

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30 p.m.
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REMOTE (online) MEETING

On behalf of Somersham Parish, the Chairman expressed his deepest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen, members of the Royal Family and extended members of the Royal Household on the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh.

In line with the Royal Family wishes detailed on their website, the Chairman will make a donation to charity instead of a floral tribute in memory of the Duke.

There is an online book of condolence @ www.royal.uk and the Chairman encouraged all those that wished to do so to add their condolences.

Somersham Parish Council held a minute's silence in memory of the Duke and his life dedicated to serving the nation in particular supporting the Queen since her Accession in 1952.

PRESENT WERE:

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

Mrs P Bryant, Clerk,
Miss M Blewett, Deputy Clerk
Mr A Scriven, Administrator

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from.

Cllr C Dolby - personal reasons
Cllr C White – work commitment
Cllr R Woolway - work commitment
Cllr D Smith - Absent

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D Potter – Prejudicial interest 21/00584/HHFUL 14 Church Street Somersham

3. PUBLIC FORUM

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom, seconded by Cllr Sewell 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 19:34 and was reconvened at 19:35 as no members of the public present.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

a) PLANNING APPLICATION

21/00282/FUL Floral Elegance Florist Pidley PE28 3FL
Erection of agricultural shed

It was proposed by Cllr Wooster, seconded by Cllr Skeggs and RESOLVED by 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention, to recommend no objection, the proposed agricultural shed seems reasonable for the location.

21/00140/HHFUL 38 High Street Somersham PE28 3JA
Proposed single storey oak framed timber clad building

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom, seconded by Cllr Wooster and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection, the proposed timber building has a nice design and good materials are planned for the construction. The building is in keeping with the property and street scene.

21/00141/LBC 38 High Street Somersham PE28 3JA
Proposed single storey oak framed timber clad building

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom, seconded by Cllr Wooster and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection, the proposed timber building has a nice design and good materials are planned for the construction. The building is in keeping with the property and street scene.

21/00565/HHFUL Rivington 11 St Ives Road Somersham PE28 3ER
Single storey rear extension

It was proposed by Cllr Wooster, seconded by Cllr Skeggs and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection, the proposed extension is at the rear of the property and it is in keeping.

Cllr D Potter was moved to the waiting room before discussion of the planning application at 19:46

21/00584/HHFUL 14 Church Street Somersham PE28 3EG
Single Storey extension

It was proposed by Cllr Skeggs, seconded by Cllr Wooster and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection, the proposed extension is in keeping with the property and street scene.

Cllr D Potter was brought back into the meeting at 19:48

b) PLANNING APPROVED

20/02602/HHFUL 126 High Street Somersham
Single storey side and rear extension. Replacing existing garage, new garage replacing side office and new front entrance porch

20/01556/HHFUL 10 Mortimer Row Somersham PE28 3YQ
Erection of lean-to car port (Retrospective Application)

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

Cllr Criswell asked for amendments to the minutes;

Adding additional information for planning application 19/02289/REM Land East of West Newlands, Somersham. Cllr Criswell also raised the fact that we had originally engaged with the applicant about the possibility of a mini-roundabout at the new junction, even though Highways could not insist upon it. 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. Following a discussion it was decided to defer this until the next meeting.

Cllr Criswell's Report Wheatsheaf Crossroads: The new traffic light design has been chosen and estimated to cost around £1.2m. If his final funding bid is successful work should be commencing at the end of the current financial year.

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Sewell, seconded by Cllr Potter and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote 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. **POLICE REPORT**

Emailed to Councillors:

- i. Weekly Policing Updates

7. **CONFIRM NOTICES RECEIVED FOR THE ORDINARY ELECTIONS FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCILLORS, COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYOR AND THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

It has been received.

8. **TO SET UP A SOMERSHAM LOCAL PARTNERSHIP GROUP & INVITE KEY ORGANISATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL TO JOIN**

Cllr Criswell proposed a Local Partnership Group and to invite key organisations to a quarterly meeting with the aim to help one another or to clear up any misunderstandings within the community. With the aim in having a more partnership relationship with the community, such as the scouts, library, playgroups, health care services.

It was proposed by Cllr Hulme, seconded by Cllr Skeggs and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to agree to move forward with the creation of the group.

