



## Southam Parish Council



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm in Southam Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Steve Lennon, Rebecca Prince (Joint Chairs) Pam Sissons, Joseph Welsh

Also Present: Clerk/RFO, 23 members of the public

105. To receive apologies

There were no apologies

106. To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation

Interests declared : Cllr Lennon (22/01007/FUL) Cllr Sissons (23/00576/FUL)

107. To receive and agree the minutes of the AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

The minutes were agreed as a true record

108. To co-opt new members to the Council as agreed at the last meeting

Marilyn Harris and Robert Torrington were co-opted by unanimous vote

109. To agree appointments to the following:

Staffing Committee – Cllrs. Lennon, Prince, Torrington  
Village Hall Representative (currently Rebecca Prince) – Cllr Prince  
Cleeve Conservation Trust (currently Carli Burke) – Cllr Harris  
Councillor Internal Auditor – Cllr Welsh  
Footpaths Warden – Cllr Sissons

110. To receive & request reports from Borough/County Councillors on matters relevant to Southam

County and Borough Councillors had given apologies and were not available to comment on:

- Local Plan – discuss Tewkesbury Borough's involvement in the Joint Core Strategy
- Development at Desert Orchid Rd – follow up on complaint about mud on the road

These items would be brought forward to the next meeting as necessary. Cllr Agg had requested that the public are made aware of the offer of trees to plant in gardens/land to replace Ash dieback.

- Kayte Lane – the Parish Council had hoped to be able to discuss the legal strategy via a private meeting and would pursue this

111. Receive reports from Parish Councillors, Speed Watch Team, Neighbourhood Watch

- Village Hall - Cllr. Prince reported that the Village Hall would be considering the purchase of microphones and a hearing loop for meetings. They would also be

cutting back leylandii hedging at the back of the hall which may make way for the Jubilee tree to be planted.

- Receive traffic data and consider speeding issues – Bill Motion presented the traffic data which shows a considerable percentage of traffic exceeding the 30mph limit on both New Road/Southam Lane. (stats posted to website) Council have discussed the likelihood of GCC accepting a 20mph limit on rural roads in the County and agreed that this would require a joined up approach by neighbouring councils. Item to be revisited on the agenda.
- Neighbourhood Watch – John Donovan explained the importance of community alerts and asked that these were added to Southam News. This was agreed.
- Inconsiderate parking – Cllr Prince reported that the Council have observed inconsiderate parking in Old Road, junction with Southam Lane and by the War Memorial. This will be reported to the PCSO. GCC have said a Traffic Regulation Order would be too expensive and the problem of dangerous parking is a matter for the police.

#### 112. Discuss noise from events in Southam Lane

Concern was expressed about the level of noise from recent events at Ellenborough, Newlands and neighbouring farmland. Residents also reported being disturbed by events at fields behind Ratcliff Lawns which had been reported to the Licensing/Environmental Health Dept. **Clerk requested to alert residents to firework events at Ellenborough and to write to Newlands/TBC.**

#### 113. Planning Applications to be considered:

Appeal 22/01007/FUL – Manor Farm Southam Lane – retrospective application for business storage in 5 containers – Refused by TBC – comments required by 11<sup>th</sup> August – **Council agreed to support TBC's refusal. Enforcement should attend to deal with caravans kept in the open.**

23/00576/FUL Proposed Lean-To extension to garage. Byways, Gravel Walk, Southam – **No Objection**

23/00641/FUL Application for the Change of use of land to use as a Gypsy/Traveller site comprising No.11 pitches. No.11 static mobile homes for residential purposes shall be stationed alongside the stationing of No.7 ancillary touring caravans, and associated ancillary works. Land East Of Kayte Lane, Southam Objection (will be drafted by Cllr Prince/Cllr Sissons)

#### 114. Adjournment for Public Participation (Members of the Public are invited to speak to any item on the agenda. If the matter is on another topic they should write to [clerk@southamtoday.org.uk](mailto:clerk@southamtoday.org.uk))

Residents expressed concern about the loss of trees/hedging on the Kayte Lane site, the unsightly fence, dangerous access, encroachment onto neighbouring land. They did not have faith in the ability of OneLegal to deal with the matter and did not understand why they were dealing with both sites together. Residents wanted assurance that it was being dealt with gravity. **Parish Council will alert CPRE, GWR, neighbouring parishes and email residents to the planning application.**

A resident reported that inconsiderate parking was also at the junction of Ratcliff Lawns.

115. Finance

1. Receive and consider a quote for renovating the village seats (unbudgeted item) – £330.50 – **The Council voted in favour of accepting this quotation.**
2. Remembrance Sunday – agree application for road closure (£100 fee) and donation to RBL – **The Council agreed the application and a donation of £50**
3. Renewal of defibrillator pads (unbudgeted item) £60.50 – **it was agreed to pay for this item**
4. Agree the budget analysis to end of July and bank reconciliation  
**Expenditure to date £6378.73 and income £13402.61 was noted**
5. Agree payments for August

**The following payments were agreed:**

<b>Payments List August</b>	Total	Net	Vat
Washington Printing	150	150	0
Administration Costs	325.82	325.82	0
PAYE	81.4	81.4	0
Gotherington Garden Services (mowing)	560	560	0
J Preece (mowing)	438	365	73

An interim payment for ink cartridges to Ryman Stationers for £26.94 was also agreed.

116. Receive a note of Planning Decisions by Tewkesbury Borough Council:

23/00058/FUL Proposed loft conversion, installation of dormers and rooflights, single storey side extension, new doors and windows, installation of new steps, wall and balustrade at front - revised scheme Springbank Old Road Southam - Permit

23/00488/FUL Dormer to front first floor and rear dormers to form loft conversion. Robin Hill Southam Lane - Permit

117. Date of the Next Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> October 2023