

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**
Held on Monday 6th June 2022 at 7.30 pm
At the Millennium Sports Pavilion, The Trundle, PE28 3JS
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PRESENT WERE:

Cllr J Blundell Cllr D Sutton (Chairman)
Cllr N Cross Cllr R Woolway
Cllr D Potter
Cllr A Sansom

Mrs P Bryant, Clerk
Mrs I Healiss, Succession Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Two (2) members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were accepted from: -
County and District Cllr S Criswell – personal

ABSENT – Cllr C Dolby and Cllr D Skeggs

2. **PARISH COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom, seconded by Cllr Blundell and **resolved** to close the meeting for a period of time to hold a public forum.

The meeting was closed at 19:34 and reconvened directly after.

There was nothing raised from the public forum.

4. **TO CO-OPT COUNCILLORS TO FILL THE VACANCIES**

Applications were received from two (2) prospective candidates.

Kirsty Meadows presented herself to the Council.

The Clerk read out the co-option application received from Julia Drury.

It was proposed by Cllr Cross to co-opt both candidates, seconded by Cllr Woolway and unanimously **resolved** to do so.

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

22/00897/FUL Land Rear Of 122 To 124 High Street Somersham
Proposed two storey, four bedroom, detached house

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom, seconded by Cllr Blundell and unanimously **resolved** to recommend refusal. The proposed dwelling is too large for the site/plot of land and will dominate the surrounding properties.

b) **PLANNING APPROVED**

22/00701/HHFUL 16 Locksgate Somersham Huntingdon PE28 3HZ
Single storey rear extension

6. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH APRIL, 27TH APRIL AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 18TH MAY 2022**

It was proposed by Cllr Potter, seconded Cllr Blundell and **resolved** that the Minutes of the 11th May are a true record of events. There was one (1) abstention as Councillor Cross was not present at the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Blundell, seconded Cllr Potter and **resolved** that the Minutes of the 27th April are a true record of events. There was one (1) abstention as Councillor Cross was not present at the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Potter, seconded Cllr Woolway and unanimously **resolved** that the Minutes of the 18th May are a true record of events.

Cllr Sutton duly signed the Minutes.

7. **POLICE REPORT**

None received.

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

None received.

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

Matters Arising Report & Updates:

Correspondence emailed to councillors:

- i. RSN online – updates
- ii. CAPALC bulletin & NALC CEO bulletins
- iii. Neighbourhood Alerts
- iv. HDC – New Leader and Cabinet Press release
- v. Bus service changes from 5t June 2022

Nothing to report from the Clerk.

10. **FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT MATTERS including: - (Monthly Accounts shown as Appendix A)**

a. To Agree the Monthly Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Sansom and unanimously **resolved** to approve the accounts.

b. To accept the Year End Accounts for 2021-2022

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Potter and **resolved** to accept the Year End Accounts.

Cllr Cross abstained from the vote due to her length of time as a Councillor.

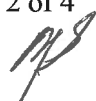
Cllr Woolway abstained from the vote as he had not adequately studied the accounts.

c. To accept the Internal Auditors Report

The following amendments are to be suggested for the report: -

- Risk assessment/ risk management are not included in Minutes as there is a separate recording system for this.
- The lake area sea container is incorrectly identified as the 'Playground'.
- Nothing recorded for Jubilee preparations as there was nothing to report.
- Mileage fee incorrectly stated @ 54p per mile instead of .45p per mile

It was therefore proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sutton and unanimously **resolved** to accept the internal auditors report.



d. To accept the Supporting Statement

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sansom and unanimously **resolved** to accept the Supporting Statement.

e. To approve the Annual Return

- i. Statement 1
- ii. Statement 2

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Blundell and unanimously **resolved** to accept Statements 1 and 2 of the Annual Return. Therefore, all Cllrs agreed to approve the Annual Return.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS including Public Footways - Repairs/ Maintenance

- a. CCC Highways – notification of road closure and diversion 16.8.2022 Parkhall Road/Granger Road circular route
- b. CCC Highways – notification of road closure & diversion 3.10.2022 Pidley Sheep Lane, Somersham Road, Pidley Road and VISE VERSA
- c. LHI Bid for the 20-mph limit – to commence discussion on the consultation process.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting for discussion with more Council members present.

- d. To discuss the possible resurrection of Somersham Speedwatch – Request by Mr D McCandless for the parish council to purchase a Somersham Morelock SID @ £3,000 (Item not precepted and no budget has been set aside for this)

It was agreed for the Clerk to make enquiries in an effort to try to locate the original speed watch equipment currently held by the police.

It was agreed to discuss items c and d together as a joint initiative and to consider reforming the Traffic Working Party.

12. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

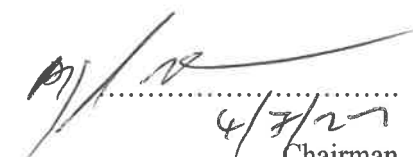
- The Clerk offered an update regarding the tree maintenance following the tree audit report on Parkhall Road.
- Cllr Sansom reported that hire equipment is required before work on the path surrounding the lake can proceed.

13. NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Matters reported were consideration to publish a printable map of Somersham’s definitive footpaths and Bridleway 7, contacting HDC’s environmental team regarding the burning of waste, traveller community update.

The next meeting of Somersham Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th July 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:24 hours.



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 Chairman
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Appendix A

		<u>VAT</u>		<u>Total</u>	
TimeBank					
Tesco Stores	Refreshments	£0.00	£9.90	£9.90	CARD
Vegware	Paper cups	£24.48	£122.40	£146.88	CARD
Home Bargains	Craft materials	£0.00	£5.95	£5.95	CARD
Office					
Amazon UK	Office materials	£11.71	£58.53	£70.24	CARD
TOTAL		£36.19	£196.78	£232.97	

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