

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

**Held at the Millennium Sports Pavilion, The Trundle, Somersham
On Monday 1st October 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT WERE:

Cllr J Blundell
 Cllr S Criswell
 Cllr C Dolby
 Cllr M Greaves
 Cllr K Hawkins

Cllr A Hulme
 Cllr P McCloskey
 Cllr D Potter
 Cllr R Sutton
 Cllr C White

Mrs P Bryant (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received prior to the meeting.

ABSENT: Cllr D Skeggs

2. PARISH COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

It was proposed by Mr Criswell, seconded by Mr McCloskey 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 and reconvened at 7.35 pm, no matters were discussed.

4. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS TO FILL THE VACANCIES

The Clerk reported Antony Sansom has recently had surgery and unable to attend, would the council please extend his co-option until the next meeting when he should be able to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. This was agreed by a unanimous vote.

An application for co-option has been received from Mr Geoffrey Wooster.

It was proposed by Mr Hulme, seconded by McCloskey and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to co-opt Mr Wooster.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NONE

b) PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED

18/00559/FUL Public House The George 76 High Street Somersham PE28 3EH
 Change of use of ground floor from a pub (A\$) to two residential flats (C3), first floor proposed two, one bed apartments and removal of decking and erection of bin and cycle store.

18/01200/FUL Agricultural Building between 7 and 9 King Street Somersham
 Proposed 2 residential dwellings with detached garages

c) PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

HDC – Street naming & numbering. Allocation of addressing to a new dwelling at Church Street, Somersham. To be known as Cielomar, Church Street, Somersham

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d) PLANNING CONSULTATION

Joint Minerals & Waste Local Plan to 2036 – response due Wednesday 31st October 2018 – to respond at the meeting on 29th October
Nearest site – Land at Colne Fen

Planning queries for Cllr Criswell:

The Chairman asked whether Cllr Criswell had a response yet about the DM Committee and the lack of notification for the Rosefield planning application last December? Cllr Criswell is chasing up a response.

The Chairman queried what the ‘significant’ financial saving are in response to the email sent by the DM Committee on 28th Sept 2018. Cllr Criswell will ask the question.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH AUGUST 2018 & THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The Minutes of 6th August 2018 were proposed by Mr Hawkins, seconded by Mr Greaves and RESOLVED by 3 votes for with all remaining councillors abstaining as they were either not present at the meeting or had not been co-opted on to the Council. The Chairman duly signed the Minutes as a true record of events.

The Minutes of 18th September 2018 were proposed by Mr McCloskey, seconded by Mr Criswell and RESOLVED by 5 votes for with all remaining councillors abstaining as they were either not present at the meeting or had not been co-opted on to the Council. The Chairman duly signed the Minutes as a true record of events.

7. POLICE REPORT

Emailed to Councillors:

- i. Neighbourhood Watch Alerts

Sgt A Street has now retired but Cllr Criswell has the new sergeant’s name and will invite him to a meeting

8. REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEVE CRISWELL

See Appendix 1

The Chairman asked Cllr Criswell about progress on the repairs to the Guided Busway, has CCC got any further with money? Cllr Criswell confirmed the legal dispute is still ongoing.

9. PARISH CLERK’S REPORT Inc.

Matters Arising Report & Updates:

Correspondence emailed to councillors:

- ii. RSN online – weekly updates
- iii. The LGA green paper for adult social care and wellbeing – consultation runs from 31 July – 26 September 2018
- iv. CAPALC – AGM Thursday 11th October 2018 7 pm Cottenham
- v. Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference 2018 Friday 23 Nov 2018 9.30am – 3.45 pm
- vi. Christmas Tree Festival Committee – invitation for the Parish Council to display a tree. Confirmation due by Monday 22nd October 2018
- vii. CAPALC E-Bulletin September 2018

