

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Held on Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

At the Millennium Sports Pavilion, The Trundle, Somersham, PE28 3JS

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PRESENT WERE:

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

Mrs P Bryant, Parish Clerk

Quorum: 5 councillors

IN ATTENDANCE: 7 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from.

Cllr C White - Has resigned
Cllr R Woolway - Harvesting

Cllr D Potter - Arrived at 7:32PM, Item 3

Cllr D Smith - ABSENT (last Meeting attended was 8th March 2021)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

It was proposed by Cllr Criswell, seconded by Cllr Sansom and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to close the meeting for a period of time to allow members of the public to participate in a public forum. The meeting closed at 7.31 pm and was reconvened at 8.02 pm.

Matters discussed were: CCC/21/088/FUL Envar Composting Ltd, St Ives Road, Somersham

Cllr D Potter arrived at 7:32PM

4. PLANNING MATTERS

a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CCC/21/088/FUL Envar Composting Ltd, St Ives Road, Somersham, PE28 3BS 10 Sept
Demolition of in-vessel compost buildings/tunnels and ancillary development; construction of a dry anaerobic digestion (AD) facility, pellet fertiliser facility, healthcare waste energy recovery facility, waste transfer station, vehicle re-fuelling station, biomass storage building, surface water storage lagoons, extension to concrete pad and ancillary development including car park.

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sewell and RESOLVED by all councillors present with 1 abstention to object to this application.



Whilst the council supports the conversion to green energy and the proposed reduction of current unpleasant odours from the in-vessel facility, it does not support the on-site use of an incinerator to convert waste into energy.

The council echoes the numerous concerns already expressed by many local residents.

Public Health England has stated they are not able to rule out adverse health effects from incinerators. For that reason, the council objects to the construction of any buildings, the purpose of which is to potentially cause those adverse effects however small the risk and however permitted.

The council questions whether there is a need for an additional healthcare waste incinerator in Cambridgeshire.

Any change in activity on site should be subject to strict controls of HCV movements, both by number and routing. No HCVs should be permitted to have access or egress towards or from the Pidley and Somersham direction.

21/01635/LBC 7 The Grange, 65 High Street Somersham
Replacement windows

It was proposed by Cllr Criswell, seconded by Cllr Sansom and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to propose no objection to this application, the proposed windows are wooden sash windows and in keeping with the property.

21/01708/HHFUL Birds Nest Farm, Parkhall Road, Somersham
Single storey ground floor extension and first floor extension above footprint
of part of the existing dwelling

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom, seconded by Cllr Sewell and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to propose no objection to this application, the proposed extensions are in keeping with the property.

21/01786/HHFUL 11 The Trundle Somersham
Front and side extension

It was proposed by Cllr Sewell, seconded by Cllr Blundell and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to propose no objection to this application the proposed extension is in keeping with the property and street scene.

b) PLANNING APPROVED

21/01356/HHFUL Rowan Garth 22 St Ives Road Somersham
Double storey extension including loft conversion to roof space and
demolition of existing garage and new garage built

21/01238/TREE 5 Bonnett's Gate High Street Somersham
Tree works

c) LICENSING

Review of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy.

The draft policy takes into account changes in legislation, concerns from the trade, consideration of local circumstances, public safety and best practice.

The draft policy is available on the district council's website

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-for-a-review-of-the-taxi-policy/>

The consultation will close on the **11th October 2021**

Consultation on the Gambling Act Statement of Principles.

The draft statement is available on the district council's website

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/consultations/gambling-act-2005-consultation/>

The consultation will close on the 14th October 2021

d) PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

- i. **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan** - has been adopted.

The Local Plan is available to view online at:

www.peterborough.gov.uk/localplan and

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/planning-and-development/planning-policy/adopted-minerals-and-waste-plan>

- ii. **Street naming & Numbering** – new dwelling at Colne Fields, Somersham to be known as 34, Colne Fields

5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd August 2021**

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Criswell, seconded by Cllr Sansom and RESOLVED by 6 votes for and 3 abstentions (as those councillors were not present at the meeting) to be a true record of events. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

6. **APPOINT TWO REPRESENTATIVE TRUSTEES ON THE VICTORY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO FILL THE VACANCIES**

There were no volunteers to join the VHMC as parish council representatives.

7. **POLICE REPORT**

Emailed to Councillors:

- i. Weekly Policing Updates - Asked for the weekly reports to be reinstated.

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

Cllr Criswell has received a huge amount of ENVAR communications relating to the planning application.

Civil parking enforcement coming in, the police are no longer interested or have the capacity to deal with parking issues, the District Council is considering taking on the rights of civil parking enforcement, with a meeting going towards Highways and Transport on the 7th September 2021 and applying in addition to Secretary of State to gain the appropriate powers. This would be a self funded Civil Parking Enforcement, those villages with fewer problems would get less visits with the intention that the visits and fines would cover the cost of the visits. It would be managed where a village or town has more problems that arise the more frequent in visits and fines, and when the problem is low there would be fewer visits and fines.

