



# Sodbury Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Full Council

### 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Sodbury Council Offices

**Present:** Councillor B Allen, J Ball, L Boon, R Creer, S Gibson, J Gough, C Hays, M Lewis, P O'Rourke, P Smith, P Rumney, P Whittle, W Whittle, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk  
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public: Mr & Mrs Wilson

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#### **A. Public Participation**

Mrs Wilson addressed Members and referred to a road sign in Old Sodbury in disrepair. Cllr Creer responded that South Gloucestershire Council would be working through a schedule of works

#### **0437 Apologies and Chairman's Report**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Nuevo. Cllr Sue Hope sent apologies.

The Chairman wished those present a Happy New Year.

#### **0438 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

#### **0439 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda**

**Cllr R Creer** reported with regard to the impending closure of Natwest Bank and that recent communication with the bank had not been favourable in terms of keeping the bank open.

**Cllr L Boon** reported that the Trinity Lane planning application for 60 new homes would appear on next month's SGC Agenda.

#### **0440 Reports from representatives from other bodies on matters relating to the Parish and not included on the Agenda**

**Cllr W Whittle** confirmed attendance at a meeting with regard to 2018 Remembrance Parade in Yate when it was reported a beacon lighting ceremony would take place on the 11/11/18 throughout the country. The Clerk confirmed information that related to the beacon lighting had been forwarded to the Town Trust. Cllr W Whittle confirmed she would attend the next meeting in Yate at the end of January.

**0441 Approval of Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Resolved** the Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman subject to amendment of a word on p3 to "sacrosanct".

**0442 Matters Arising**

Cllr O'Rourke confirmed he met with a police representative with regard to Horse Street speeding. It was confirmed a mobile speed van had been situated by The Boot PH. Clerk to contact Police with regard to numbers of motorists caught with a mobile unit.

**0443 Finance – Payment of Accounts**

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

**0444 Correspondence/Communication with the Council**

Discussion by Council shown in italics

**Invites to Council**

- Joint Parishes Joint Cycleway Group – Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January at 19.30 (Poole Court)
- Community Engagement Forum – Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February 19.00 (St Nicholas Church)

**Requiring Response/Comments/Action**

- South Glos Council – Biodiversity Plan (circulated by email 2/1)  
*Noted*
- South Glos Council – Kingrove Lane Works (details attached)  
*Noted*
- Chamber of Commerce – Advising that additional funds are required to enable sponsorship of Gromit for the summer trail  
*Following discussion, it was **Resolved** a donation of £500 be awarded to the Chamber of Commerce for publicity purposes. Two abstentions noted.*
- South Glos Big Spring Clean – To advise the clean will take place between 13 Feb and 14 May with an application form attached  
Clerk to pass form to The Big Lunch.
- Mr Whittern – Additional suggestions in relation to the Councils response to the closure of Natwest Bank  
*The Clerk read out an e-mail from Mr Whittern. **Resolved** – Clerk to respond that "we note your concerns and are exploring other avenues. The decisions made by local businesses are of a commercial nature and therefore the council will not enter into negotiations around this". In addition, it was **Resolved** the Clerk to write to the Coventry BS to ask if they would be prepared to install a cashpoint.*
- SGC – Brook Street Update – Now in a position to progress this matter with a Magistrates order being needed, **STC** will be included as part of the consultation but no other information is available at present.  
*Clerk confirmed the Magistrate's outcome was awaited.*

**For Information Only**

- Old Sodbury Times – January Edition

**0445 Chipping Sodbury Library**

The Clerk provided an up-date as follows:-

- It continued to run well and was busy over the Christmas period
- The Wednesday late shift (15:30-18:30) was quiet and would be monitored by the "Friends" group
- "Friends" report there were gaps of certain book categories, eg for teenage boys
- Three volunteers had dropped out but overall volunteer numbers were good
- Discussion was had for use of residual funding, eg purchase of books and it was recommended that the "Friends" submit a proposal of how the funds should be spent. **Resolved** that the Library budget head should be passed to the Environment and Leisure Committee

**0446 Town Council Property**

Following a request from the next-door neighbour to reduce a sycamore tree, it was **Resolved** the Clerk seek quotes for pollarding.

**0447 Items of Report**

**Cllr Ball** reported the dog bins were full, it was noted this was likely due to the Christmas break. A contractor had tarmacked an area of pavement in High Street (Hamptons vicinity). Photos to be taken. Cllr Ball would supply telephone number.

**Cllr O'Rourke** reported Waitrose had a break-in over the Christmas period with the internal cashpoint machine being stolen.

**Cllr Rumney** reported trucks loaded with scrap were parking on the Pitchings long term which creates an eyesore for the town and potential fire hazard. Matter to be referred to Markets Committee.

**0448 Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 19:30 – Full Council Meeting**

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

Dated .....

Closed at 20:15

