

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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IN ATTENDANCE: District and County Cllr S Criswell
Paula Peck – Timebank Co-ordinator

PRESENT WERE:

Cllr J Blundell	Cllr T Sansom
Cllr C Dolby	Cllr D Skeggs
Cllr J Drury	Cllr F Smith
Cllr A Ephgrave	Cllr R Sutton (in the chair)
Cllr K Meadows	Cllr R Wilson
Cllr D Potter	Cllr R Woolway

Mrs P Bryant, Parish Clerk
Mrs I Healiss, Succession Clerk
Mrs J Turney, Deputy Clerk

01/01/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from:
Cllr Nicola David – work commitments

02/01/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

03/01/23 PUBLIC FORUM

It was proposed by Cllr Potter, seconded by Cllr Sansom and unanimously RESOLVED to close the meeting for a period of time to hold a public forum.

The meeting was closed at 19:31pm and was reconvened at 19:43pm

Mrs Paula Peck, Timebank co-ordinator introduced herself to the Council.

A letter was received regarding available retirement accommodation in Somersham which is a matter for HDC Planning. The Clerk to investigate possible sheltered development on rural exception sites.

04/01/23 PLANNING MATTERS

a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/02561/HHFUL

Badgers Lodge, 19 Colnefields, Somersham

Single storey rear extension to replace the existing single storey rear extension.

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom, seconded by Cllr Blundell and unanimously RESOLVED to recommend no objection. The proposed extension is at the rear of the dwelling and should not affect neighbouring properties.

22/02501/FUL

Legacy Park Chatteris Road Somersham

Change of use of agricultural land to caravan holiday park comprising 18 pitches and toilet block.

It was proposed by Cllr Blundell, seconded by Cllr Woolway and RESOLVED to object to this application. There were ten (10) votes in favour, one (1) against and one (1) abstention.

Councillors recommend refusal of this application on the following grounds;

- * Overdevelopment of the site
- * There is insufficient infrastructure on the proposed site to support a holiday park for amenities, such as drainage.
- * The council are concerned approval of this application will increase the negative effects relating to biodiversity including the disturbance of protected species.
- * There is already an established, registered holiday Caravan and Motorhome site within the village.

Finally, as per the experience of previous applications for the site, the council are concerned approval of this application provides little certainty any conditions set will be adhered to.

b) PLANNING APPROVED

22/02267/HHFUL

14 The Trundle, Somersham, PE28 3JY

Demolish existing lean-to timber greenhouse, and reception of single storey extension to that side of the property.

22/02076/HHFUL

92 High Street, Somersham.

Replacement sash windows and front door.

22/01935/HHFUL

Ash Barn, Oak Acres Farm, Parkhall Road.

Single storey link between dwelling and garage with conversion of garage roof to form residential use.

21/02111/OUT

Land North of The Pasture, Somersham

Outline planning permission for 11 dwellings and associated works (all matters reserved.)

c) PLANNING APPEALED

21/01374/FUL

Agricultural building between 7 and 9 King Street, Somersham.

Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of three detached dwellings, garage and associated works.

d) PLANNING ISSUE

To offer an update from Historic England to preserve the lake area south of Somersham (part of the Bishop of Ely's Palace with fish ponds and a later moated site)

This matter is ongoing.

e) DEFERRED ITEM FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER 2022**Research on Somersham Parish Council's response to Planning Application****19/01938/FUL 42B High Street PE28 3JB**

To demolish the existing building at the front of the site and replace with 4

No.1 bed flats plus rebuild the buildings to the rear of the site to create 2

No.2 bed dwellings

The decision made by planning officers and the Parish Council response was disseminated to Councillors.

05/01/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19TH DECEMBER 2022

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Dolby, seconded by Cllr Blundell and RESOLVED by all Councillors present, with four (4) abstentions due to absence at the meeting, to be approved. The Chairman duly signed the Minutes as a true record of events.

06/01/23 POLICE REPORT

- Neighbourhood Safety Emails
Request for police report.

07/01/23 REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR STEVE CRISWELL

Referring to the 20mph limit approved through the parish council's successful LHI bid, Cllr Criswell commented on how dismayed he was to see a post on Facebook by Ms Skeggs. The post suggested it was all his idea because "he seems to like to control people". He asserted this was insulting and a misrepresentation of the facts. He felt that residents should expect honesty from those sitting as councillors. He explained that in line with his role as District and County Councillor he reported changes in policy and opportunities that could be of interest.

One such opportunity, growing in popularity in our county and across other parts of the country was the speed limit reduction in built up areas from 30 to 20mph. The parish council had voted and decided to pursue this through the LHI process, along with a list of other villages. To give context Cllr Criswell explained that the cities of Ely and Cambridge, plus all the market towns in the county were planning similar schemes utilising a £800k grant from the CPCA. A new CCC scheme is shortly being launched to allow all other villages to apply.

