

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Zoom, Remote Online Viewing
On Monday 21st September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Cllr S Criswell
Cllr Blundell
Cllr C Dolby
Cllr D Potter
Cllr T Sansom

Cllr R Sutton (In the Chair)
Cllr Skeggs
Cllr C White
Cllr R Woolway
Cllr G Wooster

Miss M Blewett, Deputy Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were present

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from;
Cllr D Smith - Work Commitments
Cllr Woolway - Arrived 19:40
Cllr Wooster - Arrived 19:42

ABSENT

Cllr T Hulme
Cllr N Ruffel

2. **PARISH COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

It was proposed by Cllr Skeggs seconded by Cllr Criswell 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 7:31pm and was reconvened as no members of the public were present.

4. **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr Wooster Arrived 19:40
Cllr Woolway arrived 19:42

20/01092/FUL Beeches Stables Parkhall Road Somersham PE28 3HQ
Proposed agricultural building

It was proposed by Cllr Skeggs, seconded by Cllr Wooster with 2 votes in favour and 7 against to propose no objection.

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Woolway with 7 votes in favour and 2 against to propose objection.

The additional information still does not provide concrete evidence this is a working farm, just that it hopes to be a working farm in future. The parish council reiterates the applicant has still not supplied any evidence of agricultural work that requires the need for an additional agricultural building on the site or evidence of the production of food stuffs or other agricultural yield which necessitates the need for the storage building on this farm directly.

20/01517/HHFUL 7 The Grange 65 High Street Somersham
Replacement windows

It was proposed by Cllr Wooster, seconded by Cllr Blundell and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to propose no objection. The proposed window design is suitable for the building and street scene.

20/01518/LBC 7 The Grange 65 High Street Somersham
Replacement windows

It was proposed by Cllr Wooster, seconded by Cllr Blundell and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to propose no objection. The proposed window design is suitable for the building and street scene.

20/01648/TREE 1 Grange Barns Somersham PE28 3YY

T1-Tree of Heaven. Prune clear of the neighbouring building by approx. 2 m. Also weight reduce the lower limb extending towards the neighbours property by removing up to 2-3 m from the branch tip extent to reduce the risk of limb failure. Small cavity on the upper side of the limb to inspect.

It was proposed by Cllr Wooster, seconded by Cllr Blundell and RESOVLED by a unanimous vote to propose no objection. It is necessary work.

20/01535/HHFUL 116 High Street Somersham PE28 3EN

To change the angle of the roof of the main part of the house to allow a loft conversion, conversion of the existing garage and erect a new single garage.

It was proposed by Cllr Wooster, seconded Cllr Skeggs with 9 in favour and 1 abstention, the proposal is in keeping with the property and street scene.

20/01424/FUL

Land south West of 9 Bank Avenue Somersham
Erection of detached 3 bedroom dwelling and associated parking on land adjacent 9 Bank Avenue

It was proposed by Cllr Wooster, seconded by Cllr Skeggs with 6 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention. More housing is needed for the area and the proposal is in keeping with the street scene.

20/01534/HHFUL 100 The Trundle Somersham PE28 3JS

Two storey side extension

It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Wooster and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to propose no objection. The proposed plans are in keeping with the street scene.

b) PLANNING APPROVED

20/00918/HHFUL East View Parkhall Road Somersham PE28 3HF
Proposed single storey rear extension

19/01205/FUL

Snowcap Mushrooms St Ives Road Woodhurst
Demolition of existing buildings and structures and erection of a new commercial warehouse building; and associated works, including provision of vehicular parking and servicing areas; and landscaping.

c) PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Planning Applications FMW/025/19 & FMW/020/20 – David Newman/ Mick George Ltd

These applications are on the agenda for the County Council Planning Committee on 1st October 2020.