Hard copy correspondence: M&G Charibond dividend £1.40



10. **FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT MATTERS including: -**
- a. **The Monthly Accounts** – The accounts were proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Greaves and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to be paid.
 - b. **Cambridge Hearing Help** – request for a donation of £300 towards volunteer kit replacement, paper towels & bin bags, hand sanitisers & Milton, Travel costs & refresher training – application form provided to Cllrs. (S137 advice received from CAPALC)
In addition, Mr Sutton requested the council paid for the hire fee for the pavilion for one year as they were behind on their payments and have requested this from the SSLA. This request is outside the SSLA charity objects and they cannot assist. Each monthly session costs £27, total cost £324
It was proposed by Mr Hawkins, seconded by Mr Hulme and RESOLVED by 9 votes for and 1 abstention to donate £300 as requested and to pay their pavilion hire fees for 2018 only.
 - c. **External Audit** – The external audit has been completed, no matters of concern were drawn to the auditor’s attention and the ‘Notice of Completion of Audit’ has been displayed.
 - d. **HDC** – Request for Precept 2019/2020 – A Finance WP meeting will be arranged
 - e. **Councillor Training** – The Clerk reminded councillors S Criswell, M Greaves, K Hawkins, P McCloskey, D Skeggs and R Sutton are booked on the Finance for Councillors training at CAPALC, Pidley on 2nd October 2018 also Mr Blundell, Mrs Dolby have just been booked in.
 - f. **New Councillor Training** – Newly co-opted councillors will be advised of upcoming courses available through CAPALC
11. **COMMUNITY EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF WWI**
- a. ‘There but Not There’ - shadow of a ‘Tommy’ (6ft aluminium) – can be a temporary or permanent display by the WWI bench in Church Street -unit £750 inc vat - It was proposed by Mr McCloskey, seconded by Mr Hulme and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to contribute half the cost for the silhouette being £375.
There will be a community Poppy cascade on netting, also at The Cross.
 - b. Poppy Appeal - Display Plastic Poppies for lamp posts & similar. Cost per item to be confirmed. Ultimately it would be ideal to have a Poppy Wall as a permanent display on council land somewhere
 - c. Update on discussion held with the Somersham Branch of the British Legion
12. **HIGHWAY MATTERS including Public Footways - Repairs/ Maintenance**
- i. Email sent – **Future of supported bus services around St Ives** – Community Bus Service questionnaire – does Somersham wish to be included by circulating it? Mr Criswell suggested it could be on the back page of the newsletter?
 - ii. **Road closure B1050** Date: 29/10/2018 – 30/11/2018 Time: 24/7
Undulating road surface where the carriageway has heaved due to underlying soil conditions
 - iii. **Road closure B1086** High Street Date: 06/11/2018 – 09/11/2018
Time: 2000 – 0600
Repair of deteriorated carriageway along the High Street, Somersham. Approx. 300 linear metres from Tesco
 - iv. **Community Gritting scheme** – Volunteers Winter 2018-2019. Forms to be returned by end of October 2018 – Martin Tyers again will be just Monday to Friday. Councillors to have a think before next meeting – Perhaps put on social media?

Mr Hulme requested the grit bin at Lakeway was replaced as it had come to the end of its useful life. The Clerk will obtain the cost to purchase new grit bin.

- v. **St Ives & District Road Safety Committee** – meeting held re the Wheatsheaf crossroads at Bluntisham village hall on 25th September 2018 2-4pm – Mr Hulme attended the meeting and reported 8 different parishes were there. Initially they talked about having traffic lights, but most people would like to see a roundabout. They only have funding for £200-300k, but a roundabout would cost £500k. The group are hoping to find extra funding.

Mr Criswell thought traffic lights would cost £300k and if each parish council put in money they could reach £300k ^{would} otherwise there was no alternative funding available. Mr Hulme not clear where the identified £200-300k funding has come from.

- vi. **Stagecoach** – changes to bus services October 2018

it is unlikely
29/10/18

13. STREET LIGHTING MATTERS inc repairs

There were no matters to report.

14. LITTER WASTE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS WITH HDC

HDC can no longer collect the parish councils waste free of charge but could supply a 1100ltr wheeled bin and collect either weekly or fortnightly @ £13.77 per lift.

The Clerk was requested to find out lowest commitment costs and to monitor the parish council requirement for weekly or fortnightly collections.

It was proposed by Mr Hawkins, seconded by Mr Greaves and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to go with HDC for weekly collections.

15. REPORTS FROM SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES & REPRESENTATIVES:

a. **The Norwood Playing Field/ Norwood Building**

- i. To purchase a novelty bird litter bin to encourage use & to replace a damaged bin £433.50 + vat. It was proposed by Mr McCloskey, seconded by Mr Hawkins and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to purchase the novelty bin.

b. **The Victory Hall Management Committee**

- i. Draft Minutes 14th August 2018 & 11th September 2018
ii. Lease – The Clerk confirmed she required a professional draftsman to update the plan in accordance with the updated lease.

