

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**
Held in the Millennium Sports Pavilion, The Trundle, Somersham
On Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Miss D Carr	Mr P McCloskey
Mr S Criswell (Chairman)	Miss L Minter
Mr M Greaves	Miss L Robertson
Mr K Hawkins	Ms D Skeggs
Mr M Hoy	Mr R Sutton

Miss M Blewett, Deputy Parish Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Mr G Bull – work commitments
 Miss Y Cooper – illness
 Mrs A Eastham– illness
 Mr A Hulme – work commitments

2. PARISH COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

Mr S Criswell - Non-prejudicial, Item 15 To Discuss traffic calming measures outside Colnefields entrance opposite The Bank

3. PUBLIC FORUM

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Hoy 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 was closed at 7.32 pm and reconvened at 7.33 pm.


4. PLANNING MATTERS**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

18/00281/HHFUL Fieldfare 39 Colnefields Somersham
 Single storey side extension

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Miss Minter and RESOLVED to recommend no objection by a unanimous vote. The proposed plans will not affect the street scene and will be in keeping with the property.

18/00322/HHFUL 18 The Bank Somersham
 Proposed extensions/alterations and detached garage with store over

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Greaves and RESOLVED to recommend no objection by a unanimous vote. The proposed plans will not affect the street scene and will be in keeping with the property.


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18/00433/HHFUL Oak Acres Farm Parkhall Road Somersham
Proposed rear extension to residential dwelling

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Ms Skeggs and RESOLVED to recommend no objection by a unanimous vote. The proposed plans will not affect the street scene and will be in keeping with the property.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED

None listed 27th Feb 2018

- **Huntingdonshire District Council** – allocation of addressing for a new residential property at Parkhall Road, Somersham – to be known as Redlands, 46A, Parkhall Road

5. MINUTES OF 12TH FEBRUARY 2018

The Minutes were proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Miss Minter and it was RESOLVED by 6 votes for and 3 abstentions (as those councillors were not present at the meeting) to be a true record of events and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. POLICE REPORT

Emailed to Councillors:

- Neighbourhood Watch Alerts

7. REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR S CRISWELL

Cllr Criswell stated that he had no report and will discuss the Chatteris road traffic calming measures during item 15.

Mr Sutton asked about Park & Ride car parking charges and if they were going to be lifted, Cllr Criswell responded 1st April parking charges will be lifted.

8. PARISH CLERKS REPORT

Matters Arising Report & Updates:

Correspondence emailed to councillors:

- RSN online – weekly updates
- HDC – District & Town/Parish Elections time table – Notice of Election 19th March 2018 Election date 3rd May 2018
- CAPALC Bulletins – January & February 2018
- GDPR training for Councillors 15th and 16th March in Cambourne

Hard copy correspondence:

- RAF Wyton – notification of the Annual Pathfinder March – Saturday 23rd June 2018

9. FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT MATTERS including: -

- The Monthly Accounts were proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to be accepted.
- The Funds have been received from the Co-Op Bank and will now be transferred to the CCLA as agreed.
- To Update Parish Councillors confidentially agreements for email, bank passwords and the new members area on one form. Three councillors still to sign: Mr Hoy, Mr McCloskey and Ms Skeggs

10. PURCHASE NEW ASSET REGISTER

It was proposed by Mr Sutton and seconded by Mr Hawkins with a recorded vote of 8 Councillors in favour with 1 abstention by Ms Skeggs with no knowledge of the asset register as a reason.

11. FUTURE USE OF THE BT KIOSK, THE CROSS

It was discussed the internal usage of the BT Kiosk would be changed every month, or every other month by the users themselves. The ideas would go onto the agenda shortly before the completion of the BT Kiosks refurbishment. The cost of refurbishment will be confirmed next meeting.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS including Public Footways - Repairs/ Maintenance

Miss Carr reported Bank Avenue has the pavement dug up in two areas, whilst it is cornered off, there has been no sign of work for at least one week prior to the meeting. This has been passed onto Cambridgeshire County Council.

13. STREET LIGHTING

There was a general request asking for the cost of street lightning replacements and bulbs. Mr Hoy asked if it would be possible for a new light at the completed Whitepost junction, Mr Criswell responded and explained that during the planning consultation the junction was assessed and was found that no replacement light was needed. Mr Sutton asked if it would be possible to have costs for a new light put up and put onto the next agenda.

14. OUTSIDE WATER FOUNTAIN FOR NORWOOD PLAYING FIELD

An outside water fountain was suggested as an idea for helping reduce plastic waste and encourage recycling. There is a suitable placement for installation on the Norwood Building adjacent to the squash courts changing rooms. A discussion was brought up with any health issues with Legionnaires Disease or other water borne illnesses that will need to be accounted for and tested. The groundsman would be the one ensuring the unit is cleaned.

15. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES OUTSIDE COLNEFIELDS AND THE BANK

There had been several complaint emails received by the Parish Council regarding the placements of the buildouts and accidents that had occurred. These were passed onto Cllr Criswell who responded and contacted Andy Street Police Sergeant. After reviewing the information Sgt Street did not believe it to be a hazard but driver error that caused the accidents as no police incident form was completed to give more of a view. There is a safety audit being completed on the stretch of road and the council will await the results from Cambridgeshire County Council.


16. REPORTS FROM SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES & REPRESENTATIVES

A brief discussion was held to decide on how the reports will continue to be received and it was agreed to list all the working parties on the agenda and the Minutes of the meetings to be emailed out to all councillors. Several Councillors would feel this would enable the natural discussion to be held with each party.

17. REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Miss Minter discussed the FOSL meeting and the problems with their heating. 13th March 2018 the Library would have someone to look at the boiler and discuss options as it could be condemned. They have an Infra-Red heater to be installed and should take roughly 5 days to receive and install, unfortunately there seems to be some slowing along the chain and Cllr Criswell is looking into these problems.

Ms Skeggs visited the St Ives Bus Service meeting and found it informative. There was discussion of "spider feeds" which are small buses that transport from villages and surrounding areas to the bus parks. Cllr Criswell reported there is a bus review underway at the moment with the current routes supported for roughly 12 more months with a new meeting soon.




18. NOTICES AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No matters were discussed

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Millennium Pavilion on Monday 23rd April 2018 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29 pm

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Chairman, Steve Criswell

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