

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**
Held on Monday 7th August 2023 at 7.30 p.m.
At the Millennium Sports Pavilion, The Trundle, Somersham PE28 3JS
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PRESENT WERE:

Cllr N David	Cllr T Sansom
Cllr J Drury	Cllr D Skeggs
Cllr C Fidler	Cllr F Smith
Cllr K Meadows	Cllr R Sutton
Cllr D Potter (in the chair)	Cllr R Woolway

Mrs J Turney, Deputy Clerk
Mrs P Bryant, Locum Clerk

Seats fifteen (15), Councillors present ten (10), vacancies four (4), Quorum five (5).

IN ATTENDANCE

County & District Councillor	Steve Criswell
Three members of the public	
Representative from Cerda Planning	

121/08/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from;

Cllr C Dolby – personal
Mrs I Healiss (Parish Clerk) - personal

122/08/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

123/08/23 PUBLIC FORUM

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

The meeting was closed at 19:35 hours and reconvened at 19:57 hours

The following items were discussed:

The possibility of solar floodlights at the multi-sports area

The tree preservation order at the Land North of 16 The Bank, Somersham.

The potential development of land at Parkhall Road submitted to Huntingdon District Council for their Call for Sites.

124/08/23 CO-OPT A NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER

It was proposed by Cllr Woolway, seconded by Cllr Sansom and unanimously RESOLVED to accept Tori-Jae Hayden-Piper as Parish Councillor.

125/08/23 REPORT FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR STEVE CRISWELL

Local Plan – It could be three or four years before sites are approved as part of the new Local Plan.

126/08/23 PLANNING MATTERS**a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

23/01159/HHFUL 2A Parkhall Road Somersham Huntingdon PE28 3EU
Proposed addition of roof lights to existing roof.

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Skeggs and unanimously RESOLVED to approve the application. The proposal is in keeping with the character of the building and street scene.

23/017 Land North of 16 The Bank Somersham
Tree preservation order

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom and seconded by Cllr Skeggs and RESOLVED to object to this proposal. There were three (3) in favour, one (1) against and five (5) abstentions. This was based on safety concerns due to the poor condition of the trees. However, the Councillors did express a desire to see the trees replaced with other more suitable options.

b) PLANNING APPROVED

23/00541/FUL Land North of Ash Barn Oak Farm
Parkhall Road, Somersham.
Proposed extension to stables.

22/02540/FUL Fields End 42 Colnfields Somersham.
Construction of a single dwelling and associated access and parking.

23/00751/FUL Fields End 42 Colnfields Somersham
Erection of single storey side extension to create annexe following
Demolition of outbuildings.

c) PLANNING REFUSED

22/01988/FUL 8 King Street, Somersham
Proposed relocation of wall with gate, vehicle crossover and
associated dropped kerb

22/01243DEMDT 20 Church Street Somersham PE28 3EG
Removal of wall to the front/side and garage to the rear.

127/08/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 2023

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom and seconded by Cllr Meadows to RESOLVE the Minutes as approved. There were five (5) in favour and four (4) abstentions.

128/08/23 TO AGREE THE LOCATION OF A DONATED BENCH AND RAILINGS AT THE NATURE RESERVE

It was proposed by Cllr Skeggs, seconded by Cllr Woolway and unanimously RESOLVED to agree to the location of the bench in front of Ibbot Crescent on the NE corner of the lake. The position of the railings will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

129/08/23 TO AGREE RETROSPECTIVE PERMISSION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PICNIC BENCH AT THE NATURE RESERVE

It was proposed by Cllr Drury, seconded by Cllr Skeggs and unanimously RESOLVED to agree to the retrospective installation of the bench at the Nature Reserve.

130/08/23 TO AGREE PERMISSION FOR THE VICTORY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO REPLACE ANTI- CLIMB PAINT IN THE GARDEN AREA.

It was proposed by Cllr Fidler, seconded by Cllr Skeggs and unanimously RESOLVED to agree to the purchase of the anti-static paint and painting of the area concerned.

131/08/23 POLICE REPORT

- Neighbourhood Safety Emails
- A police report was not provided for the meeting.

132/08/23 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING**Report & Updates:**

- i. Wednesday 2nd August and Wednesday 30th August – Free children's summer sports activities in conjunction with One Leisure on the Norwood Field.
- ii. Community Crime Meeting on Friday 11th August at the Millennium Pavilion at 6:30pm.

Correspondence emailed to councillors:

- i. CAPALC bulletin & NALC CEO bulletins
- ii. Neighbourhood Alerts
- iii. Cambridgeshire ACRE bulletins and updates
- iv. Huntingdonshire DC – press releases & updates

133/08/23 FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT MATTERS INCLUDING: -

- i. Monthly Accounts (Appendix One)
The monthly accounts were proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Fidler, and unanimously RESOLVED for approval.
- ii. Quarterly Risk Assessments by Councillors
The outstanding reports are due back to the PC office as soon as possible.

