



Southam Parish Council



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) Of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm in Southam Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Rebecca Prince (Joint Chairs) Pam Sissons, Marilyn Harris, Rob Torrington, Joyce Calam

Also Present: Clerk/RFO, Borough Councillor Adcock, 9 members of the public

The meeting was recorded via a mobile device.

175. To receive apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Lennon

176. To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation

Declarations of interest declared in 182.3 Cllr. Prince & Cllr Harris, and in 181.7 Cllr Torrington

177. To receive and agree the minutes of the 13th February 2024

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Harris as a true record, seconded by Cllr Sissons, all in favour

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

Cllr Adcock reported:

Committees and Working Groups attended

Flood Risk Management Group
Garden Community Forum
Full Council
Ubico Seminar
Oversight and scrutiny Finance seminar.
Licensing Sub Committee
Biodiversity Net Gain training

Enforcement

- Two cases for Southam discussed with Will C. One regarding a car dealership operation is being investigated.

Kayte Lane Comms (cut and paste from Comms email).

High Court

As the Council's applications* to the Court are going to be defended, the Judge, at the hearing, set out the directions (steps) the parties need to take in preparation for the full hearing of the claim that will take place later this year. This includes the exchange of witness evidence. The case will be listed for a full hearing on the first available date after 3 May 2024. Once this date has been fixed, the Council will provide further details.

* The Council's applications to the Court are in respect of a breach of the existing injunction, for the injunction to be updated (in particular in terms of those who are named on the injunction) and for there to be an Order from the Court requiring those persons on the site to cease residential use of the site and/or permitting others to use the site for residential use within 21 days from the date of the Order.

Planning Appeals

As you'll be aware from the previous update, planning appeals have been received against the Council's recent decisions to refuse planning permission at both sites.

The appeal in respect of Green Orchard is now proceeding by way of a hearing to take place on 30 April 2024. Formal notice of this appeal will be sent to nearby residents and those residents who objected to the planning application next week. Please note that some people may have received inaccurate appeal notification letters which were sent in error. These are to be corrected next week.

The appeal in respect of Land East of Kayte Lane remains lodged and is yet to be 'started' by the Planning Inspectorate. Interested parties will be notified about this appeal in the same manner as Green Orchard as soon as we are able to.

179. Receive reports from Parish Councillors

- Village Hall – Cllr Prince reported the VHMC very busy with events including Gold Cup Café, Easter Egg Hunt and Film Night
- Footpaths – Cllr Sissons reported - Footpath at Kayte Lane completely blocked and reported to PROW, Ellenborough diverting walkers away from track but have not yet cleared fallen tree – both matters being progressed
- Strategic Local Plan – Cllr Prince reported a full response has been sent from the Parish Council
- Councillor Advocacy Scheme – Cllr Welsh reported that Police have issued a new leaflet with useful information

180. 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)

A resident asked whether the Council were going to have representation at the Appeal Hearings.

A resident enquired about tree felling in Kayte Lane

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181. Finance & Governance

1. To agree the payments for March – Cllr Welsh proposed, Cllr Torrington seconded
Payments were approved as follows:

Payments due March	Total	Net	Vat
R Prince (Postage)	6	6	0
Office Expenses March	46.3	46.3	0
HMRC	101.2	101.2	0
Administration	404.46	404.46	0
	<u>557.96</u>	<u>557.96</u>	<u>0</u>

2. Agree the budget analysis to end of February and bank reconciliation

Total Spend to date £14984.60 Income £14673.54 noted with the Bank reconciled at £1807.21

3. Newsletter – feedback re distribution – final delivery around Noverton in March

4. Consider costs of planning representation and agree to proceed with appointment (donations have been requested from members of the public but the Council must decide how it can proceed within the confines of the budget)

Cllr Prince proposed that the Council earmarks reserve of £3800 in place of reserve for MVAS for the purpose of a professionally written planning objection to the larger traveller site, seconded by Cllr Sissons, all in favour.

Cllr Sissons further proposed that the Council seeks donations in an effort to raise funds for in person representation, seconded by Cllr Prince all in favour.

Cllr Prince proposed that responsibility for choosing suitable representation would be delegated to Cllr Lennon and Cllr Sissons who were in the process of procurement.

Seconded Cllr Harris, all in favour

5. Agree draft Biodiversity Action Plan for consultation at the APM – **The draft plan was agreed**

6. GAPTC AGM 20th July, Call for Motions -member councils are asked to put forward motions to be debated at the upcoming AGM by 12th May – Clerk to circulate some wording for consideration

7. Grasscutting contracts for 24-25 – consider quotes received to date – 2 quotes were received. **Cllr Prince proposed acceptance of the quote which included strimming of Gravel Walk £880 per annum, seconded by Cllr Welsh majority in favour (Cllr. Torrington abstained)**

8. Receive delivery of new MVAS

182. Planning Applications to be considered

1. Confirm details of Objection re: Green Orchard Appeal – the detailed objection was approved

2. Anticipated Appeal on Kayte Lane Traveller site (11 pitches) – noted that the Council will object

3. 24/00117/FUL - Maple Cottage 3 Gravel Walk Southam Cheltenham – Cllr Harris was invited to explain any changes as there had been a delay in TBC loading the correct plans to the portal. There were no changes and **Cllr Sissons proposed No Objection, seconded by Cllr Welsh, majority in favour (Cllr Prince & Cllr Harris abstained)**

183. Receive a note of Planning Decisions by Tewkesbury Borough Council & Inspectorate:

23/00879/FUL Demolition of existing buildings, removal of the existing menage, and erection of 1 detached dwelling with associated operational works. Southam Riding School - Permit

184. Matters of Information

1. Possible rough sleeping in bus shelter reported

185. Date of the Next Meeting

9th April 2024 Annual Parish Meeting 7pm followed by Ordinary meeting at 8.15pm