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

Matters Arising Report & Updates:

- a. Clerk's Matters Arising Report

Correspondence emailed to councillors:

- ii. RSN online – updates
 iii. CAPALC bulletin & NALC CEO bulletins
 iv. Cambridgeshire ACRE 'Future Fens: Understanding and appreciating flood management in the Great Ouse Fens today'

v. Changes to Bus Services in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

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

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

The next Finance Working Party will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 26th October at 7 pm to discuss the precept and budget for 2022-2023 – all Somersham parish councillors are welcome

11. **CONSIDER PARISH COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES (AUTOMATIC RECORDED VOTE in line with Standing Orders)**

The relevant law is set out in the Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

Only elected councillors may receive the Members Allowance – Parish Councillors who are currently elected are Steve Criswell, Dianna Skeggs and Richard Sutton, all remaining councillors are co-opted.

The allowance would have to be in accordance with that published by Huntingdonshire District Council and may be subject to PAYE.

There is an option for the council to agree to pay travel and subsistence to ANY councillor to attend meetings or training, but it must be RESOLVED by full council to do this. At present Somersham Parish Council does not pay for travel and subsistence for councillors.

Legally, there is no option to pay any other expenses other than through the Members Allowance.

ALL payments made to individual councillors must be listed in detail and published each year for transparency.

The Clerk reminded members; the parish office continues to offer to print councillors’ papers if requested by any councillor and they will be delivered to their home address during COVID restrictions.

It was proposed by Cllr Criswell, seconded by Cllr Skeggs and RESOLVED by 8 in favour, being Cllr Blundell, Cllr Criswell, Cllr Dolby, Cllr Potter, Cllr Sansom, Cllr Sewell, Cllr Skeggs and Cllr Sutton that the Parish Council maintains its current stance not to pay Member Allowances. Cllr Wooster abstained stating he did not agree and that it was unfair.

12. **To ADOPT A COMPASSIONATE LEAVE POLICY (AUTOMATIC RECORDED VOTE in line with Standing Orders)**

All Councillors were given a copy of the policy prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Criswell, seconded by Cllr Sewell and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to adopt the Compassionate Leave Policy. Votes in favour Cllr Blundell, Cllr Criswell, Cllr Dolby, Cllr Potter, Cllr Sansom, Cllr Sewell, Cllr Skeggs, Cllr Sutton and Cllr Wooster.

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

- a. **Local Highway Improvement Bid 2022/23**

Closing date 30th September 2021 – 20 mph scheme for the centre of the village not just the High Street.

Cllr Sewell said there needs a buffer before New Line Bridge as you enter into the village as traffic travels at great speed.

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom, seconded by Cllr Wooster and RESOVLED by 6 votes for, 2 against and 1 abstention to pursue the option of a 20mph bid.

b. Community Gritting Scheme Applications for Winter 2021-2022

Somersham Parish Council employee Martin Tyers grits the main routes on the plan every year but it is also open to volunteers to apply and be trained.

c. W heatsheaf Crossroads – to approve sending a letter of support for the County Highways & Transport Committee on 7th September 2021 to fund Traffic Lights rather than a staggered junction at W heatsheaf Crossroads

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Blundell and RESOVLED by 8 votes for and 1 against for the following statement to be submitted.

Somersham Parish Council strongly recommend the County Highways & Transport Committee continue to support the installation of traffic lights as they are the safest option.

A staggered junction will not slow the traffic on the St Ives Road so there will be people trying to enter and leave faster moving traffic.

Somersham Parish Council's overriding concern is safety for all road users and a staggered junction does not do that for the side roads.

14. CONSIDER SOMERSHAM LIBRARY LED LIGHTING OPTIONS REPORT & PROPOSAL

All Councillors were given a copy of the report.

It was proposed by Cllr Sewell, seconded by Cllr Wooster and RESOVLED by a unanimous vote to offer support to the Community Library with their plans to change and improve the lighting and reduce electricity costs.

15. ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

None received

17th October for the Annual Apple Day event between the TimeBank and the SNRG.


Cllr Sansom raised concern for work needed to the footpaths. The Clerk will follow this up with the SNRG.

Reminder - Environment Working Party date Monday 27th September 2021

16. NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th October 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Pavilion (COVID distancing restrictions will apply to maintain standards and prevent infection).

