



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

14 November 2017, Sodbury Council Offices

Present: Councillors J Ball, B Allen, L Boon, S Gibson, J Gough, C Hays, J Nuevo (arrived 20:10), P O'Rourke, P Smith, P Rumney, P Whittle & W Whittle

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public: Mr & Mrs Wilson, Mr Keen

A. Public Participation

Mrs Wilson, an Old Sodbury resident addressed Members and referred to the minutes of 10th October 2017 which stated that Cllr S Hope reported "*a proposal to build on Kingrove Common*". Mrs Wilson stated that it should be "*adjacent to – not on the Common*". The Clerk confirmed that the minutes reflect what was in the report therefore would not be changed but the comment would be noted in the minutes of this meeting.

Mr Keen, a Chipping Sodbury resident, addressed Members and referred to item 407 of Minutes dated 10th October 2017 regarding a cycle stand outside of Franklins Barber Shop in Broad Street. He reported a cycle stand had been removed by a previous tenant of the building and believed that one should be reinstated, particularly as bikes were left lying on the pavement. In addition, Mr Keen reported the start time for the Joint Parishes Cycleways Group meeting would be 7.30pm. The Clerk confirmed that later time was requested by STC to enable STC representatives to attend the meeting after work. Mr Keen also raised the matter of the proposed extension to the cycleway on A432. He considered the speed hump at Horse Street/Smarts Green should be re-sited closer to the roundabout to slow traffic. The Chairman emphasised that SGC had the last word on traffic calming measures. The matter would be further discussed at Agenda item 0418.

0409 Apologies and Chairman's Report

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr R Creer, M Lewis, A Williams

The Chairman reported the Remembrance Day Parade had been well attended and thanks conveyed to Jackie and Cate for the organisation of it.

0410 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
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

0411 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

In Cllr Creer's absence, the Clerk read out his report:

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- *Policies Sites & Places (PSP) Plan was passed at the last Full Council meeting together with Green Spaces Plan and was now in the hands of Bristol, BANES and North Somerset to pass at their meeting.*
- *A Community Engagement Forum meeting due on Thursday 16 November at 7pm – Poole Court.*
- *With regard to Old Sodbury crawler lane, the SGC Road Safety team had been made aware of concerns and a request made for a camera van to be in situ more frequently. An investigation scheme for reviewing the 30mph and removal of the overtaking lane was included in the Local Transport Priority List. An annual review of the List was due later in the year and the highest scored schemes taken forward.*
- *An Older Drivers Course was being run by SGC. A free event to be held at Armadillo Centre in Yate from 1.30-4.30 on 30/11/17.*

The Clerk read out Cllr Hope's report as follows:

- *SGC had agreed to go ahead with consultation on Joint Strategic Plan which included thousands of houses being built at Charfield, Thornbury and Coalpit Heath and a new garden village at Buckover of 3000 houses and development in the Green Belt – all without any strategic transport plan.*
- *PSP agreed together with land for Green Space designation. The areas where there had been objections to Green Space designations would be revisited in the New Year.*
- *There would be a move to make permanent the traffic lights at the A46/B4464 – any comments welcome.*
- *Healthwatch would be conducting a survey regarding access to GP's, eg how long does it take to get an appointment etc. Survey would be passed on.*
- *With regard to planning, the application for a retrospective polytunnel at Chapel Lane was with the enforcement team.*
- *Member Awarded Funding (MAF) was available – make contact if interested.*

0412 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda

Cllr B Allen updated following a Parish Plan meeting when a representative from Community Transport attended who reported there to be a shortage of PSV licenced drivers. BA confirmed she would take to the next Community Engagement Forum.

Cllr P O'Rourke attended a 'Blue' campaign meeting and confirmed that following the Chipping Sodbury Hare Trail, the 'Blue' campaign had agreed to put funds towards the hare which would become resident at the Baptist Church and also used to promote biodiversity. In addition, Bath & Avon Rivers Trust would be planting native plants in Feb/March in association with the Environment Agency.

0413 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 10th October 2017

Resolved the Minutes of 10th October 2017 are approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

0414 Matters Arising

Cllr Allen referred to item 0401 relating to recycling bins and a letter she had received from Mrs Brierly, summarised as follows:- Hansons would sponsor a couple of recycling bins on Ridgewood as a trial with responsibility for purchasing, siting and emptying to be in Mrs Brierly's hands. The letter was passed to the Clerk for information.

0415 Finance – Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the schedule of payments and Bank Reconciliation is approved. Cllrs W Whittle and L Boon signed cheques accordingly. One abstention recorded.

The Clerk sought confirmation that refreshments could be purchased for an evening gathering of Library volunteers in December. Members agreed.