c. **Friends of Somersham Local Nature Reserve (SNRG) & Somersham Lake**

- i. Update on portable pump hire & the purchase of fixed installation aerators for Somersham lake. The Clerk was pleased to report the pumps were in and all is working OK.
ii. SNRG meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018

d. **Community Library**

- i. Invitation to all Councillors to attend FOSL's 15th birthday on Saturday 13th October 2018 10.30 am – 12.30pm

e. **Millennium Sports Facility**

- i. Meeting held on 24th September 2018

f. **Somersham & Pidley Time Bank**

- i. Next event – Apple day on Sunday 7th October 2018 in the community orchard

g. **Communication Working Party**

- i. Communication & Engagement Strategy – to note
ii. To Accept a Report on Parish Councillor email communications

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- iii. Update from Mr McCloskey on the latest distribution of the newsletter
- h. Christmas Lights Working Party**
Mr Greaves gave an update on the working parties in the run up to Christmas.
- i. Road Safety Reports (SID's)**
 - i. Emails forwarded from Community Roadwatch dated 10 & 12 August, 10 & 17 Sept 2018
 - ii. To approve donation amounts to cover costs as follows: £100 in October 2018, April 2019 – It was proposed by Mr Greaves, seconded by Mr Criswell and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to proceed with the approved £100 donations.
 - iii. To advertise for volunteers & to train in stages for CRW with the aim to hand over a village team from April 2019. This will go in the next edition of Somersham4u.

j. REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY PARISH COUNCILLOR'S


The Chairman reported he had formally attended St Ives Town Council Michaelmas fair.

16. NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No matters were raised.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Millennium Pavilion on Monday 29th October 2018 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.49 pm



 Richard Sutton, Chairman
 20/10/18

County & District report to Somersham PC 1/10/18 Cllr Steve Criswell.

Local Plan to 2036

We are fortunate that the Planning Inspector has arranged to consider the HDC Local Plan much sooner than anticipated. Without an approved Plan which demonstrates how sufficient housing will be delivered quickly enough to meet demand, the district is vulnerable to opportunistic and inappropriate developments on sites not in the draft Plan. The inspector started his investigations and deliberations in July and continued throughout September after an August break. All objectors who registered to speak during the consultation have been allowed to address the Inspector. The hearings were held in public at Pathfinder House. HDC is willing and ready to make any amendments recommended by the Inspector, to enable the Plan to be signed off as 'sound'. We have been warned that if the Plan is delayed by not being accepted, it is highly likely that additional sites will need to be found.

At Pathfinder House, I chair the Licencing and Protection Committee, dealing with policies for Taxis & Private Hire vehicles, drivers and operators, alcohol and entertainment venue licences, film certification, food safety and environmental health. I also chair the sub-committee that hears objections and passes judgement on misdemeanours committed by licence holders and applicants.

At Shire Hall, I chair the Communities & Partnerships Committee. This gives me overall responsibility for five main areas of work;

- **Community Safety** – including domestic abuse, modern day slavery, racism, community cohesion and equality. I have delegated the leadership of this to my vice-chairman who has a particular interest in this area of work.
- **Adult Skills** – we have formed a new Skills Board which I chair. We hope to improve service delivery by better integration of courses on offer. I am also developing the idea of a Construction Academy to increase the housebuilding workforce.
- **Tackling deprivation** – Unfortunately we have pockets across the whole County. I have set up a cross- partner Working Group to focus on poverty. We need to create better opportunities in certain areas and for certain families, so the County's wealth can be spread more widely.
- **Community capacity building** – our remit includes the Supporting Cambridgeshire contract, which encompasses the voluntary sector and our work with town and parish councils, in particular the Local Council Development Plan. Also the Innovate & Cultivate Fund. The annual parish conference is on November 23rd at Huntingdon Marriot. Please put the date in your diaries and try to attend.
- **Improved Partnership Working** – includes closer working with Peterborough, a more understanding relationship with the 5 district councils and creating stronger links to the Mayor and Combined Authority. I held a very helpful meeting with the Mayor recently to discuss our shared objectives. The back story to this is how closer integration could lead to Public Sector Reform.



Penny has shared with you all a schedule of **road resurfacing** works. Two are in Somersham and currently planned for October/November.

The B1050 Chatteris Rd will be undergoing some major work on the worst areas of subsidence which will require lengthy closures.

The High Street will have the final section resurfaced from Tesco to Feoffees Rd. As before, much of this work will need to be done at night, but fortunately only for a very short period. Exact timings will be advertised nearer the time and a letter drop arranged for those most affected.

