

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**
Held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

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REMOTE (online) MEETING

PRESENT WERE:

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| Cllr J Blundell | Cllr J Sewell |
| Cllr S Criswell | Cllr D Skeggs |
| Cllr C Dolby | Cllr D Smith |
| Cllr T Hulme | Cllr R Sutton (In the Chair) |
| Cllr D Potter | Cllr R Woolway |
| Cllr T Sansom | Cllr G Wooster |

Miss M Blewett, Deputy Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from.
Cllr C White – work commitment
Parish Clerk Mrs P Bryant - Illness
Administrator Mr A Scriven - Illness

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Sewell – Pecuniary interest 21/00172/HHFUL 13 Locksgate Somersham

3. PUBLIC FORUM

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom, seconded by Cllr Skeggs and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to close the meeting for a period of time to allow members of the public to participate in an open forum. The meeting closed at 19:32 and was reconvened at 19:53.
Matters discussed: Planning application 19/02289/REM Land East of West Newlands, Somersham

4. PLANNING MATTERS

a) PLANNING APPLICATION

21/00066/FUL The Centurian Hall High Street Somersham PE28 3EE
Upper floor extension providing three apartments, extension to existing store building, change of use of ground floor areas of building to form restaurant (A3)

It was proposed by Cllr Wooster, seconded by Cllr Sewell and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection, the design is appropriate and the proposal in keeping with the street scene.

1/00172/HHFUL 13 Locksgate Somersham PE28 3HZ
One and two storey rear/side extension to house

Cllr J Sewell was moved to the waiting room before discussion of the planning application.
It was proposed by Cllr Blundell, seconded by Cllr Sansom and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection, the proposal is in keeping with the property and street scene and many nearby dwellings have the same design.

19/02289/REM Land East of West Newlands, Somersham

Approval of reserved matters (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 15/00917/OUT for a proposed 70 bed residential care home.

It was proposed by Cllr Skeggs, seconded by Cllr Blundell and RESOLVED by 7 votes for and 5 against to recommend objection, the proposed building materials are too dark and dull.

The care home building design lacks character, it would be unappealing to potential care home residents and does not make a suitable impact statement to the entrance of the village.

CLLR CRISWELL ALSO RAISED THE FACT THAT WE HAD ORIGINALLY ENGAGED WITH THE APPLICANT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A MINI-ROUNDBOAT AT THE NEW JUNCTION; THE APPLICANT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO DESIGN THE ACCESS TO ACCOMMODATE THIS PROVIDED THE PC WAS ABLE TO FUND THE ADDITIONAL COST. CLLR CRISWELL PROPOSED THAT WE PURSUE THIS.

b) PLANNING APPROVED

20/02603/HHFUL 100 The Trundle Somersham Huntingdon PE28 3JS

Two storey side extension

20/02017/FUL Silks Farm Day Nursery St Ives Road Somersham Huntingdon PE28 3ET

Demolish existing single storey extension and replace with new single storey.

20/02001/FUL Land At Windy Ridge Farm Pidley Road Somersham

Demolition of Agricultural Buildings and Construction of 1no. Dwelling and Garage

20/02012/TREE Grantchester House 12B The Bank Somersham Huntingdon PE28 3DJ

T1 Ash: The tree has been heavily reduced in the past. Pruning work is proposed to maintain the tree at it's current size, and to minimise end weight on new growth points. Reduce crown by 1.5m, Remove one low branch over driveway to improve shape, Remove small branches close to phoneline along road, to allow 30-40cm clearance from cable

c) PLANNING REFUSED

20/01517/HHFUL 7 The Grange 65 High Street Somersham Huntingdon PE28 3JB

Replacement windows

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d) PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Huntingdonshire DC 20/00178/ENUAG - Cuckoo Bridge Farm – updated information on HCV traffic movements requested from councillors

Huntingdonshire DC Development Management Team Update from Councillor Jon Neish, portfolio holder for Strategic Planning.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2021

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Blundell, seconded by Cllr Potter and RESOLVED by 10 votes for and 2 abstention to be a true record of events. The Minutes will be signed by the Chairman as soon as practical in the current lock-down situation.