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

Report Emailed

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

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

- i. M & G Charibond Dividend £1.40

b. **Correspondence emailed to councillors:**

- ii. RSN online – updates
iii. CAPALC bulletin & NALC CEO bulletins
iv. Victory Hall Management Committee AGM Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30 pm by Zoom

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

- a. **The Monthly Accounts** - The accounts were proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sansom and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to be accepted.
b. PKF Littlejohn – AGAR notification email received for 2020/2021

12. **DISCUSSION HELD BETWEEN COUNTY COUNCILLOR S CRISWELL AND MRS E EVANS, CHAIRMAN, FOSL ON THE 2021/2022 LIBRARY GRANT PROPOSAL**

Cllr Criswell updated the Council on the meeting he attended and to have future partnership meetings. There would be a grant of £3000 to the Library and any addition accrued by the Library would be paid by the Library, they would also receive scanned bills in future for their records. It was proposed by Cllr Blundell, seconded by Cllr Skeggs and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to agree to hold partnership meetings going forwards.

13. **REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

- a. Summary Report of Matters discussed and agreed by the Committee
b. Code of Conduct – update + mandatory training on 17th May at 7 pm
c. Update on the Review of the Parish Council's Community Engagement & make connections with Councillor Wishes & Training Needs

14. **APPROVE THE REVISED PUBLICATION SCHEME**

Councillors were emailed a copy, It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Blundell and RESOLVED with 7 votes in favour and 2 absentions to propose no objection.

15. **APPROVE THE RECORDING & FILMING OF FILMING MEETINGS POLICY**

Councillors were emailed a copy, It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sewell and RESOLVED with a unanimous vote to update the 2018 version.

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

- i. **Highway repair/maintenance matters** - Cllr Criswell will pursue the roundabout at the entrance to the village and of the new plans for the Land East of West Newlands, Somersham and will enquire with the planners to see if its possible.
- ii. Email correspondence – none

17. **STREET LIGHTING**

- a. To consider a quote from Clear Utility Solutions to move the parish street lamps unmetred electricity supply away from E-ON to an alternative green energy supplier

It was proposed by Cllr Hulme, seconded by Cllr Wooster and RESOLVED by 8 votes in favour and 1 abstention to recommend no objection.

18. **REPORT OF THE SOMERSHAM NATURE RESERVE GROUP – meeting held 7th april 2021**

Cllr Samson's report was emailed to Councillors.

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

The Deputy Clerk will be organising an Environmental meeting with Philip Clark and with the Working Party

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.00 pm by Zoom conferencing.
The Annual Meeting on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 8:00 pm by Zoom conferencing

There being no further business the meeting finished at 21:01


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Richard Sutton, Chairman

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ACCOUNTS	Salaries	£0.00	£7,185.46	£7,185.46
SS	Pension Fund	£0.00	£479.94	£479.94
ST	Pension Fund	£0.00	£278.67	£278.67
ARC	Tax & NI	£0.00	£2,183.83	£2,183.83
Office Staff	Home working allowance	£0.00	£1,248.00	£1,248.00
Don	Electricity - street lights	£4.68	£93.53	£98.21
Cambridge Water	Water - Norwood Building & Victory Hall	£0.00	£36.91	£36.91
	Water - library	£0.00	£39.09	£39.09
	Water - Millennium Sports Facility	£0.00	£75.40	£75.40
Olives Quick Print	Time Bank leaflets	£0.00	£135.00	£135.00
Ke Tabrett	T'ai Chi sessions	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
Adams	Seated exercise	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
CC	Membership subscription - M Blewett	£0.00	£185.00	£185.00
Diarrick	Starfish yoga	£0.00	£210.00	£210.00
Le Fay	Fuel - 1st March - 15th March	£9.11	£42.40	£51.51
Ms K Ixer	Expenses refund	£0.00	£9.00	£9.00
Ms P Bryant	Expenses refund	£0.00	£9.00	£9.00
Ms S Blackwell	Tree work - Inv 100326	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00
De Landscape Centre Ltd	Play bark	£304.00	£1,520.00	£1,824.00
Deve	Water - Millennium Sports Facility	£0.00	£68.84	£68.84
	Water - Norwood Building & Victory Hall	£0.00	£54.66	£54.66
	TOTAL	£317.79	£14,374.73	£14,692.52

