

County Council have a 24 million surplus which will be put in reserves, 10 million will prevent cuts to services. 2 million will go to Highways and they may now refresh white lines and clear blocked signs. Will also pay for solar panels to go onto public buildings and E buses will be replacing older vehicles. GlosLEP amalgamating with GCC to form City Regional Board and will work on a new economic strategy.

Cllr Adcock will be attending licensing meeting of local concern. Tewkesbury Borough Council have set up a new Public Contact Centre. Has discussed Kayte Lane hearing with Legal team and there are more grounds for an objection.

209. Adjournment for public participation on items on the agenda (if about another subject residents should write to the clerk clerk@southamtoday.org.uk)

Written complaint about noise nuisance – Wychwood Festival – only one complaint but Council noted upcoming music event planned for July and would enquire how noise is going to be monitored by Tewkesbury Borough Council

210. Planning Consultations

APP/G1630/W/24/3336834 Application ref: 23/00641/FUL Kayte Lane Gypsy/Traveller site – The Chairman confirmed appointment of a planning specialist Ashtons Legal to represent the Parish Council with a written response of objection.

211. Planning Decisions by Tewkesbury Borough Council

23/01187/FUL Proposed extensions and detached garage. Cockbury Lodge Cockbury Court - Permit

212. Finance & Governance

1. To approve payments in June – **All approved**

Payments - June

Office Expenses	46.3
HMRC	101.2
Administration	404.66
Washington Printing - newsletter	174
Torrington Garden Services - grasscutting	120
J Preece - grasscutting	390
GAPTC - subscription	258.67
	<u>1494.83</u>

2. To approve the May bank reconciliation and May budget report. The Bank balance was confirmed at £14592.23 and the budget report was noted

3. Update on public donations for planning specialist and discuss whether to canvas local businesses - £3527 received to date, Council confirmed local businesses would be canvassed.

A resident interrupted business with a request to see the planning brief and how it was going to make a difference to proceedings. Two residents felt that not enough information given to the public. (In response to this same complaint the previous month a resident had put out a leaflet with a GOfund link.)

Parish Councillors explained the efforts they had gone to in engaging with the public, to work with the Borough Council and to get answers to assist them. There wasn't a satisfactory response but small progress in the prospect of having discussions on the site development plan for Green Orchard. Cllr Adcock offered to follow up on the unanswered questions.

Residents had reported enforcement issues (electricity supply from neighbouring property/septic tank) to Tewkesbury Borough Council but nothing seemed to be done.

Parish Councillor also made reports but no enforcement notice issued and site attendance by TBC ineffective. Cllr Adcock to follow up.

Parish Councillor also enquired whether County and Borough can work together to identify traveller site provision – Cllr Gray and Cllr Adcock to take this up.

4. Approve 2024 version of Financial Regulations – deferred until next meeting

213 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th July 2024