There being no further business the meeting finished at 20:56


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Richard Sutton, Chairman
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COUNTS	Salaries	£0.00	£6,685.92	£6,685.92
SS	Pension Fund	£0.00	£479.94	£479.94
ST	Pension Fund	£0.00	£286.76	£286.76
MR	Tax & NI	£0.00	£1,810.74	£1,810.74
Office Staff	Home working allowance - x 4 office staff	£0.00	£104.00	£104.00
	Salaries	£0.00	6,676.11	£6,676.11
SS	Pension Fund	£0.00	£479.94	£479.94
ST	Pension Fund	£0.00	£285.19	£285.19
ARC	Tax & NI	£0.00	£1,795.99	£1,795.99
Office Staff	Home working allowance - x 4 office staff	£0.00	£104.00	£104.00
Ms P Bryant	Refund - Tufferman shelving	£78.39	£391.96	£470.35
Adams Rehab	Strength & balance classes	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
IMC	Hall hire - July Strength & balance	£0.00	£90.00	£90.00
	Hall hire - July Yoga	£0.00	£28.00	£28.00
	Hall hire - July T'ai Chi	£0.00	£40.00	£40.00
Murray Signs	Hatties map details board	£7.00	£35.00	£42.00
RG	Grant funding transfer	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00
Computer Talk Ltd	Logitech Webcam C925e - video conferencing	£107.80	£538.99	£646.79
le Day	Fuel - 16 July - 31 July 2021	£10.98	£54.88	£65.86
Ms L Garrick	Adapted yoga - July 2021	£0.00	£220.00	£220.00
Work Building Construction	Electrical works at replacement sea containers	£220.00	£1,100.00	£1,320.00
Mike Tabrett	T'ai Chi classes - July 2021	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
PO	Gas	£1.64	£32.84	£34.48
Mantha Godfrey	Nordic walking classes - July 2021	£0.00	£140.00	£140.00
	Website hosting & support - September 2021 - August 2022	£113.40	£567.00	£680.40
Mantha Godfrey	Nordic walking classes - August 2021	£0.00	£105.00	£105.00
Ar Technology	Printed display maps x 2 on whiteboard	£65.50	£327.50	£393.00
	Mapping software training - A Scriven	£60.00	£300.00	£360.00
Ms K Ixer	Expenses refund	£0.00	£15.30	£15.30
Ms P Bryant	Expenses refund	£0.00	£7.35	£7.35
Ave Blackwell	Tree surgery - inv 100341	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00
ios	Remote connection support	£12.00	£60.00	£72.00
	TOTAL	£676.71	£24,162.41	£24,839.12

Electronic payments

Business	Qtr - to receive			£0.00
Computer Talk Business	01487 841359 & internet - August 2021	£6.14	£30.70	£36.84
Computer Talk	CIC-01487 840266 - July 2021	£4.98	£24.88	£29.86
Printers	Printer lease rental			£0.00
Mobile phone warehouse	K Ixer - mobile contract payment	£1.25	£6.25	£7.50
Mobile gaff	P Bryant - mobile contract payment	£1.25	£6.25	£7.50
Printingdonshire DC	Sea Container - Rates	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00
	Norwood Building - rates	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Millennium Sports Facility - Rates	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Electricity - Multi sports area - Qtr	£1.89	£37.94	£39.83

Electricity - Lake sea container - Qtr	£6.27	£31.35	£37.62
Electricity - Norwood Building - QTR 2	£16.27	£325.58	£341.85
Electricity - Library - 14 May - 22 July 2021	£10.92	£218.43	£229.35
Electricity - Millennium Sports Facility - QRT 2	£7.36	£147.34	£154.70
Gas - Millennium Sports Facility - QTR 2	£21.08	£421.64	£442.72
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£77.41</u>	<u>£1,300.36</u>	<u>£1,377.77</u>

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Jul-21	Giffgaff - July 2021	£1.00	£5.00	£6.00
	PayPal - July refund	£0.00	£8.00	£8.00
Aug-21	Levono & Samsung tablets	60.5	302.5	363
	Giffgaff - Aug 2021	£1.00	£5.00	£6.00
	Amazon - tablet cases	£0.00	£11.69	£11.69
	Tesco stores	£0.00	£10.45	£10.45
	Post Office Counters	£0.00	£3.20	£3.20
	J Anderson Chemist	£0.00	£17.00	£17.00

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ghtPay	Cloud access for staff pay slips - July & August 2021	£1.12	£5.64	£6.76
f Gaff	M Tyers mobile - July & August 2021	£2.00	£10.00	£12.00
icrosoft	OneDrive	£0.00		£0.00
amazon UK	Tea urn	£7.00	£34.99	£41.99
mpTIA training course	Training course - A Scriven	£59.80	£299.00	£358.80
amazon UK	Plastic pockets	£4.38	£9.37	£13.75
	Staplers x 2	£5.18	£25.94	£31.12
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£141.98</u>	<u>£747.78</u>	<u>£889.76</u>

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