



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

13th February 2018, Sodbury Council Offices

Present: Councillor B Allen, J Ball, L Boon, R Creer, J Gough, M Lewis, 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

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

A. Public Participation

Mrs J Lund addressed Members on behalf of Sodbury in Bloom (SiB) and put forward an idea for displays of knitted poppies throughout the town to celebrate the WW1 Centenary in November. Examples of such displays in other towns were distributed to Members. Members confirmed they were in favour of the project and Mrs Lund confirmed SiB would contact local community groups and keep the Council up-to-date on progress.

Mrs Wilson, an Old Sodbury resident, informed Members that the Spring Clean Day would be on 10th March, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am.

0449 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Received and accepted from Cllr C Hays, S Gibson and Juan Nuevo.

0450 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

0451 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr Hope reported:-

- The Local Plan Consultation had gone live and a drop-in session to learn more would take place on Tues 20 March at Ridgewood Community Centre between 6-8pm. Councillors were encouraged to attend, particularly Old Sodbury as the village is included for possible non-strategic development.
- She had met with officers with regard to proposals for a new park and share facility at Tormarton. Discussions were on-going.
- The black bin exchange was in progress.
- The SGC Council Tax would increase by 5.99%
- Cotswold AONB were petitioning to have National Park status.

- A site at Chapel continues to have enforcement issues.

Cllr Boon reported that a decision on the Trinity Lane development will be made in March/April and would update further in due course.

Cllr Creer firstly updated with regard to the NatWest Bank closure at the end of May. NatWest was considering a seminar for Chamber of Commerce members looking at cashback facilities. A mobile Bank Manager would be available. The building is due to be sold. Secondly, following the Boundary Review, the Commission is creating a two councillor Chipping Sodbury and Cotswold Edge ward.

0452 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr O'Rourke reported attendance at a Blue Campaign meeting when discussion was had about the River Frome and breeding moorhens. The Blue Campaign was liaising with SGC regarding signage to discourage dog walkers allowing their dogs into the river from mid March to mid June as it was a time for breeding moorhens. SGC require STC's agreement. Cllr O'Rourke confirmed he would liaise with SGC and Fergus Beeley for draft wording for the signs and the matter would be taken to the next meeting Full Council meeting.

0453 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 9th January 2018

Resolved the Minutes of the 9th January 2018 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

0454 Matters Arising

(Item 0446) The Clerk confirmed a tree surgeon report was awaited. With regard to Speedwatch numbers – a response awaited. Cllr Allen confirmed she would raise at CEF.

0455 Finance – Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the schedule of payments and Bank Reconciliation are approved. No cheques for signing.

0456 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

Invites to Council

- Yate & District Community Engagement Forum – Agenda for 15th February at St Nicholas Church, Yate

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- SGC Licensing – Licence Application for Portcullis Hotel Monday – Sunday 06.00 – 01.30
*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to approve the application. Four abstentions recorded.*
- Mr J Wells – Information into a recent Traveller/Gypsy Site Planning Application (Attached)
Noted – no response required.
- Ms L Doney – Request for Cycle Parking at the bottom of Broad Street
***Resolved** Clerk to respond that matter of cycle parking in Broad Street had been discussed previously and SGC Officers had considered it to be an unviable location.*
- Mrs J Lund – Verbal report in relation to a knitted Poppies project in November
Matter discussed in “public participation”. Members in favour of the project.

- SGC – Closure of Chapel Lane for 3 days from 12th March 2018 for Water Works. *Noted by members information to be on website.*
- William Smith Group – Requote for finger post sign. Approved by E & L on 25/10/16 – have now received the licence from SGC. Quote has increased to £915.86 – for approval prior to ordering. Installation by SGC £233.52
*The Clerk showed a picture of the sign and it was **Resolved** to accept the revised quote.*

For Information Only

- Citizens Advice South Glos – Acknowledgement of Grant and copy of Impact Statement

0457 Internal Audit

Resolved to appoint I.A. Selkirk as Internal Auditor for the current financial year at a cost of £205.00.

0458 Items of Report

Cllr O'Rourke he had been approached by three residents of Gorlands Road with regard to the temporary structure at no. 14. The Clerk confirmed the matter had been reported to SGC Enforcement and would obtain an update. The issue of obstruction by trailers at the property was also noted but confirmed as a Police matter. He confirmed he would attend the Local Plan Event (e-mail circulated 12/2/18) at BMR on Wed 21 Feb. [Cllrs Rumney & Williams confirmed they would attend on Thurs 22 Feb)

Cllr Lewis confirmed a "crowd funding" page had been set up for Sodbury 800. A Facebook page had been created by Rich McD and he would liaise direct with him.

Cllr Allen reported the next CEF meeting was on Thursday 15 Feb. The matter of parking on Bowling Hill would be raised.

Cllr W Whittle reported that she had received an e-mail from a local resident in relation to the development at Trinity Lane which she read out. The Clerk confirmed she had received a similar e-mail from the same resident and had responded accordingly. Cllr Creer recommended Cllr W Whittle reply that a response had been sent from the Clerk.

Cllr Rumney brought to Members attention a leaflet which had been distributed to St Johns Way residents from the Liberal Democrats claiming the Trinity Lane planning decision was Tory led. It was highlighted the situation had become political and discussion should be limited at that time.

0459 Date of next meeting – 13th March 2018, 19:30 – Full Council Meeting

Signed  (Chairman)

Dated

Closed at 20:30