6. FILL VACANCIES ON PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES AND AS REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Jon Sewell to join the Environmental and Localism Working Party, Huntingdonshire and Hunts Flood Forum

Cllr Wooster to join the Finance Working Party

Cllr Dolby to join the Thomas Hammond Trust

7. **POLICE REPORT**

Emailed to Councillors:

- i. Weekly Policing Updates

8. **REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEVE CRISWELL**

Cllr Criswell reported he was still immersed in COVID-19 issues but can say covid reports are reducing. Cambridgeshire are also helping with the Vaccination roll out and the Vaccination reluctance.

The winter grant is being extended offering free school meals over Easter. *ESTIMATED TO COST AROUND*
Wheatsheaf Crossroads - The new traffic light design has been chosen and ~~the funding of 1.2 Million~~
~~has successful. The work should be commencing at the end of the current financial year.~~

IF HIS FINAL FUNDING BID IS SUCCESSFUL WORK

9. **PARISH CLERK'S REPORT Inc.**

a. **Matters Arising Report & Updates:**

- i. Meeting held with Churches on Death of a Senior National Figure – 24th February 2021

b. **Correspondence emailed to councillors:**

- ii. RSN online – updates
- iii. CAPALC bulletin & NALC CEO bulletins
- iv. Cambridgeshire ACRE Doomsday Book 2021
- v. The Connections Bus Project – Update February 2021 Winter Newsletter
- vi. Envar Winter Newsletter
- vii. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate Change – Global Challenge, Local Action – event on Monday 15th March 2021 11 am

10. **FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT including: -**

- a. **The Monthly Accounts** - The accounts were proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Potter and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to be accepted.

- b. **Huntingdonshire DC** – Precept notification letter for 2021-2022

Notified Precept of:	£233,817
Tax Base for Area (Equated number of Band D Properties)	1403
Band D Charge (to cover Local Council Precept)	£166.66

- c. **The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils affiliation renewal for 2021-2022** (affiliation pack emailed to councillors) = £783.97

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Blundell and RESOLVED by 10 votes for and 2 abstentions to renew the affiliation membership with CAPALC

- d. Quarterly Risk assessments – have been emailed and should be completed under COVID secure guidelines by councillors
- e. Finance Working Party Meeting deferred from 22nd February 2021 at 7 pm
 - i. To accept the bank balances @ 31st January 2021 -- The Bank balance was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Potter and RESOLVED by 10 votes for and 2 abstentions to be accepted.
 - ii. To Review the Budget at Quarter 3 (up to 31st December 2020)
 - iii. To Review the Earmarked Reserves @ 31st January 2021

iv. To Discuss the Community Library earmarked reserve & future funding - It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Dolby and RESOLVED by 8 votes in favour, 4 abstentions to agree the future funding for the library will be as a grant paid directly to the library and any utilities etc currently paid by DD by the parish council recharged to the library to come out of the annual grant. The 2021/2022 grant is £3000.

11. **HIGHWAY MATTERS including Public Footways - Repairs/ Maintenance**

a. **Highway repair/maintenance matters** - A pot hole is reported to have resurfaced after the repair has sunk on Parkhall Road

Email correspondence –

- i. Passenger Transport – Stagecoach timetable updates – V2
- ii. A14C2H Archaeology Release
- iii. A141 News – Have your say!

12. **STREET LIGHTING**

a. To consider a quote from Clear Utility Solutions to move the parish street lamps unmetered electricity supply away from E-ON to an alternative green energy supplier - Postponed until Monday 12th April 2021

13. **ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE SOMERSHAM NATURE RESERVE GROUP DRAFT MINUTES – 10th February 2021**

Emailed to councillors.

Thanks were given to the office staff for work towards and the placement of the new sea containers to replace the old deteriorating container.

14. **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

It was proposed by Cllr Criswell, seconded by Cllr Sansom and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to close the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. The meeting was closed at 20.35 and reconvened at 20.50

The Parish Council received an uncommon request for a private business to build a permanent structure and operate that business on parish owned land. Due to the unusual circumstances and what this meant for the Council should the business fail and the liability to the public purse, the Clerk sought legal advice for councillor’s consideration.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Dolby and in line with the legal advice received to object to the request.