A new **Minerals & Waste Plan to 2036** is being formed for Cambs & P'boro. In the previous iteration of the plan, quarrying by Lafarge in Long Drove and Hanson off Chatteris Rd was brought to an end due to the unsuitability of local roads for such heavy traffic. Local quarrying was concentrated around Mepal where there is ready access to the A141 and A142.

The Hanson site still had stockpiles of quarried material and the permission to remove that expires in Dec 2019. More recently an application for irrigation lakes was approved in Colne Fen with aggregate being transported from site via Chatteris Rd until 2022. Local residents in Chatteris Rd are suffering from a constant stream of HCV traffic and are impatient for that to end.

In the consultation for the new M & W Plan there is a proposal to include an additional area next to the old Hanson site. If approved, this would extend quarrying and the resultant traffic way beyond 2022.



ACCOUNTS	1st October 2018	Vat	TOTAL		
Wages	Salaries	0.00	5757.22	5,757.22	Ba
LGSS	Pension Fund	0	671.97	671.97	Ba
NEST	Pension Fund	0	120.22	120.22	DI
HMRC	Tax & NI	0	1701.76	1701.76	Ba
Angling Trust	Annual subscription	0	240	240	Ba
Came & co	Tractor insurance	0	526.4	526.4	Ba
R Adams	Bexercise classes	0	60	60	Ba
Ethos Communications	Printer charges	16.88	84.38	101.26	Ba
M Tabrett	T'ai Chi sessions	0	100	100	Ba
MK Illuminations	Christmas lights	481.16	2405.82	2886.98	Ba
Cambridge Water Business	Water	0	19.45	19.45	Ba
	Water	0	84.78	84.78	Ba
Viking Payments	Coffee, 2019 diary	0	32.67	32.67	Ba
E-on	Street lighting - electricity	4.19	83.87	88.06	Ba
HCR 104fm	Job spot	4	20	24	Ba
	GSM/3g line rental on remote CCTV system	11.1	55.5	66.6	Ba
PSK Installations	Cleaning materials/toilet rolls	16.57	82.85	99.42	Ba
CCL Supplies	Expenses refund	0	19.89	19.89	Ba
Miss M Blewett	Work to install electrical supply to areators	410.22	2051.1	2461.32	Ba
Riggall & Hawkesford Ltd	Fuel - August 2018	29.02	145.1	£174.12	Ba
Cole & Day	Annual Insurance	0	5884.1	5884.1	Ba
Came & Co	Annual Audit	80	400	480	Ba
PKF Littlejohn	Sewerage	0	147.01	147.01	Ba
Wave	Sewerage	0	173.12	173.12	Ba
SSLA	Seated exercise	0	10	10	Ba
	Nordic walking	0	40	40	Ba
CAPALC	Training sessions	0	155	155	Ba
Sam Godfrey	Nordic Walking	0	70	70	Ba
Viking Payments	Laminator, stationary	9.53	47.64	57.17	Ba
NALC	Annual conference	49	245	294	Ba

TOTAL	1,111.67	21434.85	22
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Electronic payments

BT Business	01487 841359	10.37	51.88	£62.25	DI
	Broadband	9.6	48	57.6	DI
Talk Talk	CIC-01487 840266	6.05	30.25	£36.30	DI
Microsoft Online	Monthly computer software - September	0	39.5	39.5	DI

Talk Talk Business	Broadband			0	DI
Carphone warehouse	K Ixer - mobile contract payment	1.25	6.25	£7.50	DI
	P Bryant - mobile contract payment	1.25	6.25	£7.50	DI
	M Tyers - mobile contract payment	1.25	6.25	£7.50	DI
Huntingdonshire DC	Sea Container - rates	0	48	£48.00	DI
	Norwood Building - rates	0	0	£0.00	DI
SSE	Electricity - Multi sports area			£0.00	DI
	Electricity - Lake sea container			£0.00	DI
In credit by £3.25	Electricity - Norwood Building	0	0	£0.00	DI
	Electricity - library	0	0	£0.00	DI
ESPO	Gas	2.42	48.36	£50.78	DI
	TOTAL	<u>32.19</u>	<u>284.74</u>		
				<u>£316.93</u>	

Cheques					Ch
JF Waters	Flailing	70.2	351	421.2	
<u>Optimum Card</u>					
Teresa Clark - August 2018	Tuck	0	0	0	Ca
Katie Ixer - August 2018	Refreshments	0	0	0	Ca
Penny Bryant - August 2018	Skip hire	0	228	228	Ca
	Postage	0	2.02	2.02	Ca
	Postage	0	1.01	1.01	Ca
	TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>231.03</u>		
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