



Southam Parish Council



MINUTES (subject to approval at the next Council Meeting)
of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th November 2016 at 7.30pm in Southam Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and are permitted to speak on items on the agenda within the time specified and at no other time.

Prayers in memory of the late Honorary Alderman Florence Margaret Ogden were offered.

Present: Chairman Kevin Wilcox, Vice Chairman Jeff Grinnell
Councillors Anna Hollaway, Gordon McAnoy, Adrienne Wood,
Also Present: Clerk Gill Jennings, 8 members of the public, Councillor M Dean

1. To receive Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Paul Nurden (work commitment) Tim Winstanley (funeral)
County Councillor Roger Wilson

2. To receive Declarations of Interests

Councillor Hollaway declared a possible personal interest in item 8 16/00973/FUL (neighbour) and item 9.2 grant to Cleeve Common Board (representative for parish council)

3. To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2016

The Minutes were agreed as a true record (2010 corrected to 2020). The Council were advised that the concerns over email had been addressed and it appeared that filing and searching were not an issue.

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes:

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.

Cllr Nurden will meet with Richard Waters to discuss. Councillors agreed that if no suitable measure could be found for the Cleeve Hill Road a request would be made to use the funding for a further VAS for existing locations. Councillor Wilson has offered to set up a meeting with the racecourse/county council.

Review Website and Email accounts

The clerk will meet with the webmaster to discuss any updating of information for transparency and administration of the website.

Parish Plan Review

No report available. The working group have been asked to consider refresh of the website, if necessary.

To provide feedback on work undertaken by Lengthsman

Some work undertaken but it appeared that the task of clearing the pavement on the Cleeve Hill road had not been completed.

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

Councillor Dean reported that Twigworth would be withdrawn from the Joint Core Strategy due to flooding issues, also a large part of Ashchurch not being made available by the MOD. Further land being identified. Councillor Dean suggested the council look at Tewkesbury Borough website which is inexpensive to maintain.

6. To receive reports from the Chairman and parish councillors

Councillor Wilcox reported concerns that the closure of New Road had caused higher traffic volumes on Kayte Lane and it was not clear what works were being carried out or their duration.

The village hall committee were not interested in the phone box and it would go. A horse had escaped from the field at the back of Cedar Farm through an inadequate pedestrian access. **Clerk to write to landowner.**

Councillor Grinnell reported that carboots were ongoing despite it being over the advertised season and the road closures.

Councillor Wood enquired whether anything could be done to prevent the banners currently appearing at the front of Ellenborough Park.

7. Public Adjournment

Cheltenham Rugby Club were represented by Steve Ratcliffe who explained plans for improvements to the Newlands clubhouse and changing rooms and the installation of a MUGA. He advised that the club is run by volunteers but there are bar staff and a part time Commercial Manager has been appointed. He advised that reduced hire rates for community use are under discussion. A link was requested with the Club's website.

The club shared the council's concerns about the traffic congestion caused by car boot sales.

8. Consultations

Planning: 16/00973/FUL Newlands Park – retention of hand car wash

The council had no objection to the type of business but had concerns about the signage and possible future issues of parking. There appeared to be no impact on Southam Lane in terms of traffic.

To Comment on the County Council's Waste Plan

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/extra/EmergingMLP Policy MW06 Oil & Gas refers to other methods of extraction which translated means fracking.

The council agreed that the county council might have been more transparent in the wording but felt that the issue of fracking would not affect the Cotswolds AONB and would be concentrated on the Forest of Dean area.

9. Finance

1. Agree payments due

Payments agreed admin costs £305.50 & grasscutting £318

2. Consider request for a grant to Cleeve Common Board of Conservators

Deferred to the next meeting

3. To Agree Variation of bank mandate

Deferred to the next meeting

4. To receive a Draft Budget for 17-18 for consideration

The Council considered a budget drafted to reflect a 2% increase on 2016-17.
This would be reviewed for resolution at the January meeting.

5. To consider schemes for funding from Tesco Bags of Help

Councillors agreed that encouragement of an In Bloom scheme would be useful and clerk will make application.

10. Date of Next Meeting

13th December 2016