

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF
SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 18th May 2020 at 8.17 p.m.**

REMOTE (online) MEETING

COVID-19 Pandemic (Temporary Regulations in force from 4th April 2020 expiring 7th May 2021)
The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, S78

PRESENT WERE:

Cllr J Blundell	Cllr D Skeggs
Cllr S Criswell	Cllr D Smith
Cllr C Dolby	Cllr R Sutton (in the Chair)
Cllr A Hulme	Cllr C White
Cllr D Potter	Cllr R Woolway
Cllr T Sansom	Cllr G Wooster

Mrs P Bryant, Parish Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P McCloskey, Miss M Blewett, Deputy Clerk and Mr A Scriven,
Somersham PC Administrator.

1. **APOLOGIES**

None received.

Cllr N Ruffell - ABSENT

2. **PARISH COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

It was proposed by Cllr Criswell, seconded by Cllr Sansom and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to closed the meeting for a period of time to allow members of the public to participate in a public forum. The meeting was closed at 8.18 pm and reconvened, no matters were discussed.

4. **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

20/00608/FUL Pitches 4 and 4A Rosefield Parkhall Road Somersham

Change of use of the land to Gypsy and Traveller residential with the establishment of two residential pitches, each with the siting of two caravans of which no more than one can be static caravans and the construction of an amenity building

Email information sent by Cllr Criswell & forwarded to all councillors together with attachments

Following lengthy debate including the number of permitted caravans on the site and discussion about the site being used to dispose of commercial waste, it was proposed by Cllr Woolway and seconded by Cllr Dolby to object to the application. The proposal is over-development of an area which already contains too many caravans for the site.

This was RESOLVED by 5 votes for, 4 against and 2 abstentions.

Cllr Criswell will follow up on the waste issue.

20/00667/HHFUL 96 The Trundle Somersham PE28 3JS
Single storey front and side extension

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr Wooster to recommend no objection. The proposal is in keeping with street scene and neighbouring properties have carried out similar work. This was RESOLVED by a unanimous vote.


5. NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Woolway expressed his concern with the closure of the Post Office during the pandemic as one is needed in the village.

Cllr Wooster would like to consider the LHI Bid for a 20 mph limit through the village and work to improve the footpath on north side of the High Street.
The Traffic Working Party should hold a video conference meeting prior to 1st June 2020.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 1st June 2020 at 7.30 pm by Zoom conferencing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm


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Richard Sutton, Chairman
1/6/20