Electronic payments

Business	Qtr - to receive			£0.00
ik Talk Business	01487 841359 & internet - due 1 April 2021	£5.60	£28.00	£33.60
ik Talk	CIC-01487 840266 - to receive			£0.00
mem	Printer lease rental - not due			£0.00
ophone warehouse	K Ixer - mobile contract payment	£1.25	£6.25	£7.50
fgaff	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 - Qtr 4	£1.58	£31.66	£33.24
	Electricity - Lake sea container - Qtr 4 - meter read			£0.00
	Electricity - Norwood Building - QTR 4			£0.00
	Electricity - Library - QRT 2 (2021-2022)			£0.00
	Electricity - Millennium Sports Facility - QRT 1 (2021-2022)			£0.00
	Gas - Millennium Sports Facility - QTR 4 (2020-2021)	£5.22	£503.17	£508.39
	TOTAL	£14.90	£575.33	£590.23

Maximum Card

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tie Ixer	Shopping payments	£0.00	£100.30	£100.30
Anderson Chemist	TB materials	£0.00	£9.15	£9.15
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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
icrosoft	OneDrive	£0.00	£1.99	£1.99
amazon UK	External Hard drive	£0.00	£84.99	£84.99
ckes	Printer ink, office materials	£0.00	£133.60	£133.60
st Office	Paint	£0.00	£32.40	£32.40
	Postage	£0.00	£5.25	£5.25
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£0.56</u>	<u>£267.05</u>	<u>£267.61</u>

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Parish Council report for April. Cllr Steve Criswell.

Wheatsheaf Crossroads

As you may have seen in the press, my final funding bid is now in place. HDC colleagues have approved £500k of CIL funding to add to the £700k allocated from various CCC budgets. This process has been a challenging one, not least because of the competing demands on budgets.

We have a deliverable traffic light solution for the junction. The work is substantial as it involves widening of the road to accommodate direction lanes. Once it is operating these additional lanes will reduce the interruption of traffic flow on the B1040 as much as possible. Preparatory work will be undertaken over the summer with the intention of commencing on site by the end of this year.

Road Infrastructure

Two work streams are running concurrently which should soon be joining up. District Cllr Neish and I sit on both steering groups.

A141/Huntingdon Capacity Study - being conducted by the Combined Authority is considering how to reduce congestion by separating strategic and local traffic to the north of Huntingdon. A combination of bypass and sustainable travel options have just been through public consultation.

St Ives Area Transport Study – being conducted by CCC, is considering similar issues around the north of St Ives. Initial work to identify interim solutions by changes to junction layout etc has found no quick fix. The Combined Authority has agreed to fund the next stage to investigate more strategic improvements.

HCV traffic

I chair the county council working group that has been tasked with reviewing policy across the whole county. Hauliers are under pressure to deliver goods and services to industry, retail outlets and house builders as economically as possible and rural villages are understandably keen to avoid the effect of heavy traffic on their communities. It is clear that treating individual villages in isolation is not helpful. We need a consistent and workable solution that achieves an acceptable balance. The proposal to reclassify the A1123 will need to be viewed in the broader context and that process is at an early stage.

Cambridgeshire Local

Moving out of Shire Hall to a smaller HQ at Alconbury will create significant financial savings. Even more importantly it signals a long-planned change to our service delivery model that I have been leading on. Now badged Cambridgeshire Local, it is how CCC officers will work more locally with our partners in a 'place-based' approach to meet local needs and priorities. Our locality area encompasses three county divisions extending from Earith to Ramsey. This will involve closer engagement with parish councils and residents. It should result in a change to the way local government operates in our county. Four 'Place maker' events were held over the last two to three weeks – jointly run by HDC and CCC to which all parish councillors were invited. More locally focussed events will be held over the summer.



Covid Hub

Epidemiology – Huntingdonshire Covid level is now down to 28/100k residents which is lower than the national average. Deaths across the whole of Cambridgeshire are down to an average of 0.1 per day. We continue to assist with vaccine roll-out and localised testing, particularly in certain work settings.

The warehouse facility at Alconbury Weald, where colleagues from the Red Cross have so ably assisted us for the last 12 months is being stood down. Having previously held and distributed emergency food and PPE stocks, it now only stores testing kits and will be managed by Public Health.

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