

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY
MEETING OF SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Norwood Building, Parkhall Road, Somersham
On Monday 30th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr S Criswell (Chairman)	Mr M Hoy	Miss M Blewett (Deputy Clerk)
Miss Y Cooper	Mr A Hulme	
Miss A Eastham	Mr P McCloskey (Vice-Chairman)	
Mr M Greaves	Miss L Minter	
Mr K Hawkins	Mr R Sutton	

PRESENT WERE: 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Ms D Carr – Work commitments
Ms D Skeggs – no reason supplied

2. PARISH COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, 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 closed at 7.32 pm and was reconvened at 7.34 pm. Matters discussed were:- Mr Sutton asked Councillor Criswell as a member of CCC if he was aware of the speed changes in Pidley and the new disabled bay in Church Street. Could it be possible to make Somersham Parish Council aware of the changes prior to going into place? Mr Criswell explained that these do go through all the public channels and we will try to be clearer in future where possible. Member of the public Mr S Clark explained briefly the two planning applications 18/00344/HHFUL and 18/00344/HHFUL.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18/00559/FUL	Public House The George 76 High Street Somersham Change of use of ground floor from a pub (A4) to two residential flats (C3), first floor proposed two, one bed apartments and removal of decking and erection of bin and cycle store.
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It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Greaves to object to the proposal due to overdevelopment in the area as there is not enough parking for the number of homes. This was REJECTED by 3 votes for, and 6 against.

It was proposed by Mr Hawkins, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by 6 votes for, 2 against and 1 abstention to recommend no objection as this will provide good affordable housing and make use of an empty building.

18/00344/HHFUL Ash Barn Oak Acres Farm Parkhall Road Somersham
Erection of detached garage

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection to this proposal. The double garage will be in keeping with the property and location.

18/00342/HHFUL Elm Barn Oak Acres Farm Parkhall Road Somersham
Erection of detached garage

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection to this proposal. The double garage will be in keeping with the property and location.

18/00657/FUL Rollins Farm, St Ives Road, Somersham
The erection of a general purpose agricultural building to be used for the purpose of agriculture

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection to this proposal. This is a working farm and the additional agricultural building is an acceptable proposal.

18/00696/HHFUL 130 High Street Somersham
Demolition of existing canopy and construction of new entrance porch to front of dwelling

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend no objection to this proposal. The proposed new entrance porch at the front of the property will be in keeping with the dwelling and street scene.

5. CCLA BANK MANDATE

It was proposed by Mr McCloskey, seconded by Mr Hawkins and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to recommend the transfer of £50,000 to the saving account.

It was proposed by Mr McCloskey, seconded by Mr Hawkins and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to have 8 Parish Councillors as signatories on the mandate. During the meeting 4 Councillors were co-opted on: Mr Hulme, Mr Hawkins, Mr Sutton, Mr Greaves.

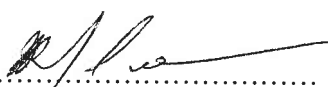
4 additional Parish Councillors will be co-opted on after the May elections. No further action can be taken until then.

6. NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Mr Sutton asked Councillor Criswell if we could have an update on UK Power Networks.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Millennium Pavilion on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:50 pm


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Steve Criswell, Chairman

R J SUTTON
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