134/08/23 REPORT OF HIGHWAY MATTERS INCLUDING PUBLIC FOOTWAYS - REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE

The following highways issues were reported for action;

The road outside the Rose and Crown Public House floods badly when rains.

Weeds in highways – no longer sprayed.

Green bin charge – annual charge

Damaged utility inspection cover at top of Parkhall Road – progress on repair.

135/08/23 REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

No reports were offered.

136/08/23 NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting of Somersham Parish Council will be on Monday 4th September 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Pavilion, The Trundle, Somersham, PE28 3JS.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION


The following agenda item was held as a CLOSED MEETING in line with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

It was Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Fidler and unanimously AGREED to close the meeting at 20.51 hours and reconvened at 20.57 hours.

137/08/23 AGREE THE FINAL LEASE TERMS REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A SWIMMING POOL AT THE MILLENNIUM PAVILION.

It was Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Skeggs 2nd and unanimously RESOLVED to accept the changes.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.58 hours.


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Chairman

Appendix 1 ACCOUNTS	10th July 2023	Vat	
	Salaries	£0.00	£8,464.
Pension payments	Pension Fund	£0.00	£1,720.
MRC	Tax & NI	£0.00	£3,246.
Mrs P Bryant	Retirement gratuity payment	£0.00	£33,212.
Information Commissioners Office	Annual renewal due 9 July 2023	£0.00	£40.
Laptops Direct	Desktop computer, Lenovo Intel Core i7-12700 8GB 512GB	£110.00	£549.
Laptops direct	Laptop , Lenovo Notebook V15 16GB 512GB SSD	£93.33	£466.
Baking	Tea,coffee,milk	£6.39	£82.
Thos Communcation Solutions	Printer - copies scans	£27.90	£167.
ision ICT	SSL certificate renewal July2023-June 2024	£10.00	£50.
untingdonshire DC	Excess bin weight March 23	£0.00	£36.
ole & Day	Fuel 1st June 23 to 15th June 23	£21.44	£107.
lumination	String lights and cable	£102.74	£513.
APALC	Code of conduct training 20th June 23	£0.00	£40.
APALC	1 day councillor training 3rd Jun 23	£0.00	£75.
uprclean	Millennium pavilion 4 weekly cleaning 28Feb23	£0.00	£256.
ear technology	Norwood Internet 19June 23	£9.00	£45.
Thos Communication Solutions	Printer - copies scans	£0.21	£1.
	TOTAL	£381.01	£49,074.
Electronic payments			
Talk Talk Business	01487 841359 & internet -(due 1 July 2023)	£8.04	£40.
alk Talk Business	CIC-01487 840266 - ACCOUNT CLOSED	£0.00	£0.
iemens	Printer lease rental - next 1/4 due July 2023	£0.00	£0.
untingdonshire DC	Sea Container - Rates 2023/24	£0.00	£52.
	Norwood Building - Rates 2023/24	£0.00	£0.
	Millennium Sports Facility - Rates 2023/24	£0.00	£35.
DF	Electricity - Multi sports area - 2023	£0.43	£8.
ritish GasLite	Electricity - Lake sea container - 20th June 2023	£4.49	£81.
ritish GasLite	Electricity - Norwood Building - 20th June 2023	-£65.25	-£1,305.
ritish GasLite	Electricity - Library - 21st June 2023	£3.71	£74.
ritish GasLite	Electricity - Millennium Sports Facility - 20th June 2023	£5.81	£116.
ritish GasLite	Gas - Millennium Sports Facility - 20th June 2023	£1.02	£20.
ottish Power	Gas - Norwood Building - 6 June 2023	£12.09	£229.
U Energy	Street lighting - standing charge - 8 June 2023	£0.49	£9.
	Street lighting - electric - 8 June 2023	£3.31	£66.

rightPay UK - iCloud access	Monthly fee - 4 July 2023	£0.68	£3.
rightPay UK - iCloud access	Annual fee - 1 Jun 2023	114.24	28.
dobe	Acrobat Pro	£0.00	£16.
	TOTAL	£89.06	-£522.

OPTIMUM CARD

30 June 2023

VAT

iffGaff	Giff Gaff x 5 staff members (phone)	£5.00	£25.
iffGaff	Wi-Fi data access - Millennium pavilion - February 2023	£1.67	£8.
ptimum card	Monthly fee	£0.00	£1.
ookwhen	Monthly fee	£3.80	£19.
mazon UK	Magnets	£0.98	£4.
	Timebank calender, memorial book, cable mat	£15.86	£79.
	Timebank box files	£1.76	£8.
	4 x football corner flags	£12.71	£63.
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ookwhen	Monthly fee	£3.80	£19.
TOTAL		£58.29	£306.