



# Sodbury Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

### 12 December 2017, Sodbury Council Offices

**Present:** Councillor B Allen, J Ball, L Boon, R Creer, S Gibson, J Gough, M Lewis, J Nuevo (arrived 20:15), P O'Rourke, P Smith, P Rumney, P Whittle, W Whittle, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk  
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Cotswold Homes – Liam Green/Matthew Kendrick  
Bramwell Associates – Dan Bramwell

**No members of the public present**

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**A. Public Participation**  
None

**0424 Apologies and Chairman's Report**  
Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Hays.

**0425 Declarations of Interests and Granting of Dispensations**  
(To be received in accordance with the Localism Act 2011)

The following interests were declared:

**Cllr L Boon** – South Gloucestershire Council, DC East, Youth In Sodbury

**Cllr R Creer** – South Gloucestershire Council

**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

**0426 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda**

**Cllr Boon** confirmed she had spoken to the Planning Officer in connection with the Trinity Lane development (PK17/5109/F) stating that she would pull the matter to "sites".

**Cllr Creer** confirmed SGC Full Council was set for the following day and was not aware of any contentious agenda items. In light of the recent announcement that the Nat West Bank in Broad Street was due to close in May 2018, Cllr Creer reported Luke Hall MP and himself had written to Nat West and a meeting had been set to meet in January. They would push for a cash machine and in addition Cllr Creer would make contact with the Coventry Building Society.

**0427 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda**

**Cllr P Whittle** reported attendance at a Shopmobility/Yate meeting when a proposal had been mooted by South Gloucestershire Council to reduce its remuneration by 20%.

**0428 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 14 November 2017**

**Resolved** the Minutes of 14 November 2017 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**0429 Matters Arising**

The Clerk confirmed appropriate contact had been made with regard to the First Aid sessions and contact details have been exchanged.

**0430 Finance – Payment of Accounts**

Cllr Boon declared an interest as a representative of Youth In Sodbury and took no part in the decision. **Resolved** that the schedule of payments and Bank Reconciliation are approved. Cllr Wendy Whittle and Andy Williams signed the cheques.

**0431 Correspondence/Communication with the Council**

Discussion by Council shown in italics

**Requiring Response/Comments/Action**

- Cotswold Conservation Board – Ballot Paper for Parish Representative  
*A nomination was agreed by Members and signed accordingly by the Chairman for submission by the Clerk.*
- Yate Town Council – Request for Representative to attend a meeting re 2018 Remembrance Day (Cllr W Whittle attending)  
*Cllr W Whittle confirmed attendance at the meeting in Yate. It was highlighted that 2018 Remembrance Parade would be the centenary of the First World War with plans for a bigger event. Members discussed whether changes should be made eg merging with Yate and/or change of time but it was **Resolved** to keep the Parade in line with previous years.*
- Yate Town Council – Requesting a pledge of support for the YOSC Track Project  
*Members discussed the matter and it **Resolved** to support the project and the Clerk would action. Two abstentions recorded.*
- Joint Cycleways Group – Request for decision in relation to becoming a community organisation  
*Following attendance at a meeting together with Cllr Hays, Cllr O'Rourke reported that to form a constituted organisation, would provide access to funding streams. A further meeting would take place on 16/01/18 to discuss the matter further. It was **Resolved** that Members support the request.*
- 2 letters from residents in relation to closing of Natwest Bank and loss of cashpoint facilities *To be considered at the appropriate agenda item*
- SGC Tracey Hamblett – copy of response to Mrs Wilson in relation to a request for a raised ramp for the bus stop by the Clock Tower – to note this is on Somerset Trust Lane.  
*A discussion took place and it was **Resolved** the Clerk respond to Mrs Wilson confirming that the matter had been debated and that the ramp would be put on a log of potential things to improve at some point, highlighting that the land is privately owned which could potentially create financial implications.*

### For Information Only

- Community Engagement Forum – Minutes of meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- SGC – Adoption of the Policies Sites and Places plan which can be viewed on the SGC website
- West of England – Joint Spatial Plan – invitation to make comments of final plan – to note that STC original comments have been included as appropriate

#### **0432 Trinity Lane Development (PK17/5109/F) : Item brought forward.**

Cllr Boon left the room.

Liam Green and Matthew Kendrick attended for Cotswold Homes and Dan Bramwell of Bramwell Associates.

Mr Green addressed Members and the following points made:

- *Following Public Consultation, changes made were made to the plan, ie provision for bungalows and allotments*
- *Six objections recorded which highlighted highways/congestion/drainage issues. Three letters of support which recorded a need for more housing*
- *A need for allotments identified and these could be transferred to the Town Council for administration id so wished in the future*
- *A meeting with SGC Case Officer due to take place on the 13/12/17*

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and responses made accordingly.

Messrs Green, Kendrick and Bramwell left the meeting at 19:50 hrs.

A full debate took place and much concern raised, specifically if development went ahead, would it unlock St Johns Way as potential future development. Members vociferously objected to any future housing in that area although the need for more housing noted. Cllr Creer confirmed he would investigate whether an area could be made "sacrosanct".

*Sacrosanct*

Following a full debate, Members **Resolved** to submit the following:- *At a Full Council Meeting on 12/12/17, Members raised no objection to the application. This is on the basis that it is a contained development and STC would strongly object to any further development off of St Johns Way in the future.*

Two absentions were recorded.

#### **0433 Annual Budget & Precept 2018/19**

All Members were provided with a copy of the full budget and precept calculation in advance of the meeting. At an F&GP Committee meeting on 29th November 2017, the budget for 2018/19 was considered in detail and recommended to Full Council for approval.

It was unanimously **Resolved** that the budget is approved and Precept of £243,317.00 is approved and submitted to South Gloucestershire Council.

#### **0434 Local Banks & Cashpoint availability in the Town**

Following the announcement to close the Natwest Bank in May 2018, Members discussed the matter and it was **Resolved** that (1) Clerk to make contact with Café Grounded (ex Lloyds Bank building) with a view to reinstating a cashpoint, and (2) respond to Natwest expressing disappointment on the closure. In addition, Cllrs Creer and O'Rourke would meet with the Coventry Building Society to discuss if

option available for cashpoint and Cllr Creer and Luke Hall MP are to meet with representatives of Natwest to discuss the matter.

**0435 Items of Report**

**Cllr Nuevo** reported a successful Victorian Evening and thanks conveyed to the Lions for organisation of the event.

**Cllr O'Rourke** reported he had met with PC Ken Hill regarding Horse Street/speeding and that a police presence would be made available.

**Cllr Lewis** reported he had been approached by a number of residents concerned that Chipping Sodbury had no market.


**Cllr W Whittle** reported the bin near The George PH was in bad repair. The Clerk confirmed the matter would be referred to E&L Committee.

**Cllr Creer** reported many of the drains in the town were silted up and encouraged Members to report the matter to SGC.

**The Clerk** confirmed the damaged bus shelter at Old Sodbury was in the hands of Insurers.

**0436 Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 19:30 – Full Council Meeting**

Signed .....  ..... (Chairman)

Dated .....  .....

Closed at 20:43