08/01/23 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT INC.**Matters Arising Report & Updates:****Correspondence emailed to councillors:**

- CAPALC bulletin & NALC CEO bulletins
- Neighbourhood Alerts
- 2023 parish council meeting dates circulated to councillors

09/01/23 FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT MATTERS INCLUDING: -**i. Monthly Accounts**

The monthly accounts were proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Potter and unanimously RESOLVED for approval.

*Appendix 1***10/01/23 REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY 2023**

Matters discussed at the personnel committee meeting included: -

- Pay review for low paid staff
- Change in job role title for Martin Tyers from groundsman/handyman to 'Lengthsman'

11/01/23 HIGHWAY MATTERS including Public Footways - Repairs/ Maintenance**i. Correspondence emailed to councillors:**

- Following discussion, it was noted that the potholes in the village are appalling and roadside gutters are full.
- A footpath has been established through College Farm which has been grassed over.
- Clearance work has taken place at Church Walk and the waste needs removing. The Clerk stated Church Walk is not the responsibility or in the ownership of the Parish Council and therefore, the council should not set a precedence by taking work on.

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12/01/23

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT ON SOMERSHAM'S PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS REGARDING TRAFFIC MATTERS INCLUDING HISTORIC PUBLIC INTEREST/CONCERN, AND TO CONFIRM THE DECISION MADE ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021 FOR THE 20-MPH VILLAGE WIDE LOCAL HIGHWAY INITIATIVE BID 2022/23 AT A TOTAL COST TO SOMERSHAM OF £3,000 (COST PER HOUSEHOLD = £1.76)

Following extensive discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sansom and RESOLVED to reaffirm the resolution made at the meeting held on 6th September 2021 and to approve the successful LHI bid for 2022-23 for a 20-mph speed limit at a total cost to the parish of £3,000

Cllrs Blundell, Dolby, Drury, Ephgrave, Meadows, Sansom, Smith, Sutton, Wilson and Woolway voted to proceed with the 20-mph speed limit under the LHI bid 2022-23.

Cllr Potter and Cllr Skeggs voted against this proposal.

13/01/23

REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Sansom offered an update on behalf of the SNRG.

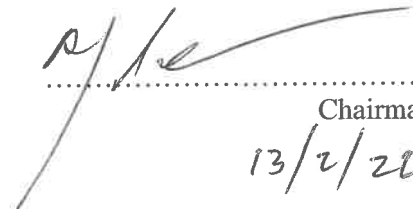
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NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Sutton announced he will be resigning as Chairman after the next meeting. Thanks were offered by Cllr Woolway for all Cllr Sutton's work as Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:52pm.

The next meeting of Somersham Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th February 2023


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Chairman
13/2/23

Appendix 1

ACCOUNTS	16th January 2023	Vat		TOTAL		Cost
	Salaries - including back dated pay increase (NIC agreement)	£0.00	£7,920.70	£7,920.70	Bacs	Salaries
Pension payments	Pension Fund	£0.00	£1,228.70	£1,228.70	Bacs	Pensions
HMRC	Tax & NI	£0.00	£2,730.10	£2,730.10	Bacs	HMRC
SLCC	Annual membership - Jane Turney	£0.00	£183.00	£183.00	Bacs	Subscriptions
Cole & Day	Fuel 01 Dec - 15 Dec 2022	£13.23	£66.17	£79.40	Bacs	Kubota
Glasdon UK	Turbocast pulley belt system	£10.17	£50.85	£61.02	Bacs	Maintenance
Somersham Town Band	Donation - C Lights switch on	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00	Bacs	Donations
Ethos Communications	Printing costs	£24.11	£120.55	£144.66	Bacs	Printing
Huntingdonshire DC	Excess weight - bin collection - November 2022	£0.00	£34.50	£34.50	Bacs	Maintenance
	Residual bin - weekly collections - 01 Jan 2023 - 31 March 2023	£0.00	£184.60	£184.60	Bacs	Maintenance
PSK Installations	3G CCTV - High Street - October 2022	£11.10	£55.50	£66.60	Bacs	CCTV
VHI	Hall hire - strength & balance - Sept 2022 (inv 1755)	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00	Bacs	C Live
S Blackwell	Work to remove fallen tree (Inv 100360)	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00	Bacs	Tree
VHMC	Hall hire - strength & balance - Dec 2022 (inv 1838)	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00	Bacs	Charity
	Hall hire - Tai Chi - Dec 2022 (Inv 1839)	£0.00	£20.00	£20.00	Bacs	Charity
	Hall hire - adapted yoga - Dec 2022 (Inv 1854)	£0.00	£21.00	£21.00	Bacs	Charity
	Hall hire - Timebank coffee morning	£0.00	£10.50	£10.50	Bacs	Timebank
Huntingdonshire DC	Excess weight - bin collection - December 2022	£0.00	£22.05	£22.05	Bacs	Maintenance
Pidley-cum-Fenton VH	Hall hire - Timebank coffee mornings /Knit Knatter	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00	Bacs	Timebank
R Rehab	Strength & balance classes	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00	Bacs	Charity
David Ogilvie Engineering	Queen's memorial bench	£259.40	£1,297.00	£1,556.40	Bacs	Non
Mr M Greaves	Christmas lights expenses	£0.00	£122.17	£122.17	Bacs	C Live
SLCC	ILCA course - J Turney	£24.00	£120.00	£144.00	Bacs	Training
	Mmembershship - P Bryant	£0.00	£321.00	£321.00	Bacs	Training
	Webinare - a guide to the appraisal process	£6.00	£30.00	£36.00	Bacs	Training
MLCC Commercial	Cleaning - November 2022	£0.00	£320.00	£320.00	Bacs	Mille
	Cleaning - December 2022	£0.00	£224.00	£224.00	Bacs	Mille
	TOTAL	£348.01	£15,672.39	£16,020.40		
				£16,020.40		

