



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

10 October 2017, Sodbury Council Offices

Present: Councillors B Allen, R Creer, S Gibson, J Gough, C Hays, P O'Rourke, P Smith, P Rumney, P Whittle & W Whittle, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk
Cllr Sue Hope, Cotswold Edge Ward (left at 20:20 hrs)

Gazette reporter – Miranda Airey

Members of the Public: Mr Wilson, Mrs J Bernau, Mrs J Lund

A. Public Participation

Mrs Lund addressed Members on behalf of the '*Friends of Chipping Sodbury Library*' to convey thanks to Cate, Jackie and Emma for their help and support throughout the library transition to a volunteer led organisation.

Mrs Bernau addressed Members to report that Sodbury in Bloom was awarded the Britain in Bloom Gold Award and the Ayre Cup and wished to thank the Council for their continued support. In addition, with regard to the community garden, a project manager had been appointed and landscaping would take place throughout the Winter months. The Clerk added that new neighbours were supportive of the garden initiative and asked that SiB liaises with neighbours in relation to planned works.

At this point, the Chairman relayed thanks to the Sodbury in Bloom team for their hard work in the town.

Mr Wilson addressed Members with regard to the Boundary Review. The Clerk confirmed the matter would be discussed further as it was an Agenda item. Mr Wilson reported attendance at the recent South Gloucestershire Council Local Plan drop in session when a proposal had been put forward for circa 1000 houses south of railway/Kingrove Common. The Clerk responded that it had been an opportunity to engage with the general public and that a formal Consultation would take place in November 2017.

0394 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs James Ball, Linda Boon and Juan Nuevo. Cllr Lewis absent.

0395 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations

(To be received in accordance with the Localism Act 2011)

The following interests were declared:

- Cllr R Creer** – South Gloucestershire Council, Friends of Library, Boundary Review
- Cllr S Gibson** – Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity
- Cllr J Gough** – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust
- Cllr P Rumney** – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust
- Cllr P Smith** – Chipping Sodbury Town Trust
- Cllr P Whittle** – Chipping Sodbury Tourist Information Centre
- Cllr W Whittle** – Chipping Sodbury Town Lands Charity
- Cllr A Williams** - Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

0396 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Sue Hope reported:-

- The Policies, Sites & Places Plan (PSP) would be submitted to Cabinet for agreement in November.
- The Local Plan was work in progress and a drop in session at the Town Hall had recently been held (although poorly attended) with a proposal to build on Kingrove Common although no transport plan had been put forward and a substantial amount of capital investment would be required.
- Works were on-going with regard to the railway electrification system. Residents had received letters with regard to nighttime noise whilst works took place.
- A Chapel Lane planning application had been referred to 'sites' due to neighbour complaints. Visit due on 20/10/17.
- Commonmead Lane gates – matter referred to Enforcement.
- Cotswold Conservation Board (AONB) held a forum meeting when discussion took place with regard to AONB becoming a National Park. Pros/Cons needed to be considered.
- Yate Minor Injury Unit had restricted hours of opening with no notice.
- MAF (Member Awarded Funding) open to Old Sodbury.

Cllr Creer reported:

- An SGC Parking meeting took place and some changes would be implemented, eg parking outside of a bay to be ticketed.
- A meeting took place to look at improvement to cycleways in Yate and Chipping Sodbury and a cycle lane to Old Sodbury was being investigated and general extension of existing cycle lanes.

0397 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

- Cllr W Whittle reported with regard to Twinning and that a Cession trip was planned for May 2018.
- Cllr Creer attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting and reported (1) following success of the Hare Trail, the hares would be auctioned off and (2) honorary membership had been extended to 'Friends of Chipping Sodbury Library', enabling a representative to attend future meetings.

0398 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 12 September 2017

Resolved the Minutes of 12 September 2017 are approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

0399 Matters Arising

None

0400 Finance – Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the schedule of payments and Bank Reconciliation is approved. Cllrs W Whittle and A Williams signed cheques accordingly.

0401 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

Invites to Council

None

Requiring Response/Comment/Action

- Mrs Brierley – recycling bins
Mrs Brierley's e-mail was read out by the Clerk
*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** that Cllr Creer would take the matter forward to SGC for consideration of a pilot scheme. In addition, the Clerk would write to Mrs Brierley outlining that, from a cost and logistical point of view, without such a scheme being "authority wide", it would not be a viable option.*
- Trees at back of St John's Mead School overhanging branches/trees out of proportion – photos available.
Matter to be referred to SGC.

0402 Annual Audit

Members noted no comments had been raised by Grant Thornton with regard to the audit.

0403 800th Anniversary Celebrations

- Members considered the three quotations received from companies who could organise and run the celebrations on 11 & 12 August 2018. Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to appoint Historical Promotions. Two abstentions recorded.
- Funding of the event was discussed at length and the importance of transparency and clear funding streams in place. It was **Resolved** that an application should be submitted to Heritage Lottery Fund for £25,000 towards the cost of celebrations. One abstention recorded.

0404 Chipping Sodbury Library

The Clerk reported the re-launch of the library on the 7th October 2017 was a success. SGC were in attendance and it was noted that SGC is covering the cost of the building and stock costs which is not insignificant.

0405 Electoral Review of South Gloucestershire

Documentation circulated via e-mail.

A discussion took place with regard to a section of the Review which had been missed at the previous Full Council meeting relating to a proposed reduction in Ward Councillors in Old Sodbury to 2 and the increase to 13 Councillors in the Chipping Sodbury Ward. Discussion was had about Old Sodbury needing more Councillors than the proposals due to the spread of the village.

It was **Resolved** that the proposals in the boundary review to reduce Ward Councillors in Old Sodbury to two should be rejected and that if any reductions is to be made it is a maximum of one. The Clerk would respond accordingly.

0406 M4 Junction 18a Link Study

Following a full discussion, it was **Resolved** that the Western Option (Emersons Green) be put forward and the Clerk would respond accordingly to SGC.

0407 Items of Report

Cllr Hays had been approached by a resident with regard to a missing cycle rack by Franklins Barber Shop, Broad Street. It was noted a cycle rack had never existed in that area and would, in any event, not be an ideal position.

Cllr O'Rourke reported (1) graffiti in the lane adjacent to The Boot (2) damage to a cycle sign at Gorlands Road

The Town Clerk reported the E&L meeting would be rescheduled to the 7th November due to annual leave commitments.

0408 Date of next meeting – 14th November 2017, 19:30 – Full Council Meeting

Signed  (Chairman)

Dated 14-11-17

Closed at 20:45