Cllr Criswell will submit the words of no objection on the councils behalf. *The Council is not objecting to the two applications, as it reluctantly acknowledges the restoration work needs completing and the bridleway needs to open as soon as possible. However the council wishes to place on record that the time extension is unwelcomed as the residents along The Bank and Chatteris Rd have endured the negative impact of HCV traffic for far too long already.*

d) PLANNING CONSULTATION

PC11-20 Planning for the Future White Paper - Consultation

The Councillors have asked for the Distrcit Councils comments before the Parish Council responds. Cllr Criswell will forward the response to the Clerk.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 24TH AUGUST 2020

The Minutes for 24th August 2020 were proposed by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Potter to be a true record of events. This was RESOLVED by 7 for and 3 abstentions (as those Councillors were not at the previous meeting). The Minutes will be signed by the Chairman as soon as practical in the current lock-down situation.

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6. **POLICE REPORT**

Emailed to Councillors:

- i. Weekly Policing Updates

7. **REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEVE CRISWELL**

Cllr Criswell has no report this month.

8. **PARISH CLERK'S REPORT Inc.**

a. **Matters Arising Report & Updates:**

b. **Correspondence emailed to councillors:**

- ii. RSN online – updates
- iii. CAPALC bulletin & NALC CEO bulletins
- iv. Virtual Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference 23rd October 2020
Cllr Sutton to attend

9. **FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT MATTERS including: -**

- a. **The Monthly Accounts** - The accounts were proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Wooster and RESOLVED by 8 for and 2 abstentions.
- b. **Report the Internal Auditor carried out the various Charity account year-end audits on 7th September 2020.** The Clerk to complete updates.
- c. **Annual Insurance Cover** – renewal documents emailed to councillors. This is on a 3-year discounted renewal, year 2.

10. **HIGHWAY MATTERS including Public Footways - Repairs/ Maintenance**

- a. Highway repair/maintenance matters to report
- b. Mr F Brown has resigned as the voluntary Parish Paths (P3) officer role. The Clerk has discussed the role informally with Philip Clark, Chairman SNRG and will be discussed at the next Personnel Committee Meeting.

11. **RE-CONSIDER THE SOMERSHAM HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY FOR RURAL EXCEPTION SITES**

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Skeggs with 9 votes in favour and 1 abstention to support the rural exception sites in principle and to enter a dialog.

12. **CONFIRM THE DE-REGISTRATION OF THE CHARITY 'SOMERSHAM SPORTS & LEISURE ASSOCIATION' (SSLA) CHARITY NUMBER 1101674**

The management committee charity has been de-registered and all property returns to the Parish Council to manage.

The charity bank accounts have also been closed and remaining balances placed in ear-marked reserves within the parish council accounts for the sole use of the Millennium Sports Facility

13. **RESPOND TO HUNTINGDONSHERE DISTRICT COUNCIL HAS A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) FOR SOMERSHAM IN PLACE SINCE 2017. CONSULTATION ENDS 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

Huntingdonshire District Council has a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in place which imposes a number of Dog Controls. This PSPO has been in place since 2017 and legislation requires that it is formally reviewed every three years, or be allowed to lapse. The District Council believes that the control of dogs is an important issue, so is now seeking views on whether the continuation of the SPPO for a further three year period, to 2023 would be supported. Areas in Somersham are the Norwood Playing Field and Millennium Sports Field.

It was proposed by Cllr Criswell, seconded by Cllr White and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to continue the Public Spaces Protection Order.

14. **ACCEPT AN EMAIL REPORT FROM COMMUNITY ROADWATCH**

Emailed to councillors

15. **NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

There was no discussion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:32PM