0416 Correspondence/Communication with the Council

Discussion by Council shown in italics

Invites to Council

- St Peter's Hospice – invitation to celebrations at Bristol Cathedral On 5th December at 5.45pm and the Hospice in Brentry on 9th December at 3pm (Please advise the Clerk if you wish to attend)

Requiring Response/Comments/Action

- Luke Hall MP – To consider supporting a request for double yellow lines opposite 4 The Parade, Chipping Sodbury
*The Clerk read out a response from SGC, rejecting the proposal. **Resolved** Clerk to respond in support of yellow lines.*
- Cotswold Conservation Board – Request for nominations for the vacancy for a Parish member on the CCB
No Members came forward.
- Network Rail – advising of funding available for Woodlands and wildlife in the area
Cllr O'Rourke confirmed he would refer the matter to the Blue Campaign and report back.
- Mrs Tanner – Request that the Town Council arranges a free First Aid session with a Contact Mrs Tanner has to be held in The Old Reading Rooms
Resolved – *Clerk to seek further detail and report back.*
- Meeting Dates 2018 (circulated)
Resolved - *Meeting dates approved*
- Mr Long – Email re. The Ridings as circulated
*A discussion took place and it was **Resolved** that the Clerk respond to Mr Long thanking him for his letter and that until such time as plans were lodged with SGC, Members were unable to comment. It was noted that Mr Long had attended an event at the Yate Outdoor Sports Complex which was to discuss a sports strategy for the area including neighbouring Parishes. Disappointment was expressed that STC had not attended. The Clerk was unaware of the meeting and will investigate further. An update would be provided at the next Full Council meeting once contact with Yate TC had been made.*
- Bramwell Associates – To advise a Planning Application for 60 dwelling (21 affordable) in Trinity Lane has been submitted. The Clerk recommended the application is considered in full at the next Full Council meeting.
Resolved – *matter to be an Agenda item in December 2017 Full Council. Cllr Boon advised members that she would arrange for the application to be pulled to sites.*
- To be noted that the Staffing and F&GP meeting be rescheduled for Wednesday 29th Nov (not 28th) at 6.45 and 7.30pm due to the Crib Festival to

which members have been invited. Cllr Allen gave apologies and Cllr P Whittle was appointed to attend in her place.

For Information Only

- Beaufort Estate – Acknowledgement of condolence correspondence
- Minutes of FOCSL meeting on 29th September & 3rd November
- Old Sodbury Football Club- Thanks for Grant
- St Peter's Hospice – Thanks for Grant
- Street Pastors – Thanks for Grant
- SGYH – Thanks for Grant
- C S Festival – Thanks for Grant
- Sodbury Vale Benefice – Thanks for Crib Festival Grant
- Environment Agency – Public Consultation Feedback

0417 Public Conveniences

Following a report from the E&L Committee of continued misuse of the public toilets, members considered a way forward. The following comments were noted:

- *All 3 toilets could have a coin locking system installed at a total cost of circa. £8,000*
- *The disabled toilet only could have a coin operated system installed with the male and female being closed at a cost of circa £3,000. The use of a Radar key would override coin system*
- *Close for a period of 2 weeks to see if it breaks cycle*
- *Any closure would require notice of 1 month to the cleaner to ensure costs were not incurred during that period.*

Resolved to monitor the situation and take forward to January's Full Council meeting.

0418 Highways Works

Resolved that the five proposals for signage and works to pedestrian and cycleways safety be approved (as circulated).

0419 Parish Charter

It was **Resolved** to sign up to a revised Parish Charter between SGC and Town & Parish Councils.

0420 Community Engagement Forum

Cllr S Gibson proposed Cllr B Allen for the position of Chair of the Forum. No other nominations were proposed and Cllr Allen's name would be put forward.

0421 Shopmobility (South Gloucestershire)

Cllr P Whittle was appointed to attend Shopmobility meetings on behalf of the Council.

0422 Items of Report

Cllr Allen reported that she had received a resident complaint regarding a tree and that an impasse had been reached with SGC with regard to responsibility. Cllr Allen would forward details to Cllr Boon to action. In addition, the Clerk reported a similar issue and details would be passed to Cllr Boon. A thanks was conveyed to the Clerk for resolving the churchyard wall matter.

Cllr P Whittle reported with regard to the works by SGC on Bowling Hill/The Parade, ie removing ivy and vegetation and to thank SGC for the good job done.

Cllr O'Rourke reported (1) he had received complaints from three residents who were concerned about speeding in Horse Street and whether a parking resident

scheme would alleviate the problem. SGC and Police had no concerns (2) Gorlands Road/carport – Clerk confirmed matter with Enforcement and outcome awaited.
Cllr Nuevo – Could a notice be put in Old Sodbury noticeboard to say Agendas etc. available on-line together with dates of meeting. JS to action.

0423 Date of next meeting – 12th November 2017, 19:30 – Full Council Meeting

Signed  (Chairman)

Dated 12-12-17

Closed at 9pm