Electronic payments

Talk Talk Business	01487 841359 & internet -(due 1 January 2023)	£8.10	£40.50	£48.60	DD	Adm
Talk Talk Business	CIC-01487 840266 - (due 5 January 2023)	£6.31	£31.54	£37.85	DD	Libra
Siemens	Printer lease rental - 27 Jan - 26 April 2023	£17.99	£89.97	£107.96	DD	Adm
Huntingdonshire DC	Sea Container - Rates January 2023	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00	DD	Adm
	Norwood Building - rates	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	DD	No r
	Millennium Sports Facility - Rates January 2023	£0.00	£69.00	£69.00	DD	Mille
EDF	Electricity - Multi sports area - 13 January 2023	£0.43	£8.57	£9.00	DD	Mult
British GasLite	Electricity - Lake sea container - 21 December 2022	£3.36	£67.12	£70.48	DD	Lake
British GasLite	Electricity - Norwood Building - 20 December 2022	£4.02	£80.46	£84.48	DD	Norw

British Gas	Electricity - Library - 21 December 2022	£9.01	£180.24	£189.25	DD	Libra
British Gas	Electricity - Millennium Sports Facility - 20 December 2022	£37.95	£189.75	£227.70	DD	Mill
British Gas	Gas - Millennium Sports Facility - 20 December 2022	£4.24	£84.83	£89.07	DD	Mill
Scottish Power	Gas - Norwood Building - 6 December 2022	£11.52	£230.33	£241.85	DD	Norw
YU Energy	Street lighting - standing charge - 8 January 2023	£0.49	£9.87	£10.36	DD	Stre
	Street lighting - electric - 8 January 2023	£4.35	£86.99	£91.34	DD	Stre
BrightPay UK - iCloud access	Monthly fee - 4 January 2023	£0.69	£3.43	£4.12	DD	Payr

TOTAL	£108.46	£1,222.60	£1,331.06
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OPTIMUM CARD

Dec-22

		VAT	Total	
GiffGaff	M Tyers mobile phone - Dec 22	£1.00	£5.00	£6.00 CARD
GiffGaff	Wi-Fi data access - Millennium pavilion - Dec 22	£1.67	£8.33	£10.00 CARD
GiffGaff	I Healiss mobile phone - Dec 22	£1.00	£5.00	£6.00 CARD
OPTIMUM CARD	Monthly fee	£0.00	£1.99	£1.99 CARD
Zoom	Subscription renewal	£23.98	£119.90	£143.88 CARD
Amazon UK	Staff Christmas gift cards	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00 CARD
	Heavy duty staples	£1.70	£8.49	£10.19 CARD
	2023 wall planner	£1.32	£6.59	£7.91 CARD
WM Morrisons	Timebank supplies	£0.00	£12.50	£12.50 CARD
Lidl	Timebank supplies	£0.00	£11.52	£11.52 CARD
Tesco Stores	Timebank supplies	£0.00	£3.00	£3.00 CARD
	Timebank supplies	£0.00	£24.68	£24.68 CARD
Co-Op Stores	Timebank supplies	£0.00	£4.50	£4.50 CARD
Wickes	Timebank supplies	£0.00	£14.00	£14.00 CARD

TOTAL	£30.67	£376.17	£406.84
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