

Minutes of the meeting of Southam Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th July, 2007, in Southam Village Hall.

Present:- **Mr.** Allen, Mrs. Hollaway, Mr. Junor, (Chairman), Mr. McAnoy, Mr. Nurden, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Wilcox & Mr. Sullivan ( Clerk).

**In attendance:-** Mrs.~ Ogden & Mr. Leech, (Tewkesbury Borough Council) & five members of the public.

**The Minutes of the meeting of 12th June. 2007,** were read &, subject to one correction, agreed & signed as a true record.

**Matters arising from the Minutes:-** such matters as were raised were directed to be raised at the appropriate point later in the agenda.

**Councillors' Reports:-** Mr. Leech reported on the meeting of the Borough Environment Committee. It had been decided that weekly collections & the collection of side waste would continue. It was hoped to install a MRF, which would allow all recyclable waste to be collected in one lorry & be graded at the waste disposal site. A separate food waste bin would be provided at no cost to parishioners. These recommendations would go before the full Council for ratification. Mrs. Smith asked whether the brown compost bins had been successful as they tended to leave stains from grass cuttings & to smell.

Mrs. Ogden said that the problem of drainage in Gravel Walk had been referred to Highways who had given it the case number 26983 & would be investigating the problem.

She had been placed on the N.H.S. scrutiny committee which had referred the problem of mental health care to the Secretary of State. The Chariton Lane unit alone was insufficient for the area's needs; a second unit was needed.

**Public participation:-** A parishioner raised the problem of the overgrown hedge in **Southam Lane**. Mrs. Hollaway, on whose land the hedge is situated, explained the reason why the hedge had not been cut & assured the meeting that it would be done as soon as possible.

The question of 106 funding had been raised; it was alleged by a parishioner that the Clerk had suggested that the funding could be lost if a decision on its use was not soon arrived at. He had received a letter from the Borough Treasurer which said that the money would be passed to the Village Hall Management Committee on completion of the proposed work.

The Clerk pointed out that Borough had notified him of the allocation of 106 funds although he did not know who had decided the allocation. When the information regarding the money had been received he had agreed with Village Hall Management Committee's treasurer, Mr. Scott, that he would arrange for the funds to be transferred directly to the Village Hall Management Committee so that the Parish Council would not be charged additional audit fees for an increased turnover. So far, it had taken two years for the Management Committee to decide on a plan of action & he was concerned that the money could be lost whereas if the Management Committee could not use it, the Parish Council could.

**Standing Orders:-** It was agreed that the N.A.L.C. form of Standing Orders be adopted & that the Parish Council's Financial Standing Orders be incorporated to form an overall package.

**Planning :-** It was agreed that, in view of the sometimes large number of planning applications which were occasionally received, a sub committee should be formed to deal with them. A quorum of four was agreed, the committee having a "loose" membership of members of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Committee could receive additional information in support of an application at the Chairman's discretion.

The following applications were considered:

Land at the rear of the De La Bere Hotel; erection of a bungalow. The applicants agent pointed out that the proposed site was next to but not part of the Green Belt. He pointed to the apparent inconsistency of the decisions taken by planning officers. Mr. Leech said that to build on the proposed site would mean obtaining an agricultural tie as the land was agricultural land & that he had explained that to the applicants. The Parish Council's objections were therefore upheld.

Woodlands, Queenwood Grove; erection of replacement glazed conservatory; no objection.

**Finance:-** The Clerk reported that he could not produce accurate figures for 2006 / 07 yet as the books were with the auditor but that there had been an underspend of £300 on the precept during 06/07.

Expenditure from 01 / 04 / 07 till 10 /07 /07 had been £2269.52 against income of £4230.00. The balances at the bank on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 were £4143.57 in the current account & £2018.00 in the B.I.A. account. The Clerk suggested that £ 500.00 be transferred from the current account to the B.I.A. account. This was agreed. The following accounts were agreed & cheques signed.:-

The Inkspot	£ 19.41
Mrs. S. Trudge on	£ 25.00
J.R.P. Sullivan	£ 240.00
Mrs. Smith	£ 10.70

**Noverton View Estate :-** Plans were agreed for the inclusion in the Parish of the new residents who, while nearer Prestbury, were within Southam Parish. The address of the web site would be circulated, copies of the Newsletter circulated & enquiries made about increasing the number of Parish Councillors with a view to drawing in representation from the estate.

**Village Hall Management Committee :-** Mrs. Smith reported on the meeting or the Committee held on 02/07 / 07. Work was to begin on the Village Hall floor on 20 / 08 / 07 & would take two weeks.

**Date of the next meeting :-** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 at 7.30 pm in Southam Village Hall.