RECORDED VOTE

For: Cllr Sutton, Cllr Hulme, Cllr Wooster, Cllr Dolby, Cllr Blundell, Cllr Woolway, Cllr Sansom, Cllr Smith, Cllr Criswell, Cllr Skeggs, Cllr Sewell

Against: none


Abstention: Cllr Potter

15. **NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Cllr Wooster requested to have more trees on Station Land, to be put onto the next agenda.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30 pm by Zoom conferencing.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 20:55

 13/4/21
Richard Sutton, Chairman

COUNTS	Salaries	£0.00	£7,184.70	£7,184.70
SS	Pension Fund	£0.00	£479.94	£479.94
ST	Pension Fund	£0.00		£0.00
MRC	Tax & NI	£0.00	£2,184.15	£2,184.15
Tabrett	T'ai Chi session - January 2021	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
m Godfrey	Nordic Walking sessions - January 2021	£0.00	£70.00	£70.00
le & Day	Fuel - 16th - 31st October 2020	£7.69	£38.45	£46.14
s C Pleasants	Shopping refund	£0.00	£4.99	£4.99
Adhams Rehab	WhatsApp exercise classes - January 2021	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
Blackwell	Tree surgery - Inv 100320	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00
on	Electricity - street lights	£5.18	£103.55	£108.73
s C Pleasants	Shopping refund	£0.00	£7.74	£7.74
s L Garrick	Starfish Yoga - January 2021	£0.00	£210.00	£210.00
le & Day	Fuel - 1st - 15th February 2021	£6.99	£33.05	£40.04
k Building Construction	Sea container installation, lake area	£1,828.00	£9,140.00	£10,968.00
Potts Heating &				
m	Kitchen boiler installation - balance payment	£609.70	£2,915.22	£3,524.92
Blackwell	Tree surgery - Inv 100321	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00
tashredders Ltd	Shredding confidential paper	£12.00	£60.00	£72.00
ntingdonshire DC	Residual bin weekly collections 1 Jan - 31 March 2021	£0.00	£184.60	£184.60
CC Enterprises	Code of Conduct training	£19.00	£95.00	£114.00
PO	Gas	£26.15	£130.74	£156.89
	TOTAL	£2,514.71	£24,202.13	£26,716.84
<u>Electronic payments</u>				
Business	Qtr - to receive			£0.00
lk Talk Business	01487 841359 & internet -	£5.60	£28.00	£33.60
lk Talk	CIC-01487 840266 - to receive			£0.00
emens	Printer lease rental - not due			£0.00
rpl e warehouse	K lxxer - mobile contract payment	£1.25	£6.25	£7.50
gaff	P Bryant - mobile contract payment	£1.25	£6.25	£7.50
ntingdonshire DC	Sea Container - Rates -	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Norwood Building - rates	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Millennium Sports Facility - Rates	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Electricity - Multi sports area - QRT 4 - meter read			£0.00
	Electricity - Lake sea container - Qtr 4 - meter read			£0.00
	Electricity - Norwood Building - QTR 4 - meter read			£0.00
	Electricity - Library - QRT 1 (2021-2022)	£23.60	£550.98	£574.58
	Electricity - Millennium Sports Facility - QRT 4 (2020-2021)	-£2.75	£325.10	£322.35
	Gas - Millennium Sports Facility - QTR 4 (2020-2021)	£5.22	£503.17	£508.39
	TOTAL	£34.17	£1,419.75	£1,453.92

		February/21		
<u>Maximum Card</u>				
tie Ixer	Shopping payments	£92.00		£92.00
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ghtPay	Cloud access for staff pay slips	£0.56	£2.82	£3.38
f Gaff	M Tyers mobile	£0.00	£6.00	£6.00
ck George Ltd	Skip hire	£36.33	£181.67	£218.00
icrosoft online	Office 365 & monthly subscription	£0.00	£65.19	£65.19
amazon UK	Office items	£0.00	£44.68	£44.68
G	Computer security subscription	£0.00	£65.87	£65.87
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£36.89</u>	<u>£366.23</u>	<u>£495.12</u>

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