



## Southam Parish Council



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm

Councillors Present : Joyce Calam, Marilyn Harris, Steve Lennon, Rebecca Prince, Pam Sissons

Also Present: Clerk/RFO, 9 members of the public

214. To receive apologies

**Apologies were accepted from Rob Torrington, Joseph Welsh**

215. To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation

**There were no declarations or requests**

216. To receive and agree the minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**The Minutes were agreed as a true record**

217. Receive reports from Parish Councillors

Staffing Committee – no report due

Village Hall – Cllr Prince – Village Hall pub night did very well and many events planned.

The Committee have investigated criteria for funding but the village would not be considered rural enough to qualify.

Footpath Warden – Cllr Sissons – Cotswold Wardens asked to check footpath ASM112, other matters still outstanding

Internal Auditor – Cllr Welsh – **Cllr Sissons checked the transactions for June**

Cleeve Common Trust – Cllr Torrington/Harris – Cllr Prince reported that National Grid are consulting on their plans for underground cabling and are now making a Section 38

Commons Act application.

Clerk/Councillor Reports:

- meeting with GCC Highways – Clerk has met with GCC highways and requested renewal of white lines, red hatching and additional 30mph roundels and replacement of faded 30mph sign, bollards, horse sign on New Road. Also discussed Gotherington Lane traffic calming which appears effective and much needed in Southam and Woodmancote which jointly suffer from through traffic and speed. The national speed limit stretch of New Road no longer seems appropriate or safe but GCC seemed unaware of recent cars overturned in ditch. Woodmancote & Southam need to work together to achieve better traffic control.
- correspondence with TBC Environmental Health re events – events at the Racecourse come under Cheltenham Borough and event organisers are the contacts for complaints. No explanation forthcoming about the mitigation of noise. Events at Newlands monitored by TBC and emergency contact number is on PC website home page.
- Enforcement of Land East of Kayte Lane Injunction – Freedom of Information request denied. TBC appear to have been very slow in taking action and this has meant that the Planning Appeal will be heard before the Injunction. The Planning Inspector cannot consider the Injunction therefore may void the purpose of the Injunction. The

Parish Council has submitted an objection. The Council meeting with County/Borough Councillors to discuss unmet need.

- Enforcement of Green Orchard Planning Conditions – Views of the Parish Council submitted and put on file by TBC. TBC do not agree with all the points raised and will not seek judicial review of appeal decision even though there seems to be some inaccuracy in the detail.
- Discussions with Woodmancote PC re Greenbelt – positive meeting attended by Councillors with same aims expressed

#### 218. Receive and request reports from the County/Borough Councillors

Cllr Adcock reported:

Similarly to June due to the elections, little to report.

- Kayte Lane – Officers have responded to questions from the Clerk and Councillor Sissons. Nigel was invited to a meeting between SPC and DG. Although away very happy to take part via Teams or Zoom
- Enquiry re The Willows, Southam Lane. Access through a hedge and over a stream and associated dropped curb. I spoke to James Lloyd, the case number is 24 00419/CLP. This is a certificate of Legal purpose and not a Planning Application per se. The planning department have to assess to see if the proposal fills “permitted development rights”. If it does then they have no choice but to issue the certificate. As this is not a planning permission it does not need to be advertised.
- Issue in Southam from a resident regarding bin collection. I visited the resident, took photographs of the location and engaged TBC, currently waiting on UBICO to reply to my second email to them.

#### 219. Adjournment for public participation on items on the agenda (if about another subject residents should write to the clerk [clerk@southamtoday.org.uk](mailto:clerk@southamtoday.org.uk))

Steve Ratcliff of Cheltenham Tigers Rugby Club was present to explain their 5 year plan for expansion. Due to the success of wheelchair sport it was deemed necessary to extend the premises with a new sports hall. Plans have been drawn up and were previewed at the meeting. The location of the building was a concern. Questions were raised as to how this would fit with other activities on the carpark and how the building would be screened from Cleeve Hill. Steve expressed some frustration with the car boot sales in the field opposite which cause traffic clash with the club activities.

A resident mentioned she had raised the faded white lines at the head of Southam Lane/Old Road with GCC highways.

A resident asked if the newsletter was now costing less with reduced circulation. – The cost was the same last month and needs investigation.

#### 220. Planning Consultations

24/00426/FUL Replacement of existing conservatory with single storey side extension. Cleeve Hill Hotel Cleeve Hill Southam – **comment – it would be helpful if the applicant used rainwater harvesting methods.**

The Willows Southam Lane Southam Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 3NY  
24/00419/CLP Creation of new access with dropped kerb – **not discussed**

## 221. Planning Decisions by Tewkesbury Borough Council

Street Trading Licence – Tigers Rugby Club - The Committee granted the licence to trade for 12 months, in line with the Application, as they considered that there was no evidence of the issues that SPC and the Ward Councillors put forward (litter, traffic, potential visual impact, potential anti-social behaviour etc). This is despite the Club itself writing in their support letter, that a litter and traffic problem currently exists.

## 222. Finance & Governance

1. To approve payments in July

### **Payments were approved as follows:**

#### **Payments July**

June & July office expenses	92.6
Administration	404.66
PAYE	101.2
Village Hall - meetings	60
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Bills also expected for grasscutting £390, stationery £7 and plants £?

2. To approve the June bank reconciliation and June budget report – **The bank reconciliation was agreed at £14698.70. June Expenditure £938.53 Receipts £1045.00**
3. Update on public donations for planning specialist and discuss next steps – Donations of £4200 received to date. A final push for donations to be made through the newsletter/via email this month. **The Council will proceed within the confines of the funding.**
4. Approve 2024 version of Financial Regulations – deferred from last meeting - **approved**
5. Discuss implementation of the Biodiversity Action Plan – **The first stage of raising awareness will be implemented via usual media by the Clerk. A litter pick might bring community members together – Cllr Prince to circulate details.**
6. Councillors to inspect grit bins in their areas and report on condition, consider whether salt bags are required and where they can be stored. **Reports to be provided to the Clerk – Cllr Sissons**
7. Consider whether a road closure is required for this year's Remembrance Service – **Agreed to apply for road closure at £100.**

## 223. Date of Next Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> September unless an extraordinary meeting is required in August