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Richard Sutton
Chairman

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ACCOUNTS	21st September 2020	Vat		TOTAL	
Wages	Salaries	0.00	7840.62	7,840.62	Bacs
LGSS	Pension Fund	0	512.87	512.87	Bacs
NEST	Pension Fund	0	317.61	317.61	DD
HMRC	Tax & NI	0	2385.33	2385.33	Bacs
	Tax & NI	0	2653.49	2653.49	Bacs
Libra Security	Annual renewal - intruder alarm maintenance	15	75	90	Bacs
Sovereign Play Systems	Witches Hat' & installation	886.58	4432.9	5319.48	Bacs
ESPO	Gas	1.42	28.45	29.87	Bacs
S Blackwell	Tree surgery - Inv 100296	0	480	480	Bacs
Peters Electrical	5 yr Electrical testing - Millennium pavilion	0	220	220	Bacs
CCL Supplies	Sanitiser dispensers	47.95	239.75	287.7	Bacs
QVS	Christmas Lights - maintenance parts	15.83	108.66	124.49	Bacs
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Came & co	Tractor insurance	0	500.08	500.08	Bacs
TNS Ltd	Roller scraper	18.48	92.4	110.88	Bacs
Viking Payments	office desk	38.39	191.96	230.35	Bacs
	Office chair & stationary	19.93	99.63	119.56	Bacs
E-on	Electricity - August	5.18	103.55	108.73	Bacs
Cole & Day	Fuel 1st - 15th August 2020	9.14	45.72	54.86	Bacs
James Waters	Grass verge cutting	78	390	468	Bacs
TimeBanking UK	Annual Bronze Membership	0	120	120	Bacs
S Blackwell	Tree Surgery - Inv 100294	0	240	240	Bacs
QVS	3 pole IP68 straight connector	13.98	69.9	83.88	Bacs
Hunts Forum	Membership	0	12.5	12.5	Bacs
R Adams Rehab	Seated exercise	0	200	200	Bacs
K & M Lighting Services	Maintenance charges	39.22	196.08	235.3	Bacs
S Blackwell	Tree surgery - Inv 100292	0	480	480	Bacs
Cole & Day	Fuel 16th - 31st July 2020	17.39	86.95	104.34	Bacs
	Fuel 16th - 31st August 2020	8.79	43.93	52.72	Bacs
Mike Tabrett	T'ai Chi sessions	0	200	200	Bacs
Linda Garrick	Yoga sessions	0	210	210	Bacs
	TOTAL	1,218.29	22592.44	23,810.73	
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Electronic payments					
BT Business				£0.00	DD
Talk Talk Business	01487 841359 & internet - 18 August 2020	5.6	28	33.6	DD
Talk Talk	CIC-01487 840266 -			0	DD
Microsoft Online	Monthly computer software - July & August 2020 - due	0	0	0	DD
Siemens	Printer lease rental - 2020				DD
Carphone warehouse	K Ixer - mobile contract payment	1.25	6.25	£7.50	DD
Giifgaff	P Bryant - mobile contract payment - due	0	0	£0.00	DD
	M Tyers - mobile contract payment	1.25	6.25	£7.50	DD
	Sea Container - Rates - 1 June, July, August, September 2020	0	196	£196.00	DD
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	Norwood Building - rates	0	0	£0.00	DD
	Millennium Sports Facility - Rates	0	0	£0.00	DD
SSE	Electricity - Multi sports area - QRT 2	1.67	33.51	£35.18	DD

Electricity - Lake sea container - Qtr 2	6.27	31.35	£37.62	DD
Electricity - Norwood Building - QTR 2	21.41	428.23	£449.64	DD
Electricity - Library - QRT 2	6.31	126.13	£132.44	DD
Electricity - Millennium Sports Facility - QRT 2			0	DD
Gas - Millennium Sports Facility - QRT 2			£0.00	DD

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>43.76</u>	<u>855.72</u>	<u>£899.48</u>	<u>899.48</u>
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Optimum Card

August-20

Katie Ixer	Refunds to vounteer shoppers - COVID-19	£0.00	£68.21	£68.21	Card
	Table & chairs - portable	£0.00	£241.74	£241.74	Card
Penny Bryant	PPE	£0.00	£46.42	£46.42	Card

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£356.37</u>	<u>£356.37</u>	<u>£356.37</u>
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