



Southam Parish Council

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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th October 2016 at 7.30pm in Southam Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Councillor K Wilcox, Vice Chairman J Grinnell

Councillors P Nurden, G McAnoy, T Winstanley

Also Present: Clerk G Jennings, Borough Councillor M Dean, 7 members of the public

1. To receive Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Hollaway, Cllr. A Wood and County Councillor Roger Wilson

2. To receive Declarations of Interests

Councillor Kevin Wilcox declared an interest in 9.2 (Grant to Village Hall Committee)

3. To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2016

The Minutes were agreed after amendment noting Cllr McAnoy's presence at the meeting, item 5 wording amended "not happy" to "happy" and "14th" to "25th".

4. Highway Safety Measures – to agree a way forward with funding now available from Crime Commissioner and County Council, to consider approach to Gloucestershire County Council re: parking for racecourse events, traffic congestion at traffic lights.

Councillor Nurden to meet with Richard Waters to discuss options and bring proposal back to council.

Clerk to write to County, racecourse and charity regarding recent half marathon which brought the roads to a standstill and caused inconsiderate parking.

5. To receive and request reports from County, Borough Councillors

Councillor Dean mentioned a greenbelt petition to prevent building between Cheltenham and Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham Local Plan not ready yet but may include North of Prestbury. Tewkesbury Borough Council have new website which is now mobile friendly with low hosting costs.

6. To receive reports from the Chairman and parish councillors

Councillor McAnoy had attended a meeting of the parishes at which a talk was given by Stoke Orchard parish council regarding their community shop, an interesting factor was that this contributed to it being a service village. Fastershires are rolling

out broadband at 30mbps by 2010 but they need to know where their services are needed.

Councillor Winstanley reported that Cleeve Conservators are now on Facebook under Cleeve Common and recommended the Galloway meat for purchase.

Councillor Grinnell reported that further monitoring of carboot startup times was required to convince Tewkesbury Borough Council of the need for enforcement.

7. Public Adjournment

A resident reported the imminent loss of the phonebox – the clerk advised that these could be purchased for £1 and Councillor Wilcox would mention to village hall committee. Flytipping in Gravel Walk a problem. Cllr Wilcox will advise householder of their overhanging hedge end of School Lane. Residents pleased with improved bus service – letter of thanks to be sent to Marchants.

8. Consultations

Planning:

16/00721/FUL 1 Cockbury Court, rear conservatory & porch to front.

NO COMMENT

16/01071/FUL Berryhead, Cleeve Hill, single storey extension, dormers, amendments to garage

NO OBJECTION

To consider Tewkesbury Borough Council Environmental Warden proposal

The Council discussed the proposal put forward to engage a warden to patrol and issue fixed penalty notices for environmental problems including dog fouling. It was felt that the borough was too wide an area to provide adequate cover and the parish council would not want to contribute with its size being insignificant to a larger parish. Members of the public would be encouraged to capture images of offences on their mobiles and send in to the Borough for action.

Tewkesbury Borough Council Housing Strategy Event is on 12 October 4-6pm at the borough council offices

Noted.

GCC Draft Minerals Plan now available online 29/9/16-24/11/16

Noted.

9. Finance

Agree payments – Email accounts £23.99 Admin Costs including purchase of bulbs £382.03, Dog Fouling Signs £18, HMRC £64.60, Newsletter £120, Poppy Wreath £30

Consider request for a grant to Village Hall Committee

The Council were advised by Cllr Wilcox that the cost of a hearing loop was £3670 and the village hall committee had other repairs and maintenance work to carry out on the hall. The Council considered this and Cllr Nurden proposed/Cllr Grinnell seconded a joint purchase would be beneficial with a virement of £500 from street furniture budget to assist. All in favour.

Variation of bank mandate

The clerk was asked to add Councillor Winstanley and Councillor Wood to the bank mandate.

10. Review Website and Email accounts

The clerk reminded the council that there was grant funding to make the website compliant with the transparency code and make administration improvements. At the same time the Parish Plan group might review the website content. Councillor Nurden will take this to the group for discussion. All were finding the webmail email account difficult. Storage and grouping of files not possible and sometimes difficult to retrieve information. Clerk to explore alternatives with webmaster.

11. Date of Next Meeting

8th November 2016

Chairman Date